

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2016
LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE
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

Attendees:

DCPS Staff: Fawzia Durrani, (Principal), Stephen Louca, (Vice Principal), Ms. S Ahmad, Ms. V. Mendoza

Parents: Kelly, Vivien, Alice Poon, Stewart Chao, Marcia Smith, Deepak Varma, Joy Vogiatjis, Kelly Rhyness, Jennifer Lo, Sana Khan, Vibla Choubey, Brenda Bush.

Welcome/Sign in/Review Minutes -Fawzia Durrani, Principal

-The minutes were approved by the council members.

Administrator's Report – Fawzia

- Donald Cousens P.S. – 2015-2016 - EQAO Results (see page 3):DCPS has outperformed the Board and the Province in all areas. Well done!
- What's Happening @DCPS:
 - **Family Wellness Night on Thursday Dec. 1, 2016**
–various activities for families to partake in, sign up for workshops, more info to come
- **2016-2017 School Grounds Enhancement Project**
 - Re-designing the Tarmac and Kindergarten outdoor area**
 - Repainting & adding games, etc. \$5650.00 (Creative Safety Games) + \$4200.00 for 3 basketball courts and installations (as per graphic shown at the meeting)
 - Buddy Bench – Costs approx. \$1350.00
 - This will encourage social skills and inclusivity
 - If there are any issues with the equipment it will be fixed in the spring.
- **Technology Funds** – Cost Sharing to purchase new technology for the school – 1:1 cost sharing fund
 - WE Day, **Students for Social Justice** participated in WE day and had a fantastic day!
- REGIONAL Cross Country – October 19th – 17 students participated, great job!

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Primary Concert** – Tuesday, December 13, 2016
- **YRP Parent's Internet Safety Night** – PC Jennifer Davison – Thursday, March 2, 2017 @ 6pm
- **Modern Learning** – Family Night – February 28, 2017 – 6:00 – 7:30
- **EQAO Dates** – Grade 3 & 6 students – May 23 – June 5, 2017 inclusive
- **Grade 8 Graduation** – Tuesday, June 27, 2017
- **Family Math Night** – Thursday, May 4 (During Education Week – May 1 to 5, 2017)

School Council Agenda Items:

1. **Movie night update:** Thursday Oct. 27th, 2016, 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Pay at the door or online. We will be selling pizza, popcorn and water
2. **Fundraising Ideas for 2016/2017:** some ideas were: Mabel's Labels, gift cards, Samko & Miko toy and books sale,
3. **Additional Movie Night Dates:** we renewed the movie license and are looking at possible movies to engage the senior grade children
4. **Fun Fair Date:** possible date of Thursday May 11th or Friday May 12th, 2016
5. **Technology/Modern Learning:** we have \$1000 from Pro Grant and are looking for a subcommittee to handle this initiative
6. **Pizza day orders:** Fawzia will look into having the option of pepperoni pizza

Treasurer's Report: Deepak

- Current Balance is \$10,621.46

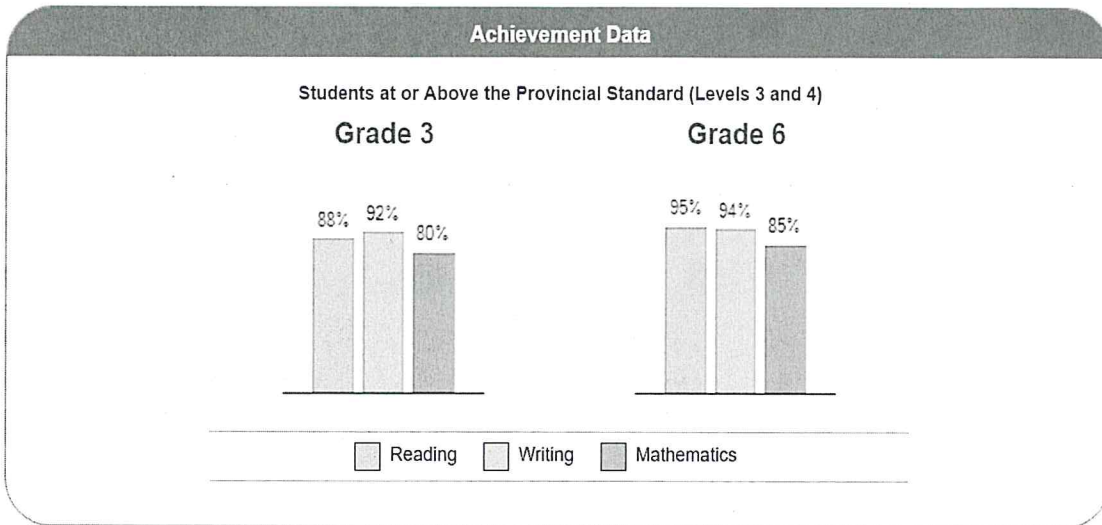
Proposed School Council Meetings – 2016-2017:

1. November 15, 2016
2. January 19, 2017
3. February 23, 2017
4. March 23, 2017
5. April 20, 2017
6. May 18, 2017
7. June 15, 2017

*Important
DATE!*

REGIONAL PARENT SYMPOSIUM - @ Sheraton, Richmond Hill – Wednesday, March 29th, 5:00 – 9:00 pm

EQAO – 2015-2016



	Percentage of Grade 3 Students at or above the Provincial Standard	Percentage of Grade 6 Students at or above the Provincial Standard
READING	School: 88%	School: 95%
	Board: 79	Board: 87
	Province: 72	Province: 81
WRITING	School: 92%	School: 94%
	Board: 83	Board: 88
	Province: 74	Province: 80
MATH	School: 80%	School: 85%
	Board: 76	Board: 65
	Province: 63	Province: 50

We are extremely pleased with our overall 2015-2016 EQAO results as they are an indication of the commitment and dedication to learning that students, parents and school staff have put forth. As the above chart shows, Donald Cousens P.S. students are above the Board and Province in Primary and Junior Reading, Writing and Math.