



DSBN Academy

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING TERM: 2017/2018 AGENDA

Meeting Date, Time, and Location

Wednesday, October 4th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the DSBN Academy Learning Commons
Log on to connect.dsbnet.edu.on.ca/academy

Invitees: WE WELCOME ALL PARENTS/CAREGIVERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS IN PERSON OR ON THE WEBCAST!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Jackie Harrietha – Chair of 2016/17
Charlene Lyndon – Treasurer 2016/17

MEMBERS & GUEST

DSBN ACADEMY REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. L. Nazar, Secondary Principal
Mrs. A. Grieve, Elementary Principal
Ms. C. Hoffer, Elementary teacher
All Parents/Caregivers

1) **Introduction and Welcome**

- Call to Order – J. Harrietha

2) **Council Information and Elections**

➤ **Role of the School Council**

- an advisory body of volunteers who work together to provide ideas and opinions to help the administration make the school a better place for learning
- to reflect the views of the parent body as a whole
- to fulfil school council's mandate and to act in the best interests of all students
- to make recommendations to their principals and school board on any matter
- a link between the school and the community
- to improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents

➤ **Council Membership**

- voting members shall be parents of students currently enrolled at DSBN Academy
- Chair:** calls council meetings to order, prepares agendas (jointly with principal as requested), chairs meetings, ensures the minutes are recorded and maintained, communicates with administration, and ensures there is regular communication with the school community
- Secretary:** takes minutes, send them to administration and executive for verification, create a year end summary, maintain minutes for future referral
- Treasurer:** maintain account information with school administrative assistant, report to council at each meeting regarding the current balance and spending

Parent Members: participate in council meetings, act as a link between home and school, be responsible for encouraging parents and others within the community to participate in education at DSBN Academy

Principals: helps establish the school council membership, support/promote the council's activities, assist in the distribution of information for the council to families, obtains information about board policies and education legislation as required, consider all recommendations made by the school council

School Council membership self-nomiations:

- Alice Conway, Amanda Finlay-Sellman, Andrea Durrant, Bill Durrant, Blaine Boozan, Carole MacDonald, Denise Bolduc, Donna Reid, Hamid Younas, Jackie Harrietha, Kandace Westerby, Kristen Welton, Matthew Hymus, Miriam Parker, Natalie Hipwell, Sarah Parisi, Shawn Gates, Xhandre Beukes,

Elections:

Chair : Carole MacDonald

Secretary/Treasurer : Jackie Harrietha

4)

Principals' Report

➤ Mrs. Nazar & Mrs. Grieve

- **Enrollment** – have our largest enrollment in elementary this year at 219 students.
- **Elementary EQAO data** Percentage of students at level 3 or 4: Reading 100%, Writing 95%, Math 88%
- **Annual Parent Involvement Conference-** On November 1st, parent engagement hours granted for anyone that attends. Check in at our table while there.
- **Vice Principal-** welcome to Mr. Daniels, VP for our school
- **Uniform Update-** uniform changes have been well received
- supports school culture, feels like a team and students are dressed for success
- thank you parents/guardians for support
- **MSIP/Advisory changes-** - moved the timing to period 2
- we've learned that starting the day with MSIP and Advisory doesn't yeild the best results because students are tired
- by moving Advisory and Study Time to the 2nd period, we are predicting that students will be more productive which will improve achievement
- **Upcoming:**
- Progress reports-** progress reports issued at Parent-Teacher Interviews scheduled for Tues, Oct. 10th 5:30-7:30
- the grade indicated on the report is only an early prediction
- we don't want students to be 'over confident' or for students to feel hopeless if they aren't doing well
- Battle of the Grades-** Secondary Student Voice has initiated a Battle of the Grades (2nd year)
- students earn points for their grade through their participating each day
 - Tues - Spirit Wear Shirt Day
 - Wed - Hat Day

Thurs - Colour Day (RED gr. 6 & 9; PURPLE gr. 7 & 10, YELLOW gr. 8 and 11; GREEN gr 12)

Halloween Dance- Secondary Halloween Dance is scheduled for Thurs. Oct. 26th at DSBN Academy - Secondary students with student cards ONLY
-elementary students will have a small dance on the 31st during the afternoon

5) **School Council Discussion**

- Fundraising plan for the year- discussed multiple options. Reviewed the timing w.r.t. grade 8 fundraising for trip. Carole has contact for illusionist as a possibility to consider. MacMillian's isn't a good option for us- difficult for students to take home, don't have freezer space if things not picked up. Going to look at freshening up ideas

6) **NEW BUSINESS**

9) **NEXT MEETING DATE**

- November 29, 2017

10) **ADJOURNMENT**

→ Motion to adjourn

Moved by: Seconded by:

THAT: The School Council meeting of Wednesday, October 4th, 2017 be hereby adjourned at 7:07 p.m.