



**William Dunbar Public School
School Community Council (SCC)
October 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Date October 24, 2024
Place Room 104
Time 6:30pm

Principal Tina Mandal
Vice-Principal Terry Lawrence
Chair Suchita Embrandiri
Co-Chair Ruchi Wali
Treasurer Minal Patel
Secretary Thanuja Raveendran

Time	Agenda Items	Notes	Discussion Time
6:30	Motion to SCC Members to pass the minutes of meeting from 2024-25 First SCC meeting held on September 26, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order by Suchita • Prior to proceeding with agenda, members wanted September meeting minutes to highlight about – • \$500 SCC start funds 2024-25 • \$6000 clarity and breakdown of how the money is used by school 	5 Minutes
6:35	Reading of Indigenous Land Acknowledgement	Ms. Mandal read the land acknowledgement and human rights statement	5 Minutes
6:40	Agenda was presented	Welcome remarks, meeting norms – led by Suchita	5 minutes
6:45	Money Raised from 23/24 School Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of SCC money from 23/24 School Year was discussed • SCC Members requested transparency of accounting and financials at every SCC Meeting • School shared insights to SCC about the allocation of 2023-24 SCC funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5 Chromebook \$2600 ○ Triple hoop basketball \$2000 ○ Outdoor recess equipment \$700 ○ Painted lines for games \$1300 ○ Mud kitchens \$1500 ○ Delivery/Installation \$914.80 ○ Graduation \$1000 	10 minutes
6:55	School Based Money vs. SCC Money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School provided insights into how school budget works vs SCC Money • Block budget is for general maintenance, school and general supplies, fixed expenses • School Budget is for trips, fundraising initiatives, bus, graduation and extra- 	5 minutes

		<p>curricular. School works with the board for this budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Field trips are short due to limited amount of bus companies' school can use • SCC funds are used to address student experiences inline with strategic priorities from the board and for Graduation 	
7:00	Pillars of Focus/ SCC Fundraising Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of SCC led fundraising events were discussed • School Cash online will be the preferred mode of transaction – agreed upon by School and SCC; only exception Freezie Friday • Few suggestions for Fundraising ideas were Chocolate fundraising, Crocs Jibbitz, Student designed t-shirt, Play/Production companies for drama fun, Sewing studio • SCC Members voted for activities – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Glow in the Dark (Nov 14) ○ Holiday Wreath (Raffle) + Big box cards ○ Jibbitz ○ Student designed t-shirt ○ Movie Night (two movies in 1 night) ○ Arts Night with Jibbitz Sale and Donuts Pickup ○ Fun Fair (June 5) ○ Freezie Friday • School and SCC will submit the list of Fundraising activities to the board on Oct 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SCC can list as many events as possible they plan to do but in an event of cancellation, it will impact the target amount ○ SCC members voted for Ontario Tech University STEM nights as one of the purposes ○ Due popularity in previous years, the Sewing studio was chosen as second purpose to replace the suggested Drumming ○ Suchita/Ms Mandal also shared about possibly exploring Junglesports event and their waitlist 	55 minutes
7:55	Student's Report	<p>Student update – Ruth and Kaylee (Gr. 8 students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update of Cross country, Faces of Change, Crochet Club, No Stone Left behind initiative and extra-curriculars occurring in the school and the learning 	10 minutes

		<p>occurring in their classrooms (i.e. science, mathematics and language)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCC and School decided to provide Student reports to be presented as first agenda item starting from next SCC Meeting 	
8:05	Ensuring all students get to participate in fundraising events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCC suggested maybe to add an option to donate through pizza lunch/ breakfast • SCC decided that families will have to purchase their own Glow stuff from School Cash online to support School and SCC initiatives 	5 Minutes
8:10	Staff request form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCC and School decided that they will pre-allocate some funds to teachers which can then be used for students 	5 minutes
8:15	Walk to school (Nov 06)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCC official email has some technical issues while accessing, it's getting looked into • SCC maybe can share some stories/ testimonials to be included in newsletter • Possibility of connecting parents who do not walk to school with the parents who walk to school 	5 minutes
8:20	Weekly lunch recess program for kids who do not play soccer or other sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student's report covered majority of the extra-curriculars and club information • Chess Club, Big Brother/Big Sisters, Kindness and Allies Club was also discussed- additionally 	5 Minutes
8:25	Meeting Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCC members shared four meetings are not enough and they would want to meet in January • Sub-committee meetings dates will be decided and sent out based on final list of activities. Possibility of virtual meetings was also discussed. 	5 minutes
8:30	Glow in the dark update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCC GITD Sub committee provided an update to Ms Mandal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Items have been purchased, flyer and pricing decided. They will be sent out to school to upload on School cash online. ○ A sub-committee meeting date will be decided for Nov first week 	5 minutes
8:35	Administrator Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community members can come for Positive School Climate team scheduled for Oct 25th, at 3:15 p.m. • Overview of the areas of focus for the school year – writing in Language and rich problem solving in mathematics 	10 minutes

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes have been focused on the 21 days of Identity • Overview of school climate data -strengths and areas of need • Community members invited to participate in Positive School climate committee to work on action items to address areas of strength and areas of need • Reviewed the PRO (Parent reaching out Grant) application process 	
8:45	Meeting Adjourned	Meeting Adjourned	

Meeting Attendance				
Shannon Belmore	Shea Lewis	Jenn Danaher	Linda Vachon	Anita Ross
Suchita Embrandiri	Farzana Damji	Minal Patel	Ahila Sri	Melissa Masson
Ruchi Wali	Kathy Theberge	Sahaba Mufallal	Christine Chellingworth	Taniqua Lalani
Heather Mason	Rachel St. Louis	Ashlea Macaulay	Alana Burns	Nella Cozza

Upcoming SCC Meeting dates for 2024/2025
Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 6:30 pm
Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 6:30 pm
Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 6:30 pm (end of year finances)