

Thursday, November 3, 2022
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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)

Parents: Bernard Poon, Amy Hua, Brenda Adebajo, Akalya Balasubramaniam, Viann Chan, Xinlan Li, Leo Liu, Charmaine Chung, Sana Khan, Eric Cheung, Grace Lau

Welcome/Sign in

Meeting Minutes from Oct 3 meeting distributed and approved. Will be posted to school website.

Administrator's Report – Sean Yao, Principal

1. Gifted boundary for the East has changed. Markville Secondary will no longer offer a gifted program. Those who are currently there will be grandfathered. Students wishing to go into gifted program will stream into Markham District High School.
2. Friday Nov 4 - Day of Protest for CUPE (includes ECEs, office staff, caretaking staff, education assistants, IT professionals that come into the school). Asynchronous learning. Student safety is our priority. Official channels from the Board are Twitter and the Board website.
3. Recent events:
 - o Grade 8 transition to high school tours happened this week at Bur Oak Secondary and Markham District.
 - o Grade 4's went on zoo trip this week.
4. Upcoming events:
 - o Scholastic Book Fair
 - o Parent Teacher Interviews - book through EDSBY
5. Financial report was distributed for review. Balance currently at \$715.59.
6. Ms. Emily Rampartab is temporarily leaving DCPS and will be replaced by Ms. Daisy Shen until March
7. Current student clubs: Volleyball, Book club, Drama club, Eco club

Fundraising and Community Engagement – All

- Sports/family exercise night (badminton, zumba)
- Cultural pavilion, International night (food, snacks, performances)
- Read-a-thon

- Student performance/talent and presentation sessions
- Bake sale
- Book/toy/clothes exchange
- Holiday fair
- Family photo fundraiser with Edge
- Gift card fundraising (based on past experience, profit too low to be worthwhile)

Events penciled in:

Movie Night - December 8th (with popcorn and pizza sales)

Cookie Dough fundraiser - distribution on December 15; WhatsApp group will be created to coordinate advertising, deadlines, actual distribution of cookie dough, etc.

Fun Fair - tentatively June 8th

Fundraising goal/purpose:

Top priorities from staff and students is technology and outdoor equipment (or indoor recess materials like board games). There are 29 homerooms - will discuss next meeting on setting specific fundraising goals and noting down how the funds have been allocated.

Upcoming School Council Meetings – 2022 -2023:

1. Thursday January 12, 2023
2. Thursday February 2, 2023
3. Thursday April 13, 2023
4. Thursday May 18, 2023

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