



DeWitt Carter Public School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

February 2024

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

Date: Tuesday, Feb 27, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: DeWitt Carter Library

Balance: \$6,550.86

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 processes for next year are underway; minor changes expected.
- Population nearing 300 students.
- Education Assistants will be assigned soon.
- Kinders & Grade 3/4 June Trip: Safari Niagara.
- Grade 1/2 Trip: TBD
- Grade 7/8 Trip: Balls Falls camping with activities and food included.
- Grade 5/6 Trip: Wicked Matinee in Toronto.
- Gymnastics will take form of club, to help kids get accustomed.
- Chess / Dungeons & Dragons clubs have started.
- Junior Basketball will start after March Break, tryouts upcoming.
- Construction is ongoing.
- iSocial: After school program for Autistic Kids, 4 days a week 4pm-6pm, potentially starting in April.
- Update Request re: Status of reconstruction of path from back gate to school.

3. Finance - Balance: \$6,550.86

- Bingo expenses allocated from last year will be used to buy Mr. Chips reusable Bingo cards; we will borrow other needed supplies this year.

4. Old Business

- **Valentines Hot Chocolate Day**
 - Well received by kids, fun for the volunteers - will do again!

5. New Business

- **March 27 - Hot Chocolate Day**
- **March 7 - 6pm - Chocolate Bar Bingo:**
 - Setup begins 4pm.
 - Chips and water given out at door in exchange for chocolate bar.
 - Parent supervision required for Grades K-5.
- **Motion to allocate \$150 to purchase a high jump bar.**
 - Motion: Chris L
 - Second: Jenn M
 - Carried
- **Fun Night - June 5**
 - First subcommittee meeting was held on Thursday Feb 22.
 - **Next meeting: Wednesday March 20 @ 6pm** in DeWitt Library
 - Donation letter for fundraising is available, contact Melissa L or Mrs. Shaw for copies.
- **Parent Council T-Shirts**
 - Cost with back screening is approx. \$15/shirt.
 - We will purchase 20 Shirts, cost will be about \$300.
- **End of Year Trips**
 - **Motion to allocate \$1400 (\$5/student) to support school trips.**
 - Motion: Chris L
 - Second: Jenn M
 - Carried
- **DSBN Parent Involvement Committee:**
 - EQAO testing results have been published online.
 - Test results can be found here:
 - <https://www.eqao.com/report/?id=1832&mident=139823>

6. Discussion Items

- DeWitt Carter Thank You Cards & Parent Council Banner:
 - Mr. Howell will contact DSBN print shop for pricing.

- **Motion to allocate \$80 to purchase inflatable dragon for use at events.**
 - Motion: Chris L
 - Second: Jenn M
 - Carried

Next meeting March 26, 2024 @ 6:00pm in DeWitt Carter Library