October School Council Meeting Minutes Donald Cousens P.S. October 16, 2018

Attendees: Parents DCPS Staff: Fawzia Durrani, Jared Yoshiki

Treasurer's Report: Our current budget is \$5431.09

What are the needs of the school for fundraising money?

- technology (main area of focus)
- ways to incorporate different Well-Being and Mental Health initiatives
- Subsidizing school trips for families
- Bringing in speakers, performers and presenters to enhance student learning

Some suggestions are various art education partnerships or workshops; continuing with the many school initiatives that are already available; learning around Indigenous education (art; teachings)

Fundraising money has gone towards several areas of the School Improvement Plan over the past three years:

Modern Learning Pods for the Intermediate and Junior student (2nd floor pods)Pods **Outdoor student areas**:

painted games and improved playscapes for kindergarten area and back tarmac, including new basketball courts;

School beautification - e.g., indoor and outdoor art projects, planting trees and front garden area

Technology - updated technology and an increase in resources for students.

Suggestions for the future parent engagement evenings: Family Math Night, STEAM Night, Family Wellness and Family Movie Nights

Snack Program:

- Discussion around an organized healthy snack program
- There are snacks available in the office for students who forgot their snack but the school would like to add more healthy snack options

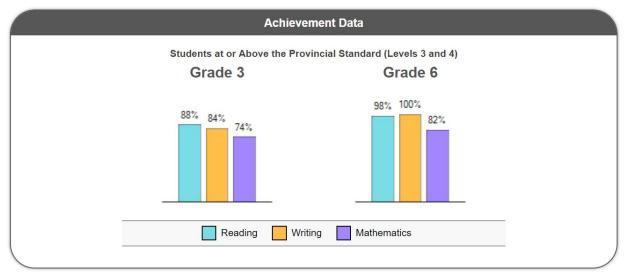
Things that are happening at DCPS: many activities for Primary/Junior/Intermediate students for all interests/passions.

Primary Coding with Logics Academy: available for primary students Wednesday after school starting November 7, 2018 (K-3) - The program can only run if we have at least 8 primary students registered.

<u>2018 AMC - math competition</u>- optional to register using School Cash OnLine Grade 6,7,8 students. Test will take place on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at DCPS. We currently have a parent volunteer (a Math professor from York U) supporting students in understanding the AMC during lunch periods. Thank you to Ada Chan!

Math - Parent Resource: A Parent's Guide to the Fundamentals of Math

Ms. Durrani talked about The Comprehensive Math Program (learner, learning, environment) and ensuring that all students receive equitable supports to be successful. (not just computational) *making sense of Math in the world - real-world context is necessary for consolidating concepts in Math.



EQAO Highlights 2017-2018 shared by Admin:

EQAO Assessment Dates:

Administration dates for both 2018–2019 and 2019–2020 are now available on the EQAO Web site - <u>http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/administration-dates</u>

Primary-Division and Junior-Division Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics Tuesday, May 21, to Monday, June 3, **2019**

Primary-Division and Junior-Division Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics Tuesday, May 19, to Monday, June 1, **2020**

Math Learning taking place at DCPS:

Jo Boaler Mathematical Mindsets - Educator Book Study

Math Talk Moves Educators and Admin involved in Math Networks Professional Learning around the Comprehensive Math Program PD: Conditions for a positive and inclusive learning environment

Ada Chan (parent council) willing to help with extra-curricular Math learning at school- will discuss further with Ms. Durrani - Parents are always welcome to share their passion and expertise with the students and staff of the school.

School Council Forum: for Parent Council Executives (Chair, Treasurer/Secretary) November 26th @5:30 at Milliken Mills H.S.

*Next School Council Meeting- changed to Tuesday November 13, 2018 at 6:30

Ms. Russell (Librarian) - will use buddies to incorporate STEM (older students and younger students)