



# William Dunbar Public School School Community Council (SCC) April 2026 Minutes

**Date:** April 30, 2026  
**Place:** WDPS, music room  
**Time:** 6:30pm

**Principal:** Tina Mandal  
**Vice-Principal:** Terry Lawrence  
**Chair:** Terra Snape  
**Treasurer:** Jamie O'Connor  
**Secretary:** Farzana Damji (minutes taken this meeting by Shannon Belmore)

## Attendees

Shannon Belmore	Ashleigh Murphy	Terry Lawrence
Kathy Theberge	Christine Chellingworth	Tina Mandal
Jamie O'Connor	Taniqua Lalani	Mrs. Bradley
Ivana Habib	Minal Patel	Terra Windrem
Amanda St. Louis	Rachel St. Louis	Linda Vachon
Sam Snyders	Tricia Longo	

## Meeting Start & Opening Remarks

6:36pm

- Welcome by Terra Snape, SCC Chair
- Land Acknowledgement & Human Rights Policy read by Terry Lawrence, Vice Principal
- SCC Norms read by Terra

## Financial Planning Tools & Ideas Presentation

By Ashleigh Murphy

- Ashleigh and her husband Shawn run a Financial Planning company. Her child just entered JK at William Dunbar and they wanted to give back to the school community and thought they could do so by providing a financial educational program to parents.
- It would likely be virtual.
- Topics would be generated first by requesting parent feedback on desired discussion topics. Examples include RRSPs, key financial considerations for young families, etc.
- Discussed including this in SCC planning in Sept to reach out to families and holding the virtual session in Oct/Nov 2026.

## Grade 7/8 Student Representative Presentation

By Maya, Devin and Akanksha

- Presented on school-wide events taking place currently and upcoming ones.
- Devin discussed the Page program with the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. He was one of the students chosen.
- Skills Ontario, upcoming musical and clay art projects were discussed.
- They also discussed the well-being event, which was student-led, as well as the faces of change / Pik North-Pik South initiatives.

## Passing of the January 2026 Minutes

Passed by Jamie O'Connor and Christine Chellingworth

## Fundraising Recap

By Taniqua

The movie night fundraiser was a success despite the major drop in ticket sales when the date changed from Jan to March 2026.

## Treasurer's Report

By Jamie

Net Earnings:

- Welcome funds (carried over from year before) \$500
- Freezie Friday in Sept: 798
- Glow Dance: 1671.31
- Winter Blooms: 234.62
- Movie Night: 602.23
- *Total net income to date: 3806.16*

Expenses to date:

- Spring Musical: \$600
- Drumming workshop: \$985
- Additional \$500 for Grad (\$500 had been allocated June 2025)
- Fun Fair Advance \$500
- Scooters \$399.04
- *Total Expenses to date: 2984.04*

Unallocated funds: **\$822.12**

Remaining Fundraisers:

- Spring musical flower/snack sales
- Freezie Monday in May (May 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Fun Fair in June

## Teacher Requests for Financial Support

Terra Windrem, WD SERT presented on behalf of the teacher rep

-Mrs. Munderich requested various items for the clay/art program, which would also include the primary students, for \$338.15

-Mrs. Beletsky requested Gear Bots for \$32.99

-Mr. Kennedy requested chess sets for the chess club for a total of \$157.45

-Faces of change requested paint and supplies for \$149.73

-The kindergarten team requested various outdoor items for \$207.95

-The musical team requested \$1500 for items such as microphones, lights, props and costumes for the 2026/2027 school year

## SCC Funds Allocation

We discussed the various requested items and voted on them: (8 voting members present, including teacher rep and student rep)

- The point-of-sale machine to use in lieu of School Cash Online would cost \$600 annually and is seen as too cost-prohibitive. **Voted no by all.** Motion to use a point-of-sale machine did not pass.
- Allocating additional advance for Fun Fair (to help support the rentals and DJ) \$400. **7 votes in favour.** The motion passed.

- Jungle Sports for the 2026/27 school year, deposit required soon if we vote in favour. Deposit is \$1250. Discussion was had and it was decided to run this program every other year due to cost. Motion to add Jungle Sports for budgeting/financial planning in 2026/27, with the intent to run it in the 2027/28 school year, proposed. **Passed by 7 voting members.**
- Teacher requests were discussed. Given most requests are for the next school year, it was determined that it would be raised again at the June meeting. It was also discussed that some of these items are routinely purchased by the SCC and consideration should be given to how frequently they are purchased and for what amount to ensure equal distribution of funds. Shannon agreed to try and create a historical record of financing teacher requests. It was also suggested that often times these items can be found on sale or that some parents may wish to donate the item directly and it was suggested that the wider parent group be made aware of the requests prior to us spending money on the items.
- Fun Fair committee has also requested the approval to run an additional fundraiser. They are looking to run a Dominos night on May 21 to assist with purchasing prizes. **8 votes in favour.** Motion passed to add the additional fundraiser.

### Parent Safety Committee Discussion

Amanda St. Louis presented

-Amanda discussed the background of the safety committee group and how they have evolved to focus on many issues regarding cyber safety, physical safety and psychological safety.

-It was discussed that it made sense to combine this as a subcommittee of the SCC and have the chair of the subcommittee present updates at the SCC meetings moving forward.

-It was discussed whether or not this role needed to be an elected position or more informal like that of fundraising subcommittee leads.

-Agreed that for now it would remain more informal.

### Volunteers Requested

Terra presented

-She advised that they are looking for volunteers for the welcome to kindergarten night as well as the fun fair.

-Tina advised so far over 20 high school students have agreed to volunteer for fun fair.

### Administrator's Report

-Mrs. Mandal provided some updates on school improvement. This includes painting of the gym this summer; staff room updates in May; upgrade to the elevator in summer and fall 2026; and the installation of the Photo Wrap outside the gym which will include student pictures and quotes.

-Ms. Bradley provided an overview on the School Achievement Team's writing initiative. She discussed the three phases of the initiative and how it will work at calibrating assessments among staff. An activity was created for us; however, due to time constraints, it will be moved to the June meeting.

-Mrs. Mandal provided an update on the EQAOs and upcoming preparations for them.

-Mrs. Lawrence discussed the recent successful Math Night that was created in part with the Parent Reaching Out grant.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday June 18 at 6:30pm

**Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm**