



## School Council - Save the Date

We have had tremendous interest in our School Council. Our first meeting will take place on **Monday, October 7 at Silver Pines at 7:00pm**. We will review the role of school council, determine who is interested in being part of our school council, and discuss executive roles (e.g., chair, treasurer and minute taker).

## Donations Welcome!

We welcome donations of games and activities for students to enjoy during indoor recess. If you have any age appropriate board games or activities that your children would enjoy using during indoor recesses please send them to your child's class, Thank you!

## VDPS School Council Meeting - October 7, 2019 (7:00 - 8:00PM)

*Present: Martin Chinnappan, Simon Wong, Debbie Fung, June C. Jones, Cortney Radomski, Sarah Limbu, Lonika Lamba, Rachel Azagury, Pam Eisen/Newman, Hillary He, Yanna Xie, Sabrina Sammy*

*VDPS Staff: Heather Schreider (Principal), Josie Giorgio, Meaghan Fisher (Teachers)*

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- **Welcome and Introductions**
  
- **School Updates - Heather**
  - “Safe and Kind”
  - Setting routines in September & October
  - Smooth start up
  - Thank you to parents for their patience and support
  
- **School Council Code of Ethics**
  - Council is about school as a whole, not forum for issues specific to own child
  - Bring specific concerns or questions to Heather
  - Council should be inclusive and representative of the community
  
- **Roles and Responsibility of School Council**
  - Advisory group to principal
  - Seek input from community
  - Provide input into the development of School Improvement Plan (SIP)
  - SIP includes goals for school improvement and aligns with provincial and board priorities
  - Need to create Constitution & Bylaws for our council e.g., How do we make decisions? What structures will we have in place?
  - Could potentially reach out to other schools to see what their constitutions are like
  
- **School Council Executive**
  - Co-chairs → **Rachel, Debbie, Sarah**
  - Minute taker → rotating & backup - ask for volunteer in advance
  - Treasurer → “parked” for now
  - Cortney interested in “consulting”
  - Sub-committees for various events (i.e. volunteering, pizzas, Halloween dances etc.)
  - Suggestion for message from council in the family weekly
  
- **Items for Discussion**
  - Traffic concerns on Via Romano
    - Justin (By-law traffic - City of Vaughan) → there will be police presence for the first week
    - Kathryn (YRDSB Planning Dept) → discussed signage;
    - Peter (Traffic Analyst - City of Vaughan) → traffic audit in 2016; will conduct more traffic studies, A centre line has been scheduled to be painted on Via Romano Boulevard between Teston Road and Major Mackenzie Drive
    - Co-chairs & Heather will draft an email on behalf of School Council re: traffic concerns
  - School Paid Lunch Programs
    - Lunch Box Program → like Uber Eats for schools - Heather looking for **volunteer to move forward with this**
    - Programs during lunch → committee to discuss programs and seek more information - **volunteer to contact providers**
    - Creative by Me? → Cortney may get in contact with her
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- Future Meetings
  - 2 weeks before meeting co-chairs to send email to council asking for any items to add to agenda
  - 1 week prior to meeting, co-chairs meet with Heather to set agenda and send out to council
  - Minutes to go out promptly after meeting including action items
  - Minutes approved at next meeting



**Viola Desmond P.S.  
October 7, 2019  
School Council Meeting**

***Inspire*** Learning!

# Agenda - 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Time	Item
7:00 – 7:10	Welcome and Introductions
7:10 - 7:15	Updates
7:15 – 7:20	Code of Ethics
7:20 – 7:35	Roles and Responsibilities of School Council
7:35 – 7:00	School Council Members and Executive
8:00 - 8:20	Items for Discussion, Future Meetings

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# Welcome and Introductions

- Name
- About yourself, child(ren)
- Please make sure you have signed in



# Updates

- Excited for Oct 22!
- Smooth start; thank you for your patience
- Welcome Evening on Oct 24
- Focus has been on setting expectations:  
“Safe and Kind”



**How** we work together  
is just as important  
as what we accomplish  
together.

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# Code of Ethics

- consider the best interests of all students
  - treat all members with respect
  - encourage a positive environment in which diverse opinions and contributions are encouraged and valued
  - limit discussions at meetings to those that relate to the school community as a whole
  - respect the confidential nature of some school business and respect limitations this may place on the operation of the school council
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# Role of School Council

- build school, family and community partnerships
  - provide input into relevant Board and school-level decisions
  - encourage the involvement of all members of the school community in support of student learning, achievement and well-being
  - act in an advisory role to principal
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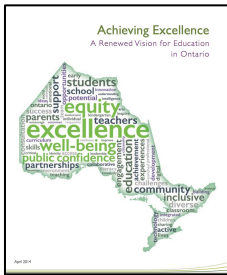
# Responsibilities of School Council

- communicate with and provide ongoing advice to the principal on school-related matters
  - collaborate with the principal to coordinate community resources that support student learning, achievement and well-being
  - support and promote family and community engagement in advancing student achievement and well-being in an equitable and inclusive manner
  - participate in the development and implementation of the **school improvement plan**
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# What is a School Improvement Plan?

- outlines goals for school improvement
  - aligns with provincial, board and director's priorities
  - is based on data/evidence
  - includes actions and professional learning that will take place to reach goals
  - is monitored and revised
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## Province Sets the Vision



## Multi-Year Plan Outlines the Strategic Priorities



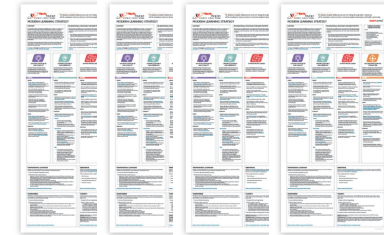
- Foster Well-Being & Mental Health
- Champion Equity & Inclusivity
- Build Collaborative Relationships
- Empower Ethical Leadership

## Director's Annual Plan Blueprint for implementing MYP

To raise achievement and well-being of our underserved and underperforming students we will:

1. Build safe, healthy and inclusive learning and working environments where students and staff feel they matter and belong.
2. Build a collective understanding of the ongoing impact of colonialism on Indigenous Communities, Anti-oppression, and Culturally Responsive and Relevant Pedagogy.
3. Provide comprehensive math programs that reflect students' identities, lived experiences, needs and interests.
4. Build trust and collaborative relationships with students, families and staff through respectful and responsive communication focused on shared solutions.
5. Elevate student voice in learning, assessment and decision-making.
6. Build a collective understanding of ethical leadership

## BIPSA Strategies Further operationalize the DAP



- Indigenous Education & Equity
- Mathematics
- Mental Health
- Modern Learning

- Academic Excellence
- Well Being
- Equity
- Public Confidence

# School Councils shall:

- follow board policies and procedures
  - consult with parents/guardians
  - provide input into the development of Principal Profile
  - ensure agenda is communicated to the school community and record and maintain minutes
  - complete annual report by June 30
  - create a constitution and/or by-laws
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# Constitution & Bylaws

- school council member code of conduct
  - process of making constitutional and/or by-law amendments
  - decision making at school council meetings
  - election procedures and filling vacancies
  - conflict resolution process
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# School Council Members shall:

- be aware of their roles and responsibilities
  - maintain school-wide perspective on issues
  - regularly attend meetings
  - act as communication between school council and the community
  - encourage participation of parents/guardians
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# School Council Executive

- Chair/Co-Chair
  - Secretary/Minute Taker
  - Treasurer
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# Chair/Co-Chair

- communicate with the school principal and ensure consultation with parents
  - organize and lead School Council meetings in consultation with Principal
  - ensure meeting agendas and minutes are accessible to members of the public
  - ensure school council constitution/by-laws and principal profile are reviewed annually
  - carry out tasks in accordance with Board policies & procedure & the school council's constitution & by-laws
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# Items for Discussion

- Traffic on Via Romano
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# Meeting Dates

Mondays at 7:00 pm, no meetings in January or March

October 7	April 6
November 4	May 4
December 2	June 8
February 4	

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