

DEVONSHIRE COMMUNITY PUBLIC SCHOOL - SCHOOL COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

6:00-8:00

Devonshire Community Room - Room 311

Devonshire School Council is a group of volunteers who work to complement and enrich the educational experience of Devonshire students. Every parent/guardian is a voting member of council. You simply have to be present at the meeting in order to vote. Volunteering and attending School Council meetings are great ways to be informed and to shape the direction of the school for your children.

Item	Agenda Topics	Presenter	Time/Duration
1	Welcome & Approval of Agenda	Sonja Woods Marc Banzet	6:00-6:10
2	Teacher and Principal's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information updates• School Cash Online• School Learning Plan and Wellbeing Plan• Requests for support<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Technology	Julie Derbyshire	6:10-7:00 (50 minutes)
3.	Treasurer's Report	Ian Rae	7:00-7:10 (10 minutes)
4	Events to date & Upcoming events: Movie night: January 19th	Sonja Woods Marc Banzet	7:10- 7:25 (20 minutes)
5.	Fundraising to date: pizza, pita, dance-a-thon, Gingerbread House event	Joan, Lois, Sonja	7:25- 7:45 (10 minutes)
6.	Next Steps and Questions	All members	As needed

1. Committee welcomed by co-chairs; agenda approved.

2) School Updates (Teacher and Principal)

Mme Megan - Kindergarten

The Turtle and Dragon Classes have shown continued interest in our school garden and how the plants are changing with the frost. We have been watching the leaves and vegetables die and decompose. We brought our pumpkin and gourds back outside to let them compost in the garden. We have also been talking about animal adaptations for the colder days- hibernation, migration, adaptations.

Mme Silvie - Grade 1

All Grade 1's hiked today to Mer Bleue (environmental education program). Students explored the components of a healthy environment: clean air and water, different animal species, healthy trees.

Dec 8th Grade 1's will have a fire safety presentation.

Grades 4/5/6 have all had visits to the Parkdale Food Centre this month. Students from grades 4/5 made salads from garden towers here at school last Thursday, November 23rd.

Grades 4-5-6 Bordenball

Jenny Dunlop and Dana Daley are doing boys and girls bordenball teams. The tournaments are in mid-December.

Practices take place in the morning 2x a week and during the school day.

Whole School

All classes are looking forward to TRADANSA - A **HUGE** thank you to School Council for funding this.

Remembrance Day Assembly was a respectful event held on Friday, November 10th. Students from various classes presented. Corry Robinson organized this event with Karin Le Madec and many students of the Tech Club.

New sessions of Yoga (grades 1-6), Squirmies (grades 1-6), Chess(grades 1-6) and NEW Drama (grades 1-6) have started. Yoga sessions for Kindergarten will be started after Christmas.

Our Mindfulness workshops are currently being scheduled for January-April. School Council had agreed to pay :) in September. Classes will have 4s 30 minute sessions of mindfulness.

Joan Coulter has started a choir with the support of Anna Sorokan. Students are being encouraged to bring instruments.

Tomorrow is Diabetes Awareness Day. Students will wear blue all day. This has been organized by 4A.

Huge thanks to Juliet McMurren for organizing our Scholastic Book Fair. The sale raised \$4121.80 for our library!

School Learning Plan: Feedback will be our focus for all areas of the curriculum. Staff will provide feedback to promote risk-taking, reflecting and collaboration (with peers and adults).

Well-Being Plan: Focus: Social-emotional

School community (staff, parents and students) focus on OCDSB Character traits and providing feedback and support for conflict, self-regulation, bullying etc.

School Cash Online

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board will now be offering School Cash Online as its preferred method of payment for all school fees, including everything from field trips to yearbooks. Devonshire will begin promoting this on December 1st.

School Cash Online helps parents and community members pay school-related fees safely, quickly and easily. By using School Cash Online, you help increase efficiency and security at schools by making payments

directly into your school's bank account. This allows teachers and secretaries to focus on helping students, and not counting cash. Plus, you get to stay informed of your child's activities and needs!

Powered by KEV Group, School Cash Online is the industry leader in school financial management. The new system puts all of the school fees available to your student online for purchase. Schools post their items and activities through the system and assign the relevant fees to your child/student. You can then choose to purchase these fees online through three different methods, including credit cards. You can also stay informed and keep track of which school fees require your attention.

Automated External Defibrillators

All OCDSB schools will have Automated External Defibrillators by September 2018. This includes Devonshire! Where a medically fragile student or staff member has been identified as requiring medical support, those schools will be prioritized. All remaining installations will occur in geographic clusters for efficiency purposes. Staff to inspect these devices will be trained and 2 staff per school will be trained to use these devices.

Requests:

Funding for Piano Tuning

We have 3 pianos in the school and would like to determine which are ok to use and which ones to tune (we think we likely have 2/3 that are in good condition). - **Approved. Some council members also suggested that the option of purchasing keyboards be investigated if pianos are unable to be repaired, or if keyboards would better suit student needs (portability, etc.)**

Sports Jerseys

We have purchased 20 sports jerseys (as approved by school council in October). Approximate cost is \$24 per jersey. We will have final invoice soon.

Technology Requests

School Council approved approx \$2000 for tech.

a) Our tech committee would like to purchase 2 sets of the following....

iPad WiFi 32 GB	\$429.00
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Dewey Ipad Holder	94\$
Lightning to VGA/HDMI	69\$

592+tax, plus a case - Approved

See [Dewey here](#) for how we will use these tools to support student learning for our school learning plan goals, feedback, sharing of student learning etc. An ipad is an invaluable tool for other uses in the school too.

b) Our tech committee would like to purchase 1 mountable projector for room 203. This is a classroom currently without a projector (all other classrooms - other than the community room - have a mounted projector).

Approximate cost: \$1000 - **Approved**

3) Treasurer's Report

4) Events to Date; Upcoming Events

Danceathon – 3408.75 = 3000.00 – Tradanza

Movie Night – January 19th, 2017 – Free Event

The movie will be Trolls.

Baked goods and juice will be sold

Bake sale and juice free event cookies sold

Media Literacy Event – Media Smarts – Sonja to look into this and provide more information

Fundraising to date

Fundraising appeal

Vicka, spread sheets thank you for staff

Fundraising inequity mtg appeal plan

Fundraising Requests

FaceBook encouraging people to post pics

Last Tuesday in January next meeting