

Don Valley Middle School Council Meeting, April 29, 2025

7pm, Virtual Microsoft Team

School Updates

Indigo Grant

- Finalized and submitted for remaining literature selection.
- Furniture is not under this grant and will need to be planned out over the next few years by council/school budget.

Staffing 2025/2026

- Reviewed distribution of staff allocations. 22.5 teaching staff planned for September 2025.
- October 2025, class allocation and staffing requirements will be reviewed to optimise staffing/student ratios.

Overnight Trips

Grade 8 – White Pine – Confirmed

- Confirmed for June 10 – 13 - \$325. Experience funds may support financial needs.

Fundraising

Pizza Lunch

- Feedback continues to be positive
- Special thanks to Grade 8s (M. Dinescu) for assisting with distribution and parent support
- Year to date, profit is at \$8735
- Upcoming pizza lunch dates: May 15, 29, June 12 and 26

Lunchbox (Subway Lunch) – on Tuesdays

- First Subway lunch occurred with 40 orders and has been gaining momentum
- Feedback: Well organized and positive feedback from students/parents.

DVMS Music Sharing Nights - \$500. Funds have been allocated to music repairs.

Letters to the community for Library Learning Commons - \$405.

TDESAA season and Memorial Cricket Tournament

- Cricket tournament honours former teacher who passed away (Mr. V.)
- Several sports running this term (Flag Rugby, Track and Field, Ultimate Frisbee)

Nutrition Program Grant

- Paperwork has been submitted and site visits have been completed
- Application is still under review for final approval

Mme. Giddings - Funeral Arrangement

- Graveside service to take place for Mme Giddings in Hamilton on May 9th, details to follow

Grade 8 Graduation

- Date: June 18 (Evening)
- Location: Parkview Manor – 55 Barber Greene Road, Unit 1
- Invitations will be sent home shortly

Hub Meetings

- Five middle schools in the area (Donview M.S., Don Valley M.S., St. Andrew's M.S., Windfields M.S., and Woodbine M.S.) continue to network and learn from each other
- Last Hub Meeting occurred on April 29th – Morning at Donview M.S.
- Reviewed Donview's school initiatives, school improvement plans and school tour
- Next rotation at Woodbine in May then at Don Valley in June

School Settlement Worker

- Presentation by Nidhi Gogia, School Settlement Worker, Centre for Immigrant and Community Services
- Contact info: 647-332-9590 (Mobile)
- www.cicscanada.com
- Services offered for newcomer families, youth, women along with parents and children.

Confirmed Parent Council Meeting dates for 2024 – 2025

- June will be a meeting with the Admin Team and Co-Chairs to finalize the School Report only

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm