

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Dalewood Middle School
(In Person, Art Room)

September 25, 2024

MINUTES

In Attendance: Katie Hopkins (Principal), Kevin McHarg (Teacher Representative), Andrea Ara (Chair), Stan Visaticki (Co-Chair),

Katie Davidman, Rosalee van Staalduinen, Ashley Gaskin, Vanessa Alexander, Christine Lootsma, Natalia Gonzalez, Rodrigo Venturelli,

Sue Galbraith, Alison Simpson, Laura Waltman, Allison Henderson, Breanne McColman, Sweni Sabaratram, Jasmine Gaskin, Rachel Roper, Arun Vijayakumar,

Regrets: N/A

Agenda Item	Comments	Person Responsible
• Opening	The meeting was called to order around 630pm with quorum. We opened with a welcome, introductions, land acknowledgment and the singing of Oh Canada.	Andrea Ara & Katie Hopkins
• Notice of Minutes	There were no previous minutes to review for this school year	Andrea Ara
• Chair's Report	Andrea welcomed everyone, expressed appreciation that we now have an established parent council at Dalewood again, and looks forward to establishing the Council's goals and priorities	Andrea Ara
6. Teacher's Report	<p>Kevin McHarg Reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terry Fox Run & Assembly planned for Friday with sound system• McMaster Health undergrads to mentor students again this year• Band (Gr.7/8) and Choir (all grades) to start in October• School Belonging Activity scheduled for October 18• Donations of iPad Chargers are needed/ welcome• 3-Pitch and Volleyball have started; pick-up basketball runs Friday mornings <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There was discussion about whether there could be more opportunities to play sports for kids who don't make the teams. It was named that this would require substantial additional volunteer efforts. Rachel and Rodrigo volunteered to create a new opportunity.• Katie Hopkins shared that she is working on a system	Kevin McCarg

	<p>for kids to be able to see morning announcements in case they miss them, she was responding to an inquiry about this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosalee asked if parents could see a list of clubs and when they run, Katie is reflecting on best way to share this • It was named that athletics are posted online with permission forms available there too 	
Principal's Report	<p>Katie Hopkins Reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-Org plans for Oct 3 includes a new Grade 6 class and teacher plus an associated additional staff person so we'll be welcoming two new staff. There will now be 12 classes at Dalewood • DPA bags have been provided to every class • 20 new laptops have been purchased • A lift is coming in the auditorium • There will be a Yearbook this year • There will be a makerspace, donations and volunteers needed • Nutrition: there will be another grant from Tastebuds this year. Katie is reflecting on how to make the food accessible in a non-stigmatized way while also encouraging the kids to treat the offerings with respect and avoid food waste <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rodrigo offered to help kids feel more connected to food by developing opportunities for kids to connect with local farms 	Katie Hopkins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss Council's goals and priorities 	Andrea Ara
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Roles 	<p>Parents were invited to declare whether they wished to be voting members of council, and, were invited to either volunteer or be nominated for roles. The outcome was:</p> <p>Co-Chairs: Andrea Ara and Bill Heinrich Secretary: Katie Davidman Treasurer: Vanessa Alexander Voting Members: Christina Lootsma, Stan Visaticki, Natalia Gonzalez, Ashley Gaskin, Rosalee Van Staalduinen, Arun Vijayakumar</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting Date 	<p>We agreed to monthly meetings, on Wednesdays, 630-730pm.</p> <p>Next meeting: Wednesday October 23, 2024.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjournment 	<p>We adjourned</p>	

