



Viola Desmond Elementary School Parent Council Meeting Agenda Wednesday November 23, 2023



Achievement

Engagement

Equity

Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Land Acknowledgment • In Attendance: L. Neubrand J. Welsh T. Morabito Public Health Nurse 	T. Morabito
Minutes from Last Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posted on VDES website. 	
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior and Senior Volleyball and Basketball Teams are successfully underway. • Two volleyball tournaments were hosted at VDES. The Boys Senior Tournament was on Nov. 3rd. Our boys managed to win the tournament. Our Senior girls' volleyball team performed extremely well in their tournament on Nov. 10th. • Intramurals sports are set to begin soon. • A Positive Space Club is also beginning soon. • Our Phys-Ed. Teachers will be offering Mindful Moments during Nutrition breaks in the gym in the upcoming months. • Wednesday morning's Walking Club before school has been a terrific success with many students participating. • We will be continuing to ask our parents and caregivers to remain behind the pylons on the back playground during drop off and pick up times. 	T. Morabito
School Improvement Plans / Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Academic focus has been primarily on training in and implementing the new Language curriculum. 	T. Morabito / J. Welsh

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Consultants in Math and Literacy are providing Professional Development for teachers. In Literacy, the focus is on systematic, explicit instruction. The focus in Math is on building Thinking Math Classrooms as well as thinking and application skills in which our EQAO scores show our students need extra support. • To further support Mental Health and Well-Being our Mental Health and Wellness Teacher Representatives are working with the Public Health Nurse and our Healthy Action Team to provide extra opportunities for physical fitness, mindfulness sessions as well as kindness and anti-bullying initiatives. <p>Nutrition Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each class is provided with a food bag of healthy snacks every morning. We are asking for volunteers with Police Checks to assist with the program. 	
Staff Report		L. Hagan (absent)
Fundraising	<p>Pizza:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continues to be offered every Friday. <i>Orders must be submitted by 9:15 in order to allow the restaurant time to prepare our order for the second Nutrition Break.</i> 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. • Krispy Kreme sales were highly successful earning the school \$3000.00. • School Spirit Wear sales will be offered this year. The date has yet to be determined. • Our newly established Student Council is discussing fundraising options such as lollipop sales. 	
Meeting Dates and Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. 18, 2024 • March 21, 2024 • May 23, 2024 	
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. 18, 2024, 4:45 in our library. 	All are welcome.
Agenda for Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Agendas will be posted in the School Council Binder in the main office one week prior to the meetings. 	Agenda items must be forwarded to the

		office one week prior to the meeting date.
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All are welcome to attend! Thank you for supporting our school!