

# Douglasdale School Council

## Meeting Minutes



**LOCATION:** DDS - Library

**HOSTED:** In-Person and Virtually

**DATE:** 16-04-2025

**ATTENDEES:** Heather McKay, Monique K., Monica Nartley, Jennifer Drews, Heather Munteer, Pam Popik, Daniel & Cindy Clark, Linh Tran, Sharon Derald, Morgan Caswell, Heidi Tawadros, Danielle Bertran, Kelly Robertson, Nancy Close

**TIME:** 6:00 pm

### I. CALL TO ORDER

**Jennifer (co-chair)** called to order the DDS School Council meeting at **6:02 pm**.

### II. ROLL CALL & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

**Jennifer** conducted a roll call.

Acknowledging the land where we gather demonstrates our ongoing commitment to the original spirit and intent of Treaty 7, also known as the Blackfoot Treaty. This agreement is to share the land and live well together, in peace for 'as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.' This acknowledgement is an act of Truth and Reconciliation to honour the Indigenous peoples who have cared for their traditional territories since time immemorial and leads us to consider our individual and collective roles and responsibilities to the treaty relationship.

### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

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

**For parents' information:** Previous minutes are on the DDS website under [Get Involved/School Council](#)

### IV. TRUSTEE VISIT

#### a) **Nancy Close, CBE Trustee Ward 11 & 13, Board Vice Chair**

- Trustee Nancy Close attended the meeting and introduced herself to the school and parent council.
- She currently serves as the elected CBE Trustee for Wards 11 and 13.
- Nancy has a long history of advocacy for public education, including:
  - (1) Serving as a CBE Trustee from 1999-2007.
  - (2) Volunteering as a Board Governor and past Chair of EducationMatters (2008-2021).
  - (3) Working with Mayor Naheed Nenshi as a community relations coordinator, with a focus on education, civic engagement, mental health and addiction, homelessness, and poverty.
- Nancy expressed her commitment to:
  - (1) Strengthening the public school system with a focus on student success.
  - (2) Addressing equity, excellence, access, and student well-being.



(3) Supporting walkable neighbourhood schools and rethinking the use of civic facilities, including schools.

- She encourages in-depth community conversations and values feedback from parents and caregivers.
- Nancy and her husband Rob have three adult children who are all CBE graduates. Their granddaughter is currently in Grade 1 at a CBE neighbourhood school.
- She can be contacted at neclose@cbe.ab.ca or 403-817-7918.

b) **CBE Board Update**

- Provided update and handout on Alberta Education funding model
- Update to how busing routes are calculated - change from "as the crow flies" to mapped roads which will increase the number of students eligible for yellow bus service.
- Changes to bell start times in some regions of CBE to optimize buses and divers

c) **School Update**

- School planning engagement results can be found here <https://douglasdale.cbe.ab.ca/documents/4e1076e4-2a73-4ab4-b099-2b838021b89b/DDS%20School%20Planning%20Survey%20Results%20February%202025.pdf>
- Field trips and field trip transportation remain a high priority for families
- Review of forementioned bell and bussing changes
- New Serenity Spot installed and functional, very happy with results

d) **Fun Committee**

- Staff Appreciation: Thank you to all volunteers who brought items and helped out
- Spring Dance: May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - (1) DJ booked
  - (2) Deposit made
  - (3) Planning theme & decorations in progress
- Stock the Staff Pantry
  - (1) Coffee & treats afternoon refreshment cart
  - (2) May 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>
- Food Truck Night
  - (1) June 20<sup>th</sup>
  - (2) YYC Food Trucks – 4 Food Trucks have been requested

e) **Fundraising Committee**

- Skip the Depot balance: \$335.76
- Read-a-thon:
  - (1) Confirm dates: May 15 – May 30
  - (2) Donations due by June 6
  - (3) Top earner and second earner
    - (a) Principal for the day
    - (b) AP for the day
    - (c) Mr. Tim for the day
    - (d) Name the crawfish



- f) **Casino volunteers**
  - Still need 1 volunteer 11-3:45 evening shift
- g) **DDS Annual General Meeting:**
  - May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm
- h) **Parent Workshop: Feedback Formula**
  - Need to reschedule due to strike – TBD on a Thursday
  - Mountain Park contacted DDS to say that they are opening a 3-part workshop to DDS parents
- i) **Playground Zone**
  - New signage is up and extends the playground zone to include the crosswalk
  - Playground has officially been rezoned

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**Monica** adjourned the meeting at **7:09**

Minutes submitted by: **Kat Thompson**

# Douglasdale Parent Society

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- TIME:** 7:09 pm

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**Jennifer (co-chair)** called to order the DDS School Council meeting at **7:09 pm**.

**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 [March Minutes](#) seconded by: **Jenn**. The minutes were approved as read.

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**IV. OPEN BUSINESS**

- a) **General Account - \$14,089.63**
- b) **Casino Account - \$39,384.63**



- Technology order is still in progress
- Clarity will be provided on whether the amount needs to be spent prior to next casino or when next casino funds received

c) **Charity Application Update**

- Still pending
- Case has been assigned to a CRA officer
- Response on or prior to May 14<sup>th</sup>

d) **Casino Fundraiser booked!**

- Wednesday & Thursday May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Casino advisors have been contacted by Morgan
  - Filled a lot after DDS's 'Urgent' Email
- (1) 1 spot still open

## V. ADJOURNMENT

**Jennifer** adjourned the meeting at **7:14 pm**.

Minutes submitted by: **Kat Thompson**