

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 09, 2023
6:00 – 7:00 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: Sean Yao (Principal), Paula Campbell (Vice-Principal), Sheila Ducheck

Parents: Brenda Adebajo, Akalya Balasubramaniam, Charmaine Chung, Cynthia Yan, Cassidy Wing and Navneet Rehal

Welcome/Sign in

Video from YRDSB

Elections for 2023 – 2024 School Council

Chair: Brenda Adebajo

Co-Vice Chair: Charmaine Chung and Akalya Balasubramaniam

Co-Secretary: Navneet Rehal and Sana Khan

Treasurer: Cassidy Wong

Additional voting members: Cynthia Yan, Lu Chen

Financial Report – (Mr. Yao): \$1000 donated in school council as of end of last year.

Administrator's Report – Paula Campbell, Vice Principal

1. Volleyball intermediate (boys) school team won the Area Tournament last week.
2. Various eco clubs, eco crew, choir, sports clubs etc. programs are available this year for the students to participate. Also, students have opportunity to participate in chess club (junior and intermediate), computing (grade 5), junk drawer challenge (grade 8), soccer etc.
3. EQAO results were shared during the meeting. Grade 4 and 7 students to get the individual results in the week of Nov 14th.
4. Kids Kitchen is not offered on Tuesday and Thursday. Pepperoni pizza will be initiated from the next session, i.e., Jan- Mar 2024.
5. School offers daily dry snacks and fruits, supported by school grants.
6. Administrative staff members are.
 - o Karen Weller: Takes care of school finances, ordering, class list etc.
 - o Ms. Lee: Primary duties, attendance etc.
 - o Justin (half time employee, shared duties with Fred Varley school): Attendance
7. Elder in resident, position open, stipend \$1200 CAD/month.
8. Traffic and parking:
 - o Students are encouraged to walk to the school.
 - o Parents to follow the parking rules and guidelines at drop off and pick up time.

Miscellaneous:

1. East school council: Night workshop, Principals and Markham council joined the meeting. The workshop was to discuss importance of parents and school collaboration and how parents can engage with school activities. There are four main parts.
 - Inform: Parents to stay informed
 - Consult: e.g., provide your feedback
 - Involve: e.g., getting involved in activities such as pizza lunch, fun fair etc.
 - Collaborate: co-plan activities.
2. Another regional event will be coming up soon for family engagement.
3. Book Fair: Volunteers are required for Friday Nov 17th for the evening till 7 PM.
4. School in keeping parents engaged and updated on ongoing activities through Newsletters and school board.

Fundraising Goals:

1. The Grade 8 graduation goal is \$2000 CAD.
2. Additionally, the raised funds will be used for procuring bike racks and technology.
3. Last year the amount generated from fundraising was used to purchase projectors, speakers etc.
4. Upcoming Fundraising Events:
 - Cookie Dough
 - Direct donations
 - Fun fair
 - Winter wishes

Next School Council Meetings:

1. Thursday December 7, 2023

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