

Don Valley Middle School Parent Council Meeting

February 25, 2025

7pm, Virtual Microsoft Team

Attendees: Lesley Moore, Principal Karailiadis, Brent Logan, Andrea M, RC, Amy C., John Kim, and Catharine

School Updates

Indigo Grant Update

- In final year of the Indigo Grant and all funds will be utilized
 - o Furniture has been ordered
 - o Cataloguing the books

Overnight Trips

Grade 7 – Island School

- Two dates: March 3 – 5; March 5 – 7.
- Cost: \$150
- During Ramadan, students who are taking part in Ramadan will be accommodated for morning prayers and meals.

Grade 8 – White Pine

- Date: June 10 – 13
- Cost: \$300 (payment in installments available).

Hub Meetings

- Collaboration and hub meetings started for networking and learning with the Principals from the following Middle Schools: Donview MS, Don Valley MS, St. Andrew's MS, Windfields MS, and Woodbine MS
- First Hub Meeting occurred on Feb 12th in the morning at St. Andrew's Middle School
- Agenda included:
 - o School Initiatives
 - o School Improvement Planning
 - o School Tour (D & T room)
 - o Monthly meeting on rotation for the remainder of the year (DVMS will be hosting in June)

Fundraising Initiative: Letter to the Community (Library Learning Commons)

- DVMS Music Sharing Nights - \$500
- Letter to community for Library Learning Commons (fundraising initiative for 2024/2025) on going - \$100
- Pizza Lunch continue for the remainder of the school year
 - o February 27, March 20, April 3, 17, May 1, 15, 29, June 12 and 26.
 - o Feedback has continued to be positive.

- Special thanks to the grade 8s (M. Dinescu) distribution and parent volunteers!
- Approximate profit - \$6000

Nutrition Program Grant

- Application submitted for grant for nutrition program. Currently waiting to hear back.
- Nutrition Liaison Officer (NLO): Mary Molinaro
- Parent Volunteer: Martha P.

Other Business

Graduation Sub-Committee

- Stay tune for additional information on date for Grade 8 Graduation Sub-Committee
- Based on a survey of grade 8 families – approximately 80% preferred the event to take place off campus.
- Date – Wednesday, June 18th, 2025
- Venue: Parkview Manor (55 Barber Greene Rd #1, North York, ON M3C 2A1)
- Stay tuned for more details.

Future Meetings

- No meeting scheduled in March
- April 29, 2025
- May 27, 2025
- June will be a meeting with the Admin Team and Co-Chairs to finalize the School Report.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm