



DCE SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
DATE: MARCH 18, 2025

Parent Council Executive Members:

Lynn Walker, Chair
Karli Butler, Vice Chair
Kari Halter, Communications Liaison
Leah Whyte, Secretary
Candice Abraham & Kari Halter, Wellness Committee

Guests and DCE School Representatives:

Helene Hewitt, Principal
Jay Robertson Vice Principal
Jenn & Stacy, Teacher Representatives
Christa Gawron, Business Manager
Julia, Mental Health Capacity Builder

Public Trustee: Trina Boymook

Guests: None

Parent Representatives: We had 20 parent representatives in attendance

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Call To Order: 6:04 PM

Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement

- Read by Chair

Call for Agenda Changes

- No changes to agenda

Approval of Agenda

- Motion: Robyn
- Seconded: Melissa
- Passed

Call for Changes to Minutes

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- Motion: Karli
- Seconded: Danielle
- Passed

Mental Health Capacity Builder – Julia

Sharing circle: What makes your heart happy.

Julia provided an overview of what they were working on in each grade level:

- Kindergarten: managing feelings, starting to recognize our feelings;



- Grade 1: Kindness to others and to ourselves, celebrating how we are all different in the room, cool classroom collage
- Grade 2: Coping with hurt feelings that others cause, positive self-affirmations and learning about the word cope means;
- Grade 3: Understanding the brain, moving into relationships;
- Grade 4-6: Learning about our own core values, compromising, finding middle ground, setting boundaries, apology workshops, taking ownership. Next we will be discussing digital relationships.

School Trustee Report – Trina Boymook

The Government released the Budget on February 27, 2025. The weighted moving average has been modified to a two year average. Thirty percent of the funding will be based on this year's enrollment and 70% will be based on next year's estimated enrollment. Classroom complexity grant has been increased by 20%. The funding manual will not be provided to Boards until early April. It will be at that point that we will have a greater sense of the impact of the provincial budget. The Board is already in budget discussions to prepare for the release of the funding manual.

Wellness Committee Update– Candice Abraham / Kari Halter

- Kindness buttons raised \$396;
- Will start collecting prizes after Spring Break for Mustang Mentions

April Dance Parent Committee (Angela)

- Balloons and decorations are being finalized;
- Have volunteers for DJ booth, set up and clean up;
- Fundraising is running the concession;
- Requested Jay, VP to ask leadership kids to do school posters.

Administration Report – Helene Hewitt & Jay Robertson

- Pink shirt day was a huge success;
- Track day was a huge success. Boys took 1st place at 4:07 seconds, 6 seconds off the 1998 record of 4:01. Girst took silver and were ½ second off from winning gold. There were over 225 teams that participated. There will be one more meet in May;
- Josh Glassen, weather man from CTV news was at the school last week;
- Grade 5 DARE grad took place on March 18, 2025;
- New clubs are starting;
- Very early enrollment forecast 620 students, big bubble in 3, 4, 5, and 6. Replacement classes are smaller
- EIPS is replacing the phone system. The old system can no longer available and can be supported.
- Adapting the bell schedule for 2025/2026 school year;
- New bell schedule will also be adopted in 2025/2026 school year where every Wednesday will be early dismissal. To make up for the time in scheduling, adding 9 minutes will be added per day, morning bell will ring at 8:32am (currently 8:35am) and dismissal bell will ring at 3:22pm (currently 3:18pm);
- Ms. Falcon our part time music teacher has accepted a position at STEM Academy effective April 4, 2025;
- Upcoming events:
 - Spring Break
 - April 4, 2025 80's Family Dance Night
 - April 24, 2025 Volunteer Tea;



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- April 29, 2025 Kindergarten information night;
- Family literacy night on Thursday May 15, 2025

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 15 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:05pm adjournment.