

# Douglasdale School Council Meeting Meeting Minutes



LOCATION: Virtually  
HOSTED: Virtually  
DATE: 18-02-2026  
ATTENDEES: Heather McKay, Monique K., Monica Nartley, Kat Thompson, Morgan Caswell, Kathleen, Danielle Bertrand, Heidi Giesbrecht, Jen Drews, Sharon Derdall  
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 [January Minutes](#) seconded by: **Heidi**. 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) School Safety

- Teachers at every door
- Mr. Tim checks doors consistently
- Regular lock down drills, along with fire drills
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### b) Registration

- 41 Kindergarten registrations
- 10 more than usual at this time of year

### c) Science fair inquiry

- Typically not at DDS
- APEGA was contacted to offer a science experience stop-in
- Available during teacher conferences (Thursday evening 5-7) so it'll be great to provide some interaction while

### d) Fun Committee

- **Staff Appreciation Lunch**

(1) Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

(2) Happy Appy Hour

(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) Booked April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6-7 pm
- (2) Kathy Macdonald – Cyber Safety

- **School Spring Dance**

- (1) 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)

e) **Finances**

- **Casino Funds Spent**

- (1) Music budget went over ~\$350
- (2) More chairs may be purchased to use the remaining budget

- **School Council Funds Spent**

- (1) Visual Journals
  - (a) Spent \$4000
- (2) Field Trip Fee Subsidy
  - (a) Spent \$464.54, remaining \$535.36
- (3) Teacher Classroom Supplies
  - (a) Spent \$58.46, remaining \$2641.54
- (4) Science Consumables
  - (a) Spent \$200

f) **Staffing**

- Brenna Sperico – 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)

g) **2026-2027 Pending Registrations**

- Kindergarten (30 in boundary, 2 out-of-boundary)
- Grand 1 (6 students not previously registered in kindergarten at DDS)

h) **School Development Plan**

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

i) **Fun Committee**

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

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

j) **Fundraiser Community**

- **Skip the Depot (Ongoing)**

- (1) Sending out a reminder on socials

- **Bottle Drive during School Dance – May 14th**



- (1) 50/50
- (2) Bottle drive
- **Mabels Labels (Ongoing)**
- **Rain Barrel Fundraiser**
  - (1) Delivery Day: Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026
  - (2) Fundraiser will launch on World Water Day March 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - (3) Need volunteers to help distribute barrels
  - (4) Need to sell min. 300
  - (5) Come in black, blue, and orange. Can be repainted
- **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) Tentatively May 14<sup>th</sup>
- k) Other business
- **Upcoming Position Needed to Fill for next school year**
  - (1) **Society President**
    - (a) Outgoing Jen Drews
  - (2) **Secretary**
    - (a) Outgoing Kat Thompson
- **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'
      - (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 **6:19**

Minutes submitted by: **Kat Thompson**

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## V. CALL TO ORDER

**Monica (co-chair)** called to order the DDS School Council meeting at **6:19 pm**.

## VI. ROLL CALL

**Monica** conducted a roll call.

## VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

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## VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

### a) Treasurer's update:

- General account: \$10,268.48
- Casino account: \$87,549.14
- Charity Account: \$388.00
- 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 **6:25**

Minutes submitted by: **Kat Thompson**