



# Viola Desmond Elementary School Parent Council Meeting Agenda Thursday, March 21, 2024



**All are welcome to meet in the learning commons  
at 5pm**

Achievement	Engagement	Equity
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Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• Land Acknowledgment</li> <li>• In Attendance: L. Hagan, J. Welsh, L. Neubrand, T. Morabito, J. Mitchell, N. Simic</li> </ul>	T. Morabito
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cobbs Bakery reopened</li> <li>• VDES Little Caesar's Pizza Day-date - TBA</li> </ul>	
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MathUp licenses purchased, training taking place for teacher leads</li> <li>• Professional Development is being provided by our Math Facilitator in assessment and data collection based on gr. 3 and 6 EQAO results.</li> <li>• The principal and vice-principal attended training regarding how EQAO results can be used to support and drive teaching practice in the coming year.</li> <li>• Newcomer Information Night was successful, we received positive feedback from families.</li> <li>• SK Eye Screening April 4, 5</li> <li>• PA Days April 8, June 7, 28</li> <li>• Education Week – May 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair, Open House (May 8<sup>th</sup>)</li> <li>• EQAO Gr. 3, 6 May 22 – June 7</li> <li>• Welcome to Kindergarten – May 29</li> </ul>	T. Morabito, J. Welsh
Staff Report	<p><b>Sports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior Basketball happening now- first game tomorrow</li> <li>• Senior Swim team (grade 6-8) starts next week</li> <li>• Track starts in May</li> </ul> <p><b>Clubs / Teams:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Student Ambassador Club meets on Mondays and Wednesdays and is open to grade 2-8 students. Students talk about upcoming holidays, school events and how to promote a positive mindset at our school.</li> <li>• The Morning Announcement Team- students deliver our announcements, different versions of O' Canada are used daily, including acapella selections during Ramadan.</li> <li>• Grade 3-8 Forest of Reading Group- meets weekly in the library.</li> </ul>	L. Hagan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Paper Recycling Team – collects and recycles every Tuesday and Friday.</li> <li>• Eco-Team – organizes eco-challenges and events for our school.</li> <li>• HAT Team (Healthy Action Team) HAT team - creates school wide activities to promote kindness and well-being.</li> <li>• Positive Space Group – mainly grade 6 participants, student led conversations.</li> <li>• VDE Vipers – Lego Robotics Clubs, junior and intermediate</li> </ul> <p><b>Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mini Marshes are coming to 12 classes in April. These classes are participating in a conservation effort by growing marsh plants that will be returned to RBG.</li> <li>• Tues. March 26th - Gr. 7 / 8's have a Pickleball Presentation / Participation with Jeff Morgan from Glendale.</li> <li>• There will be a Spring Fling Dance in mid-April.</li> <li>• Gr. 7's are going to watch "Newsies" at Glendale on May 23rd.</li> <li>• Prayer Space- a prayer space is available in our library in the afternoons.</li> </ul>	
School Improvement Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-going professional development is being provided to support teachers in Math assessment, recording and using data. Our next Continuous Learning Improvement Cycle will focus on Math.</li> <li>• Our Reading Specialists and Learning Resource Teachers are working intensely with groups in classrooms to reinforce the Foundational Skills in Literacy necessary for success in learning to read.</li> <li>• Mental Health and Well-Being – 4 Divisional Assemblies took place on March 19<sup>th</sup> which focused on Anti-Bullying Strategies. We are working in partnership with the HWDSB Gender Based Violence and Bullying Prevention Team, Interval House and the Hamilton Tiger- Cats. The work will continue after Easter when the team visits classrooms to reinforce the concepts and strategies introduced to the school at the assemblies. The students were very well behaved and receptive during the presentations.</li> </ul>	All Staff
Meeting Dates and Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All meetings will be in the Library-Learning Commons at 5pm</li> </ul>	
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>May 23, 2024 @ 5pm</b></li> </ul>	All invited
Agenda for Next Meeting	Will be posted in binder in main office 1 week prior to meeting	

Thank you for supporting our school!