

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Dalewood Middle School

(In Person, Art Room)

December 17, 2025

MINUTES

In Attendance (9 Total). **In Person (9):** Katie Hopkins (Principal), Chris Adeney (Teacher Rep), Bill Heinrich (Co-Chair), Diana Moscu (Co-Chair), Katie Davidman (Secretary), Vanessa Alexander (Treasurer), Natalia Gonzalez (Voting Member), Sweni Sabaratram (Voting Member), Andrea Ara (Voting Member), Allison Henderson (Voting Member), Alison Simpson. **In Attendance Virtually (0):** No one.

Regrets: Rosalee VanStaalkuinen

Agenda Item	Comments
Opening	The meeting was called to order around 630pm with quorum. We opened with introductions, land acknowledgment (with a highlighting of the ethics of teaching through indigenous art) and the singing of Oh Canada.
Introductions	We shared our names, our child's name, something you'll take with you into the new year, and something you'll leave behind in 2025
The Minutes & Agenda	The Minutes for the October 29, 2025 meeting were circulated ahead of this meeting and approved. The agenda was circulated and approved.
Principal's Report	<p>Katie Hopkins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gratitude• School wide belonging activities planned by Gr 8 for Jan/Feb• Identity Collages are now visible outside staff room• EQAO Results 2024-2025 Grade 6 were reviewed• Purdy's fundraiser raised just under \$1600 so \$400 for the school• Possible TCBY fundraiser or Real Fruity maybe ice cream cards• Plan B Partnerships – request for Tastebuds funds• Grade 8 Commencement: Thurs June 18 at Westdale and McMaster• Grade 8 TO Trip Wed April 29 1pm Ripley's, Spaghetti Factory, and Blue Jays Game against Boston. Tx about \$100, transit costs have increased. 115 Grade 8s compared to 86 last year. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Katie answered a few questions about the EQAO data
Teacher's Report	<p>Chris Adeney Reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volleyball has wrapped up, student-staff game tomorrow• Dance and games tomorrow• Musical prep ongoing, tech team helping, maker space will help with props, aim is for last week of May• My Blueprint, a career prep tool, being shared in all classes <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Katie added that Basketball starts up in new year• Katie added that she'll offer volleyball mornings

Co-Chair's Report	<p>Bill reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Council January Networking Event Tues Jan 13 • Thank you and congratulations to the PRO grant team • Family Elf night was a success
New Business	<p>PRO Grant Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westdale Cinema Night: the hope is to share student art on the big screen at the outset, have a bake share, and then show a film, ideally all covered. Costs: \$275/hour for 2 hours, comes with 2 staff plus HST; \$30/hour for an extra staff, the film is about \$300, so about \$980. We may need to supplement from the parent engagement fund. We aren't permitted to make money but we could think about inviting \$2 donations. We'll ask the Westdale for spring dates perhaps March 5 which is the night before a PA day. <p>Additional Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a second event, maybe an after school or weekend picnic in June at Churchill Park that can be scaled up to include a scavenger hunt / a hike / other activities if there is volunteer capacity. RealFruity could be invited.
Summary of Parent Commitments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison to check with Westdale Theatre about dates for a movie night
Next Meetings	<p>The Fall School Council Meeting Dates are:</p> <p>Wednesday January 21, 2025, 6:30pm-7:30pm, Dalewood Art Room</p> <p>Wednesday February 25, 2025, 6:30pm-7:30pm, Dalewood Art Room</p> <p>Wednesday March 25, 2025, 6:30pm-7:30pm, Dalewood Art Room</p>
Adjournment	<p>We adjourned at 7:30pm.</p>