



Agenda:

Dundas Central School Council Meeting

Location: Dundas Central School – main office

Date & Time: 27th March 2025 – 6.30pm

1. Call to order
 - a. Attended by: Mrs. Costa Popvoich, Mrs. Pipe, Bethany Foster, Amanda Green, Gumbinger, Sarah Wybenga, Ioana Crisan & Fergus McKee
 - b. Apologies from Laura Lawson & Lasse Larving
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Review / approval of minutes from last meeting
 - a. Motion to approve to the minutes - approved
4. Review / approval of current agenda
 - a. Motion to approve agenda - approved
5. Reports
 - a. Principal report
 - i. Swim club has re-started – intermediate (junior in the fall)
 - ii. Grade 8s procession process to transition to grade 9 – orientation day in May for the high school
 - iii. Open house – May 8th, 5 – 7pm (no food truck), book fair (6th -12th – including evening of Open House)
 - iv. 26th – 30th EQAO
 - v. May 19th – graduation @ 4.30pm
 - b. Teacher report
 - i. Acadience update – this has been completed. All students showed growth, though not all students reached benchmark (KG – 2). Feedback was/will be in report cards
 - ii. Food drive – great success. Food truck was fully packed. Overflow items donated to Dundas Community Pantry

- iii. “Underground spirit week” for teachers – great success, which lead to inquisitive dialogue from the students to the teachers as to the different things they were doing each day
 - iv. ‘Not a Box’ – run by Mrs Guyette-Dunne ran a class task regarding 3D shape and solids. Other classes were invited to view what they had done for a museum experience
 - v. Chess club – day 2 at second nutrition break – has been very popular. Very encouraging to see grade 8 students teaching younger students how to play.
 - vi. Indoor floor hockey – 50 students participated
 - vii. Mrs. Gillis – attended the outdoor education program on behalf of grade 2 and will be shared with the other educators within the school.
 - viii. McMaster students worked with grades 5 & 6
 - 1. Egg-drop workshop to promote concussion awareness
 - 2. Coming in every Wednesday to work on Women’s studies
 - ix. We are currently in the midst of basketball season for both the boys and girls’ teams
 - x. Drama – Broadway show practice: 6 classes for singing in the show
 - xi. Mental health – teachers have been trained to spot for signs in both students and educators and strategies to support those in need
 - xii. Mrs. Harper is the contact for volunteering for Open House & Scholastic Books sale
 - c. Treasurer Report
 - i. Only spend has been for the pizza party
 - ii. Blues hockey money spent on a variety of balls
- 6. Nutrition program
 - a. Request for greater access for students to food in classrooms
 - b. No plans to make changes to the program this scholastic year
 - i. SCP noted there is a limited budget and limited volunteers
 - ii. Disagreement on whether students feel comfortable leaving the classroom
 - iii. School Council to reach out to see what help is available
 - iv. Questions raised over funding / potential funding for this program
 - v. Agreed to survey students on their needs
 - vi. Commitment to gather information and develop a plan with a view to providing this as part of the transition plan for the next principal with the hope they implement the suggestions in September. (SCP)
- 7. Pizza Day
 - a. Noted that pizza slices are too expensive per slice
 - b. No rules stopping whole pizzas being brought to the classrooms, however noted there are some good reasons about handling / sanitary issues with that process
 - c. Information to be gathered on alternative solutions for change in September, as contract runs to the end of June (school council to investigate)
- 8. Walking Wednesday ‘Spring into Spring’
 - a. Parent volunteers to help with fun activities. Cooper the mascot will join in
 - b. Comms to go out to teachers and in turn to communicate to students

- c. Request for students to produce posters to be used / re-used throughout April
- 9. Music Shirts
 - a. Shirts that came out of the school budget – will be re-used
 - b. Want to keep option to borrow shirts for students should they need to next year
- 10. DPA query
 - a. Expectation – 20 minutes a day when they don't have gym
 - b. Having kits in classrooms – potential fundraising option
 - c. Memo added to principal notes to teachers as reminder of the importance of DPA
 - d. Mrs. Pipe to survey staff what they need – communicate with School council with a view to a motion to releasing funds
- 11. TCBY Yoghurt update
 - a. Seasonal fundraising initiative
 - b. School council to plan – potential to run in Spring / Summer
- 12. Movie Night
 - a. Cost of yearly license discussed and potential other options to be investigated (SCP)
 - b. Pizza options – whole pizzas for families. (Nikki to collate options)
 - c. Snack bundles – recommendation (candy, chocolate and bottled water)
 - d. School Community Use request – for rainy day option (SCP)
 - e. Movie Night to start at 7pm at the end of Open House.
- 13. AOB
 - a. Playground – board will not fund. Dundas Central School must fund maintenance.
 - b. Investigate request for funding grant options
 - c. Need a plan for cost and work to be done by properly insured individuals (Bethany)
- 14. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 8.15pm

Next meeting : Thursday 22nd May – 6.30pm