



DeWitt Carter Public School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

March 2024

**Our fundraising directly benefits our students.
Thank you for your support!**

Date: Tuesday, Mar 26, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: DeWitt Carter Library

Balance: \$5869.81

In Attendance:

Board Members

Dave H	<i>Principal</i>
Jennifer L	<i>Teacher Rep</i>
Melissa L	<i>Chair</i>
Victoria P*	<i>Co-Chair</i>
Jenn M	<i>Communications Manager</i>
Hope B*	<i>Treasurer</i>
Mel R	<i>Secretary</i>

Parents in Attendance

Miklos B
Alisha C
Kerri H
Chris L
Jenn M

**Absent*

1. Welcome - Chair Melissa L

2. Administration Report - Principal David Howell

- Staffing: Spring student population approximately ~280; September 2024 student population estimated at 290; likely to have a third section of kindergarten. Minor adjustments to staffing expected.
- Track School Meet: May 16, Area Meet, May 22, DSBN Meet June 12
- Furnace continues to require repair, gym will periodically lose heat as work is done.
- Sidewalk repair from back fence to school will be completed this summer.
- April 8 PA Day (No PA Day in May): Training on reading tool pilot.
- EQAO held in May and June.
- Grade 8 Graduation Date June 26
- School Trips: Jellystone Park, Safari Niagara, Wicked Production (Toronto)
- Note re: Safe Schools / Suspensions: Suspensions are used as a last resort when safety is an issue.
- National ParaHockey Championships will be held at Vale May 16 - 19.

3. Finance - Balance: \$5869.81

- **Motion to Increase High Jump Bar allocation to \$225**
 - Motion: Jenn M.
 - Second: Chris L.
 - Carried
- Various items from last year will be purchased after construction is completed to avoid damages.
- Basketball net replacements: Have used metal mesh but has been broken, considering rope mesh. Tabled until September.

4. Old Business

- **Chocolate Bar Bingo March 7**
 - 105 people attended.
 - Oil from the provided snack (chips) was transferred to Bingo cards. Consider providing a different snack or no snack next year.
- **Fun Night June 5**
 - Time to approach businesses for donations.
 - Next meeting: Wednesday, April 17

5. New Business

- **Upcoming Dates:**
 - Popcorn Days: April 12
 - Freezie Day: May 3, May 24
 - Pizza/Milk Days: Every Friday
 - End of Year Barbecue: Monday, June 24 during 2nd Break

6. Discussion Items

- Question from parent regarding DeWitt's Cell Phone Policy:
 - Existing policy requires students to keep their cellphones in their lockers during school hours.

Fun Fair Sub-Committee Meeting: Wednesday April 17th @ 6:00 pm in DeWitt Carter Library

General Meeting: Tuesday April 23 @ 6:00 pm in DeWitt Carter Library