



# Viola Desmond Elementary School Parent Council Meeting Agenda Wednesday November 30th, 2022



Achievement

Engagement

Equity

Item	Discussion	Action
<b>Welcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• Land Acknowledgment</li> <li>• In Attendance:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>L. Neubrand</li> <li>A. Lloyd</li> <li>K. Rodic</li> <li>M. Walker</li> <li>J. Welsh</li> <li>T. Morabito</li> <li>S. Brason</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	J. Welsh
<b>Minutes from Last Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posted on VDES website.</li> </ul>	
<b>Principal's Report</b>	<p><b>Construction Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some painting has been delayed on playgrounds due to salt and snow.</li> <li>• Completion of portable installation delayed until after the Holiday Break.</li> <li>• Painters are returning based on requests for items to be painted on the Primary student side of the playground.</li> <li>• Basketball nets are coming in the spring.</li> </ul> <p><b>High absenteeism:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are experiencing high absenteeism amongst students and staff due to illnesses.</li> <li>• New hirings are on-going for staff on leaves of absence.</li> </ul>	T. Morabito
<b>School Improvement Plans / Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EQAO data was shared with all present. A great deal of tech issues hindered the process as VDES had only older tech available and many students had little experience using iPads to work. There was little preparation for practicing online testing. Staff have seen the data and shared reflections</li> </ul>	T. Morabito / J. Welsh

	<p>and identified next steps in their programming to address the needs reflected in the EQAO data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Reading Instruction – The UFLI program was purchased for K-2 classes, progress is slow but steady. Our Learning Resource Teachers and Reading Specialists are supporting teachers in their classrooms and withdrawing small groups for Reading Intervention.</li> <li>• Our Math Facilitator is supporting the 5/ 6 classes.</li> <li>• Our focus will also be on supporting gr. 7/8 teachers, developing their skills using math manipulatives in the classroom.</li> </ul>	
<b>Fundraising</b>	<p><b>Pizza:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cash online will not be offered as it is not accessible to all and difficult to manage without more support. The school council agreed to continue with all students paying \$2 cash for each slice.</li> </ul> <p><b>Macmillan's Fundraiser:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total earned was just over \$2000.00.</li> <li>• Krispy Kreme still being considered as a fundraising option</li> <li>• Little Caeser's Pizza night – P/VP checking into the idea.</li> <li>• School Spirit Wear will be offered again in Spring.</li> </ul>	
<b>Meeting Dates and Times</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 31, 2023</li> </ul>	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 1, 2023, 4:30 in our library.</li> </ul>	All are welcome.
<b>Agenda for Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBD</li> </ul>	Agenda items must be forwarded to the office one week prior to the meeting date.

**All are welcome to attend! Thank you for supporting our school!**