

DONALD COUSENS PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Council Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2016

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Learning Resource Centre

Attendees: Fawzia Durrani (Principal), Stephen Louca (Vice Principal), Julie McFayden (Chair), Ritu Sharma (Vice Chair), Ida Leung (Treasurer), Sana Khan (Council Co-Secretary),

Parents - Marcia Smith, Deepak Varma

DCPS Staff - Susanne Woo, Vivet Mendoza, Summiaya Ahmad

Regrets: Heather Black (Council Co-Secretary)

Next meeting: May 17, 2016 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Important Dates to Remember:

Kinark Presentation: Thursday April 28th

South Asian and Asian Heritage Month: May 2016

Call to Order

Welcome/Sign in (Julie/Fawzia)

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance is \$8,509.83.

School Council General Updates:

Parent Symposium on March 30, 2015: The Parent Symposium was attended by Julie, Ritu and Fawzia. They attended sessions regarding mental health, modern learning (technology) and resiliency in children. The symposium was live streamed and had good information.

Fun Fair Planning: Fun Fair is scheduled for Thursday June 9th and planning is underway. There will be a partnership with the daycare to hold the fun fair. We are seeking volunteers to help organize the event. Contact Julie McFayden at juliemcfayden@gmail.com.

Pro-Grant: Michelle Cassidy presentation is posted on School Council website. Other ideas for the Pro-grant are Yoga and Art for this year.

Next year's Pro-grant is now open for applications. The due date is May 29, 2016.

Other Updates:

York Skills Challenge – One team from DCPS moves ahead to Provincial level.

Asian/South Asian Heritage month is in May and school will be recognizing with various activities.

Inventor's Museum will come to the school on two days and parents will be invited to attend. Cost of \$575 for the museum has been approved by School Council.

Learning Commons (Library) to create a maker's space consisting of a Lego wall, which School Council has agreed to support for the cost of \$1000.

Meeting Adjourned 7:45 pm

Submitted by: Sana Khan

This communication constitutes our understanding of the items discussed and any conclusions reached. If there are any clarifications or corrections, please advise this author, in writing within four (4) working days of receipt.