



Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: DDS - Library
HOSTED: In Person and Virtually
DATE: 20-Nov-2024
ATTENDEES: Jennifer Drews, Monique Koleyak, Heather McKay, Monica Nartley, Morgan Caswell, Kat Thompson, Heather, Danielle, Kathleen (Kindergarten)
TIME: 6:03 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

Monica (co-chair) called to order the DDS School Council meeting at **6:03 pm**.

II. ROLL CALL

Monica conducted a roll call.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Approval of [October 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) October Conferences

- Parents enjoyed earlier conferences – catch student issues early (well before Winter break)

b) System Update (Report card comments)

- Change in the comment structure – CBE decision/directive
- Report cards will look different
 - (1) Four areas of strengths
 - (2) Required writing style will be noted
 - (3) Prior report cards worded impersonal, similar wording will be used this year
- DDS made a decision to add “As a Learner” comments to be more personalize to each student
- DDS to send home some samples of report card terminology to help parents/guardians understand how the report cards will be organized

c) Sending weekly email out update?

- To come

d) Committee Updates

- **Fun Committee**
 - (1) Staff Appreciation Lunch

- (a) Thank you to volunteers – staff enjoyed the food
- (2) Fall Dance
 - (a) DJ booked
 - (b) Colourful Candy Canes
 - (c) Spirit club will help with decorations
 - (d) Dance volunteers needed
 - (e) Craft table suggested to have – Kelly would to organize (\$1/craft up to 10 kids/time)
 - (i) Worried about logistics – where to hold
 - (ii) Dance may not be the right event to host
 - 1. BBQ event
 - (iii) Worried about line up to complete the craft
 - (iv) Maybe have a table of card stock for the Holiday Cards for Seniors that people could purchase
- (3) Staff Appreciation Christmas Cookie/Stock the Staff Pantry
 - (a) Monica to lead event
 - (b) A dozen cookies at a time
 - (c) Hosted December 18th – 21st
 - (i) Suggested to hold a week prior for cookies (December 9th – 13th)
 - (ii) Stock the pantry always clears out prior to Christmas
- (4) Mabel's Labels
 - (a) Once \$50/month reach – cheque will be issued
 - (b) Roll over if under \$50
- (5) Bottle Drive generated - \$102.95
- (6) Crosswalk Safety
 - (a) Green safety turtle is gone – possible city took it
 - (b) City removed the center sign – not sure why
 - (c) Monica to send in inquiry to the City
- e) **Holiday Cards for Seniors**
 - Monica leading
 - Delivering handmade cards by students to seniors
 - Large box by entry doors for all cards to seniors
 - Any holiday cards
 - No hard candies, but any imagination welcomed by students and families
 - Collection due by December 16th
- f) **ASCA Information**
 - \$500 grant joining the Alberta School Council Association
 - Free virtual – emotional regulation – Nov 23rd
 - DDS does qualify – January ETA of grant money



- (1) Parent workshop suggestion – online safety or workshops by Mrs. Blais
- g) **Parent Workshop for Spring (for the Grant money)**
 - Mrs. Blais would like to host a parent workshop – empowering children
 - (1) Feedback formula: Language that Builds Confidence
 - (a) 2 hours workshop
 - (b) Changing language from parents can change their children's learning style
 - (2) Other offerings: Brain Blueprint or Family Failure Fun!
 - (3) 10% of the \$500 would go to children's grief support
- h) **CBE Board of Trustees Letter**
 - Sent out to the Minister of Education
- i) Winter Concert dates to include the following day in the next communication

V. ADJOURNMENT

Monica adjourned the meeting at **6:34**

Minutes submitted by: **Kat Thompson**

Douglasdale Parent Society

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II. CALL TO ORDER – PARENT SOCIETY MEETING

Monica called to order the DDS Parent Society meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Approval of [October Minutes](#) seconded by: **Danielle**. The minutes were approved as read.

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IV. OPEN BUSINESS

- a) **General Account - \$17,918.90**



- b) **Casino Account - \$71,151.25**
- c) **Charity Application Update**
 - Jen submitted the charity application this week
 - No word back from CRA
- d) **Casino Fundraiser booked!**
 - May 7th & 8th
 - Casino advisors have been contacted by Morgan
 - Casino money needs to be spent prior to May 7th
 - Furniture has been ordered by DDS for \$10,000
- e) **Open Floor**
 - Discussion about Parent Workshops
 - (1) Mrs. Blais – workshops can be hybrid
 - (a) In person workshops due to the interactive style of the workshops
 - (2) “Paul” would host the online safety workshop
 - (a) Paul’s workshops are quite popular, so there may be less interest
 - (3) Maybe look at technology addiction rather than safety

V. ADJOURNMENT

Monica adjourned the meeting at **6:49**.

Minutes submitted by: **Kat Thompson**