

Dr. Davey School Council minutes

October 16th, 2025

9:10-10:30

Attendance:

Anja Lehto, Sandra Saunders, Sonia Paczkoski, Alex Grimes, Katie Hanson, Shannon Gray, Heather Elson, Jackie Jamieson, Christinana Oluwatobi, Mohammed Khan, Seema Bibe, Cheryl Naylor-Ciazynski, Melissa Abdul

Special Guest speaker:

Cheryl spoke about the Children's International Learning Centre and the program Festivals of Light. Dr. Davey has run a special spin on the event, the first school to run it for as an after/school evening event. This year the C.I.L.C. is going to do a full day.

Ideas and/or plans for The Festivals of Light:

Full day program.

Groups of 10 kids with 2 classes at a time.

Groups will learn about 2 different celebrations followed by each student adding a positive message or saying to the peace chain.

The peace chain is an activity from the evening event, so all the student from the school will get to build a mega chain to be displayed in the gym.

Cost will be \$700, and the date is January 29th, 2026.

Meeting for Festivals of Lights planning in early November, date TBD

Ideas:

- kids wear the special outfits from where they are from

- the C.I.L.C. had outfits from many of the celebrations, can we use those for the daytime program.
- restaurants in the area to donate free food for the event
- Clay diya craft with no beads or glitter
- Dreidel game instead of take home craft
- zines
- scavenger hunt

Chairs report:

Goals for this year, focus on the few things we do because sometimes everything feels very overwhelming.

Things we did last year that we would like to do again:

- Ride Smart bike week program through New Hope Community Bikes
- Festivals of Light programme
- Pizza day
- Volunteering
- Apply for grants

Things we want to help with or add this year:

- Shirts for the Robotics team
- Something for the kindergartens fall event
- BBQ in the spring

Pizza days:

- More dates for pizza day available to purchase on SCO
- Offer halal pepperoni
- Online is tough for some people are there any other opportunities: the school board prefers that cash flow through the school, teacher have many other responsibilities and can't add on cash collection (bargaining agreements) If parents need help they can ask the office or Anja

Samosa days:

- Looking for a closer alternative to Samosa and Sweet Factory in Etobicoke or Brampton
- Samosas there can be purchased for under a dollar, they specialize in bulk ordered
- Himalaya on Centennial worth asking

Other ideas:

- Hot dogs or hamburgers: tough to do for a school wide lunch but good for a BBQ event
- Spelling bees: not something that is really taught in the language program anymore. Focus is more on suffixes and stuff like that not sure how well that would work in the current school environment. Language education is now focused on outside of the box learning over a traditional structure.
- Science fairs: because the focus of the science fair work is done at home, many students don't have the support in the evenings and it doesn't make it easily accessible for many of the students at the school, these types of things are not part of the board curriculum and therefore no teacher support, many teachers decide on what extra curricular activities they do, if they choose to do it

Bike week:

- If funding allows for the \$1000 that bike week costs would like to do that again
- The grades 4/5 student got to learn how to ride bikes and about bike safety, this is also a great educational experience

Hydro one funds and subcommittee:

- Looking for people that are interested in joining.
- The funds are about \$133 000 and need to be decided on how to use it.
- The funds to be used are to be decided by the School Council and the Beasley Neighbourhood Association.

- This money is in reserve due to the construction/renovation of the power station and how the construction changed the access to the park.

Principal's report:

- Parents are reminded that they should avoid dropping off their kids in the parking lot of the school. There have been accidents, people double park and it's not safe for students. It's a real concern that children or staff or caregivers will be hit by cars. It's advised to park along Ferguson, Wilson or walk.

New business/ideas/suggestions:

- Moving pizza day to Thursdays so there's no conflict with the student snack sales Friday
- Candy grahams/ candy canes sold around Christmas fundraiser?
- Movie nights
- Game night
- BBQ in June

Festivals of Light meeting beginning of November

Next Agenda topics

Samosa lunch

Paying for multiple pizza days

Festivals of Light

Bike week

BBQ in June

Next meeting January 15, 2026

Adjournment