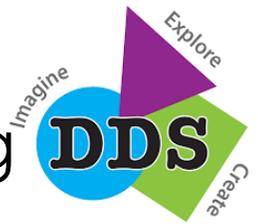


# Douglasdale School Council Meeting

## Meeting Minutes



LOCATION: DDS - Library

HOSTED: In-Person and Virtually

DATE: 19-11-2025

ATTENDEES: Heather McKay, Monique K., Monica Nartley, Kat Thompson, Morgan Caswell, Heidi Giesbrecht, Kelly Robertson, Sharon Deraldall (online), Sumeet Kumar (online)

TIME: 6:02 pm

### I. CALL TO ORDER

**Monica (president)** called to order the DDS School Council meeting at **6:02 pm**  
Land acknowledgement – Acknowledging the Land

### II. ROLL CALL

**Monica** conducted a roll call.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Approval of [November Minutes](#) seconded by: **Morgan**. The minutes were approved as read.  
**For parents' information:** Previous minutes are on the DDS website under [Get Involved/School Council](#)

### IV. SCHOOL UPDATE

#### a) Finances

##### **2025-2026 Casino Funds Spent (Budget Remaining)**

Art supplies - \$2400.26 (\$1009.74)  
Literacy \$6904.99 (\$1595.01)  
Field Trip Transportation \$2362.50 (\$1637.50)  
Student Support Resources \$645.04 (\$354.96)  
Music \$847.86  
Technology \$16,503.85 (\$3494.15)  
Student Residencies \$11,100 (\$900)  
Classroom Furniture \$7947.17 (\$2052.83)

##### **2025-2026 School Council Funds Spent (Budget Remaining)**

Visual Journals (\$4000)  
Field Trip Fee Subsidy \$464.54 (\$535.36)  
Teacher Classroom Supplies \$58.46 (\$2641.54)  
Science Consumables (\$200)

#### b) Staffing

- Brenna Serpico – Grade 1 (covering for Donna Lawson, Katie Haggard)
- Karena Davies – Grade 5 (covering for Jackson Young)
- Christal Cam – Lunchroom (Denise Imach – moved to another school)

#### c) **2026-2027 Pending Registrations**

- Kindergarten (30 in boundary, 2 out-of-boundary)

- Grade 1 (6 students not previously registered in kindergarten at DDS)

d) **School Development Plan**

- K-5 students will bring home a pre/post writing sample with a parent survey
- Transitioning to Informational Genre in February

e) **Fun Committee**

- **Staff Cookies/Stock the Patry:**

- (1) Thanks to all the volunteers who brought in the bake goods before the break

- **Staff Appreciation Lunch**

- (1) Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> (Theme TBD)
- (2) All SALs are theme based
- (3) Volunteers who returned their volunteering slip checked off to assist will receive an email looking for assistance in providing, bringing, making items provided to the DDS staff
  - (a) Can be either store made or homemade

- **Parent Workshop**

- (1) Spring 2026 (TBD – Tentatively April 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- (2) Cyber online safety & Cyber bullying with retired police officer Kathy MacDonald
- (3) More details on Kathy and her's workshops / details: <https://kathymacdonald.ca/>

- **School Spring Dance**

- (1) TBD (Tentatively May 14<sup>th</sup>)
- (2) Theme to be decided

- **Teacher Appreciation Coffee/Treat Cart/Stock Pantry**

- (1) May 4<sup>th</sup>-May 8<sup>th</sup>
- (2) Tim Horton's coffee

- **Food Truck Night**

- (1) TBD (June)

f) **Fundraiser Community**

- **Skip the Depot (Ongoing)**

- (1) Sending out a reminder on socials

- **Bottle Drive during School Dance – May**

- (1) 50/50
- (2) Bottle drive

- **Mabels Labels (Ongoing)**

- **Rain Barrel Fundraiser – Spring Option (TBD – Early May)**

- (1) Pick up at the school or home delivery
- (2) Can include composters as well as rain barrels

- **Benevity (Ongoing)**

- (1) Tax receipts can be given as DDS Council is now charitable
- (2) Council will look into responding to people who claim volunteer hours through Benevity's site as confirmation

- **Read-a-thon**

- (1) TBD (Spring 2026)
- (2) Tentatively May 14<sup>th</sup>



- **Scholastic book fair**

- (1) March 16 – 20, Families invited to shop evening of March 19 during Parent/Teacher

- **Flames Raffle in December**

- (1) Total of \$1335 of fundraised
- (2) Thank you to all families and staff who purchased raffle tickets
- (3) Congrats to Josh (winner)
- (4) Thank you to the Preston family who donated the seats.

g) Other business

- **Holiday Cards for Seniors**

- (1) 927 cards completed by DDS
- (2) 2370 cards received from DD Community
- (3) Delivered to 10 facilities

- **Traffic Safety Issues**

- (1) Conversation with Rob Ward (ward 11 councilor)
- (2) Another request has been filed for CPS for traffic monitoring in playground zone around school
- (3) Wants to put brighter signs and no u-turn signs
- (4) Discussing with the CPS on traffic issues

- **Parent Workshop**

- (1) Options for 2026 year
  - (a) Kathy Macdonald 'The Bullet Doesn't Fit the Gun' (Tentative booking for April 23<sup>rd</sup>)
    - (i) Cyberbullying and Online safety
    - (ii) Seasoned police officer
    - (iii) Workshop cost \$750 (\$500 would be paid by a grant from ASCE)
    - (iv) Not suited for younger kids (K-1)
    - (v) Long period of sitting
  - (b) Paul Davis
    - (i) Online safety
    - (ii) Best booked with other schools due to high cost
    - (iii) Does a 'scared straight' approach within his workshops
    - (iv) More geared towards middle school or grade 4+ age groups
  - (c) **Group Decision:** Booking Kathy Macdonald's workshop on a Thursday in April 23<sup>rd</sup>

## II. ADJOURNMENT

**Monica** adjourned the meeting at **6:47**

Minutes submitted by: **Kat Thompson**



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TIME: 6:47 pm

## V. CALL TO ORDER

**Monica (co-chair)** called to order the DDS School Council meeting at **6:47 pm**.

## VI. ROLL CALL

**Monica** conducted a roll call.

## VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Approval of [November Minutes](#) seconded by: **Heidi**. The minutes were approved as read.  
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## VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

### a) Treasurer's update:

- General account: \$10,653.94
- Casino account: \$97,887.58
- Charity Account: \$397.00
- Next casino fundraiser tentatively booking in January 2027

### b) Other Business

- Many council members will be leaving at the end of the year
- Need more interest in council to replace the roles on council
- Survey will be sent out to find out what incentives would be good to get more parents to join

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Monica** adjourned the meeting at **6:55**  
Minutes submitted by: **Kat Thompson**