

## **Dr. Davey School Council minutes**

**September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**9:10-10:20**

### **Attendance:**

Anja Lehto, Katie Hanson, Sonia Paczkoski, Alex Grimes, Seema Bibe, Mohammed Khan, Jackie Jamieson, Heather Elson, Christiana Oluwatobi, Terri Trimble, Shannon Gray, Melissa Abdul, Salah Qadim

### **Brief update on this year:**

- Monthly pizza days. Katie will be running the pizza days this year.
- Festivals of Light full day experience

**To be continued at next meeting**

### **Election results:**

Seema applied for secretary or treasurer

Mohammed applied for chair or co-chair

Anja applied for chair

Sonia applied for general member.

As in previous years all other parents in attendance are also general members unless otherwise stated by the parent.

General members:

Katie Hanson, Sonia Paczkoski, Alex Grimes, Jackie Jamieson, Heather Elson, Christiana Oluwatobi, Melissa Abdul

As per school council bylaw (section 1.06 Election of parent/ guardian members) there were only enough applicants to fill the elected positions, so no vote was held.

Elected positions for the 2025/26 school year:

Anja Lehto: Chair

Mohammed Khan: Co-chair

Seema Bibe: Secretary

### **General discussion:**

- Racism in the school, what we can do to educate/help?
  - The school has a 5 point flow chart protocol regarding racism. It's how we address racism when we hear it or when we are made aware of it. Depending on the age, depending on the harm caused or other factors, its always situational.
  - First step for parents is addressing concerns with the staff.
  - Also important to discuss and learn from at home
  - Monthly: promote a country Jackie will hope to come back with some ideas one of the next meetings. What they wear/eat led by students.
  - School has a diversity community club, a group 15 of racialized students
- Mohammed has a friend who he will reach out to about Pizza Bell regarding pizza and sponsorship
- Current pizza days use Pizza Pizza
- Other hot lunch ideas: samosas, pita (cost is a concern for pitas)
- Rotary Club no longer does soup days
- Having other school academic activities such as science fairs and spelling bees
- Anyone who lives in the Beasley neighbourhood. There are monthly meetings from September to June every second Wednesday of the month at the Beasley Community Centre

- Sub-committee will be formed for sub committee to discuss hydro funds
- Dirt patch has taken two years to resolve. That part of the playground is city owned with Alectra utilities access required. The conclusion was only grass can be installed. And its on the city to do.

### **What we did last year and our goals this year:**

Pizza days

Festivals of Light

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### **Principals report:**

-email blast tonight about class reorganization in the primary division 55 students affected

-we retained our 1.0 reading specialist Brande Spence, primarily works with grade 1 and 2

-started a universal reading screener called Acadience Learning, you will see it on the report cards

-we have a math facilitator this year 3 days a week. Works with grades 3 and 6 to support EQAO

-we have kept the elementary student success teacher Jennifer McKenzie 1.0. She runs the DCC club, robotics, school store, health action team and is currently interviewing kids for the store. Also helps with the transitions to high school.

-ESL staff remain the same at 1.8 which is one full time staff and one who works 4 days a week

-we lost EAs, from 12 to 9 we are hoping to get additional support after a walk through with the spec ed principal

-our School Improvement plan remains unchanged, focused small group instruction

-all teachers have math up licences and are also using Knowledgehook which is another math resource and support for kids and teachers

**Future meeting dates:**

October 16<sup>th</sup>

January 15<sup>th</sup>

March 26<sup>th</sup>

June 1<sup>st</sup>

**Next meeting agenda items:**

PRO grant for Festivals of Light

- Date and cost
- What else can we add to the event ex: more celebrations, food
- Things that worked and didn't ex: not enough volunteers
- Volunteers

Pizza Days

Adding samosa days

Bike week

Hydro one funds and sub committee