

WEDNESDAY MAY 5, 2021  
6:30 – 7:30 PM

### School Council Meeting Norms

- \*Begin and End meetings on time
- \*Speak and listen to one another respectfully
- \*Recognize and value the diversity of opinions



## DONALD COUSENS PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### **Attendees**

**DCPS Staff:** Tina Diavolitsis (Principal), Shelley Hobor (Vice-Principal)

**Parents:** Ritu Sharma, Anindita Bontha Venkata, Christy Chen, Ada Chan, Sana Khan, Rogers mom Michelle, Kuhanesan

**Format:** Online - go to meeting

Ritu Sharma welcome message

Meeting minutes from March meeting approved

Treasury report update: \$4,486.29

**School Report** – Tina Diavolitsis, Principal  
Shelley Hobor, Vice Principal

1. Tina mentioned the council meeting minutes have been sent to the whole school, including in person and online families.
2. Shelley thanked the parent council for helping promoting some events and thinking out of the box during this difficult time. May 27-28 we will have a virtual JK/SK event. Instagram is a good way for students to share feelings. Online learning so far seems to be a safe environment. For the next year, we will have a hybrid model. A survey will go out later in the summer, but now school doesn't have many details.
3. Tina emphasized the weekly letter is very good idea for the school community to keep connected during this period. This year we will have 2 virtual Kindergarten nights, but the teachers who show up during the nights may not be the teachers who will teach the Kindergarten kids next year. Staffing is on pause, which means the usual staffing preparation we usually do in May/June won't be done at this moment. The Board is thinking ahead for next year's planning and schools are learning from the past year's experience and the model run by other school boards, and the hybrid model should be good. School will provide three sexual education sessions and a letter will be sent home for parents to sign on/off those sessions.
4. Ritu thanked Tina and Shelley for what all the teachers have done for the school and kids. She then asked about the graduation for Grade 8. Tina said the school is planning the graduation. School will ask students to share their personal photos. Ceremonies have to be

organized separately for in-person students and virtual school students, but school will find a way to connect all the students virtually.

5. Sana mentioned that school has leveraged social media well to connect students. Sana also asked what would be the class size (the cap # of students) in the hybrid model. Shelley said the board is likely to keep same as the old days. Tina mentioned that although the cap # in some Catholic schools now is 30 or over, York Region is expected to design the model separately.
6. Rita asked if we can organize one more night-event before the school year is wrapped up. Tina/Shelley mentioned it would be fun to have a virtual cooking night. We will plan it in early June.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.