

Wednesday September 23, 2020
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

School Council Executives of 2019 - 2020

- Ritu Sharma and Akalya Balasubramaniam, Co-Chairs
- Jennifer Lo, Treasurer
- Sanjana Dani and Sana Khan, Co--Secretaries

Attendees

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

Parents: Akayla Balasubramaniam, Jennifer Lo, Ritu Sharma, Sanjana Dani, Ada Chan and Sana Khan, Eileen Chan, **Others**

Format: Online - go to meeting

Welcome/Sign in/Review Minutes

Ritu Sharma welcome message

Welcome message from Principal and Vice-Principal

Meeting minutes approved

Administrator's Report – Tina Diavolitsis, Principal Shelly Hobor, Vice Principal

1. New protocols in place to keep students and staff safe
 - o Morning entry and exit doors specified for classes
 - o ½ of school is in Cohort A and other ½ is in Cohort B
 - o No sharing of items but items that must be shared (i.e. balls) are cleaned and sanitized
 - o Health room for students who indicate that they are not feeling well
 - o School takes direction from Public Health regarding any potential COVID-19 cases in the school
2. Oct 5th - number of virtual and in-person classes will be clearly known. Will require redeployment of teachers and reorganization of classes
3. EQAO cancelled
4. New Technology received - 30 chrome books. Still limited technology at school for all students. Students can bring their own technology but this is not the ideal situation.
5. Buddy benches for tarmac and buddy bench in the kindergarten area have arrived.
6. Terry Fox run - raising money online

7. New Math Curriculum - it is focussed on problem solving and real life examples. School has purchased Math Up - a digital math tool
8. Literacy - School has access to EPIC and Sora to read and sign out books.
9. Student Activities - horticulture, peer leadership (grade 5- 6) program and morning MCs (grade 6 - 8)

Other Items - Ritu Sharma

- Highlight School Council accomplishments from previous school year - Selected parents participated in forum held by YRDSB - learned about effects of vaping
- Christmas cookie dough fundraiser
- Movie Night

Treasurer's Report

Current balance: \$5,311.29

Discussion Items

- Voting for new school council delayed to next meeting
- Grade 8 graduation - pick up composite
- No picture day this year
- Library closed to all students

Upcoming School Council Meetings – 2020-2021:

1. Wednesday October 14, 2020
2. Wednesday November 18, 2020
3. Wednesday January 20, 2021
4. Wednesday February 17, 2021
5. Wednesday May 5, 2021

All meetings will be held from 630 pm to 730 pm

