

DMC School Society Board Meeting Agenda (Immediately Following AGM)

Date: Thursday, September 10, 2026

Time: 7:15 pm (or immediately following AGM)

Location: DMC School

In Attendance: Kim, Stephanie, Keely, Frankie, Sheree, Sasha, Melanie, Anna, Wayne, Jason, Darcy

1. Welcome & Call to Order

- Call to order @ 6:36pm

2. Approval of Agenda

- First – Sasha Second - Wayne

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- First – Sasha Second - Kim

4. Strategic Items for Approval

- **Strategic Plan**
 - Takes us to 2027
 - Still have one year left of plan
 - Conversation about larger projects
 - Focus area: student well being, obstacle course accomplished this year
 - Student mental health event
 - Focus area: teacher appreciation
 - Create and implement teacher appreciation initiative, successfully done that.
 - We will continue to do these things, and have budgeted for them
 - Wanted to consult with school leadership to see what was meaningful
 - Third area of focus, school enhancement, improving overall school improvement
 - One enhancement project to improve school experience (shelved this goal). This is the year we look at these projects. Could be anything from technology, landscaping, could be a number of things;
 - Wayne: where do they eat lunch?
 - Grade 6s in classrooms and everybody else in the hallways
 - Wayne: can we improve that?
 - Jason: it's for supervision, gets chaotic when there's one space, easier to manage when they're spread out. No space even in the building to have one area.
 - Older schools have cafeterias (Wayne: can we build that?)
Jason: who would clean it?

- Anna: next meeting, really think about what the school needs and come up with plans for long term projects
- No objections to focus on school improvement projects this year
- **Working Budget**
 - See documents from Kim
 - No bbq happening right now that money can be used somewhere else
 - Steph: apple fundraiser is missing, no idea how much we'll make off this
 - Will update as we go
 - Very clear fundraising plan
- **Fundraising Plan**
 - Will discuss next month
- **Teacher Appreciation Plan**
 - Will discuss next month

5. Event Planning

- **Read-a-thon**
 - Anna: read-a-thon didn't exist before us, it would be a shame to kill it and restart in the future. It is one of our most lucrative fundraisers. How do we simplify it?
 - Frankie: also doesn't want to get rid of it, we should try again. Most of the heavy lifting was done last year
 - Sasha: the hardest part was getting sponsorships
 - Steph: could we use some of our own money for prizes?
 - Could have less gift cards
 - Frankie thinks it needs to be substantial
 - Kim: two years ago they didn't make any money, it was negligible
 - Frankie: going through all the papers was most laborious
 - Anna: it's reading, that's an important piece
 - Anna: getting donated prizes eats up a lot of energy. We could sponsor prizes and ask for donations.
 - Jason: it would be a shame to let it go now. You could decide after a third year. Some minutes at the school would be great, some kids don't have support at home. We're excluding them because they won't have parents to push them
 - Wayne: should display the prizes, so they can see it every day
 - Big prizes were for funds raised, not reading minutes
 - The fundraising is the purpose of the event
 - Push it to February – "For the Love of Reading"
 - Wayne: times are tough for people, can people even donate right now?
 - Anna: maybe we shouldn't exclude audiobooks

- Jason: prize to teachers, a day in lieu
- Jason: if you have a letter, they can circulate it to all the families
- Frankie will work on the letter tomorrow
- Dates: January 25th to February 5th, stuff in by the 10th
- **Open House**
 - September 17th
 - Will set up table, Wayne will organize
- **September Teacher Appreciation**
 - Wayne to do a September treat, we don't want to do something monthly
 - Maybe every two months – maybe a breakfast cooked for them
 - No home made food, only do purchased and packaged
 - Will still do meals for parent teacher nights
 - Wayne will talk with Jason and Dacy
 - Wayne: should we do the end of year bbq as an annual event?
 - Wayne's budget: \$4k
- **Casino:**
 - Minimum of 30 more positions to be filled
 - Anna: we need to push out another urgent sign up
 - Steph: by October 1st, if we're significantly short, can we reach out to feeder schools to get a push for more volunteers?

6. Bylaws

- Wayne had to rewrite them, surprised they were ever legal
- See Wayne's edited/updated version
- If it's in red, it's been added
- Will add fundraising coordinator
- Kim: can we table voting on them until the next meeting?
- Steph: if we do it in the next meeting, we have to advertise it that there will be a special resolution
- All coordinators are voting positions now
- Anna: would like to move to adopt the document, Frankie – second, ALL in favour 100% approved
- Wayne will do the changes, and will update them to the drive for everyone to sign

7. Other Business:

- Steph: repots are done, ready to be signed
- Jason: are you interested in paying for Paul Davis:
 - Anna: YES!
 - \$650 plus GST – Jason will pay for it and we will reimburse

- If Paul does a parent session, or parents are invited, we can use the CBE card. Jason will talk to him.
- Jason: can we include the staffroom for the wishlists?

8. Adjournment

- Adjourned @ 7:34pm