



**Viola Desmond Elementary
Parent / School Council
Meeting Notes
May 20, 2025**



Achievement

Engagement

Equity

Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• Land Acknowledgment• In Attendance: M. Broughton, A. Osborne, C. Giroux, J. Mitchell, K. Rodic, M. Minic, N. Simic, A. Lloyd	
Minutes from Last Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N/A	
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple year end trips are happening – details are posted in the Weekly Memo sent out every Sunday.• We are looking for donations to support trips and the Nutrition Program, need volunteers / assistance to boost fundraising initiatives.• Collaboration has been ongoing with Glendale High School in Arts, Coding, and Robotics. Several grades have been included to give students options for getting involved in the wider school community in a variety of ways.• The PRO Grant Allocation assisted us in offering a Literacy and Numeracy Table at our Open House. Our Reading Specialist and School Math Facilitator created engaging activities to assist families in supporting their children at home. Suggestion to use the PRO Grant for alternate opportunities next year – possibly a speaker to support parents in navigating social media.• 40 iPads and 50 laptops were purchased; 7/8s will all have laptops for next year. The remaining iPads will be passed down to the younger grades.• Volunteers with Police Checks (Vulnerable Sector Screening) are needed to support class trips, the Nutrition Program and school events. Planning trips becomes very difficult without the supervision needed.• We are looking into expanding the sinks and facilities in the Nutrition Room in order to be able to provide fresh snacks in our Nutrition Program.	T. Morabito

School Improvement Plans / Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EQAO – gr. 3 Math scores increased from the previous year by 27%. VDES has been supported by a full-time Reading Specialist and Math Facilitator during 2024-2025. Our Educators have had the opportunity to take advantage of extra Professional Development from our in-school experts throughout the year. 	T. Morabito / J. Welsh
Staff Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upcoming trips posted in the Weekly Memos Sports – Waterpolo, Access Athletics, Soccer, Flag Football, Track and Field events running in May and June. Shoe Tying Clinics – offered during Nutrition Breaks in the gym. The Talent Show is coming up in June. 	L. Hagan (absent) J. Welsh
Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smoothie Fundraiser – while well-received, the return on each smoothie was quite low but gave us the opportunity to offer something new and different. Possibly going to repeat the Crispy Creme fundraiser next year. Kernels fundraiser is coming up in June – goal to raise money for technology and the Nutrition Program. Pizza Day profits are used to fund trips. Parental support in the school is necessary to increase fundraising. Funding from Tastebuds to support our Nutrition Program was received to finish up the school year. 	
Meeting Dates and Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBA (September 2025) 	
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBA (September 2025) 	All are welcome.
Agenda for Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The September meeting will include Elections for council positions – Chair, Co-chair etc. Please monitor weekly updates, school messenger and our website for invitations for nominations and voting. The council is planning to provide a Parent/School Council table at Meet the Teacher Night in October 2025. 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.

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