

School Community Council (SCC) Meeting Minutes

Date: October 7, 2025

Attendees:

- Ashima Gahunia
- Neetin Salwan
- Noorin
- Karmagna Aurora
- Ujeeta Mistry
- Hanan Hassanein
- Samira Ali
- Snehal Paleja
- Aadhirah (Student Rep)
- Thanuka (Student Rep)
- Kathryn Park (Teacher Rep)

Regrets:

- Kim Moss Collins
- Emilete Steward
- Tharsika

Meeting Chair:

Agenda Item	Discussion
1. Land Acknowledgement & DDSB Indigenous Inherent Rights & Human Rights Statements	
2. Meeting Norms and Attendance	
3. Agenda	 SCC Agenda • Land Acknowledgement • DDSB Indigenous Inherent Rights & Human Rights Statements • SCC Members Shall... • Welcome and Meeting Norms • Introductions & Attendance • SCC Video From The Board & What is the SCC? • Elections and Voting • Library Update & SOAR 194 • New Executive Announced • Administrators' Report • What's Next? & Planning Forwards • Fundraising & Community Engagement Ideas = Focus of Nov. 4th SCC Mtg • Meeting Adjourned
4. About the SCC	• SCC Video from DDSB shared with link to SCC Info on DDSB website

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	What is the SCC? WHAT IS A SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL? - The School Community Council (known as an SCC) is a group of interested parents, school staff and community members who work with the Principal & VP as an <u>advisory group</u> to support the students of the school. Every publicly funded school in Ontario has an SCC. WHAT DOES AN SCC DO? - SCCs support student achievement by advising the principal of the school on matters related to the school. SCCs communicate information to the parent community regarding community council items. HOW OFTEN DOES THE SCC MEET? - All parents and guardians are welcome to attend all meetings. - Elections for this school year's executive will take place at on the first Tuesday in October. - Meeting dates and times are established & communicated at the beginning of the school year. - SCCs meet at least four times each school year, but may meet more frequently. WHAT WILL I HAVE TO DO IF I BECOME A VOTING MEMBER OF THE SCC? - You should plan to attend all SCC meetings during the year and participate in the decision making conducted by the SCC. In addition, many SCC's help initiate and support the Parent Reaching Out (PRO) grants. • SCC Executive Roles & Responsibilities Reviewed
5. Elections & Voting	Voting begins now... - Chair - Vice Chair - Treasurer - Secretary  If I am elected to the SCC, I will uphold my responsibilities under these policies and procedures within the scope of the SCC's mandate and within the scope of my role, authority, and influence in all SCC meetings, actions, recommendations, decision-making, communications, and initiatives, including my responsibilities to: → Treat SCC members and participants with dignity and respect → Promote and protect human rights → Identify, prevent, and address human rights barriers, issues, and discriminatory structures • P&VP confirmed that 2 of the individuals who self-nominated had since decided not to run for election. • The following persons were elected: ○ Chair = Snehal Paleja ○ Vice Chair = Ashima Gahunia (acclaimed/appointed) ○ Treasurer = Karm Aurora ○ Secretary = Ujeeta Mistry (acclaimed/appointed)
6. Administrators' Report	• SOAR 194 School Year Kick Off Video shared

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	Administrators' Report • Ajax Fire - dVPS Fire Chief for the Day! • First month of school is complete! • First day, first week and beyond! • SOAR 194! • Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Night was fantastic! • School Photo Day • Terry Fox Run Event Day - so great! Best one yet! • Orange Shirt Day • Extracurriculars Week-at-a-Glance • PD Day = October 20th • Volunteer of Distinction = Snehal Paleja (Oct. 23rd) • Progress Reports Go Home November 12th • Pizza Days • Parking Lot & Kiss and Ride • Our Field Restoration & Guinness Park Green Space     Safety and Health Open Your Heart Always Respectful Responsibility  Volunteer of Distinction • Kiss N Ride update provided on pylon poles • Update provided on new grass • Messaging from Town of Ajax re: Guinness Park Green Space changes shared
7. Current financials	• Opening Balance = \$194.40
8. Fundraising and Community Engagement Ideas	What's Next? <u>Connecting with our new executive:</u> • Get SCC Chair access to SCC email • Next SCC Meeting = Tues. Nov. 4th • Set meeting dates for the year • Review current financials - Opening balance = \$194.40 • Attend Central SCC Meeting (Admin & Chair) • Prepare agenda for next meeting Central SCC Meeting: Wed. Oct. 15th @ the DDSB Education Centre (6:30-8:30pm) 
9. Meeting adjourned...next Meeting	• Wednesday, November 4th @ 6:30 pm