

## DMC School Council January 2026 Meeting Minutes

Location: DMC School

In attendance: Darcy, Dana, Kim, Anna, Kari, Keely, Tim, Wayne, Frankie, Sasha

### 1. Welcome and call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Approved by Frankie (first) and Wayne (second)

### 3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Approved by Sasha (first) and Keely (second)

### 4. Principal's Report

#### Dana Thompson, student services

- Part of the math team
- Revamped intervention
  - Were using rocket math, minimal by in from students
  - Focusing on regrouping, doing it in a more organic way
  - Lots of project work
    - Grade 9s, statistics and probability, surveying the entire school
    - Grade 6s, IXL, got a really good deal, total school by in, super easy, everyone is loving it. Super user friendly, sends reports, very individual
    - Are hoping to ask council for money for it for next year
    - Cost is about \$16k
    - Anna – good for us to know so we can plan for it
  - Grade 8s and 9s, tech teacher and construction teacher are being a second teacher in the class, taking small groups
  - Ms. Manning does grade 7 intervention, lots of drill and practice
  - Some of the kids are being pulled for math at non math times, not all teachers and students are loving it but they're trying to make it for short times
- All stocked up for resources, nothing they really need for math
- Kim: will there be regrouping? Wel love it and parents have been liking it.  
Dana: yes, notes do go home so parents know what is happening
- They feel like they are on the right track for math

#### Darcy's report

- Donut Day:
  - The school feels like it went well, only had a few extras that went home to teachers and families
  - Frankie: did we do well? We didn't see money for next day sale

- The school does want to do it again, but with some slight changes
- Report cards pushed back to February 24<sup>th</sup>, will not be printed off
- Term 1 ends January 27<sup>th</sup>, Term 2 starts January 28<sup>th</sup>
- IPPs go home on February 24<sup>th</sup>, printed
- Volleyball has kicked off, teams have been chosen this week. Admin gave teachers options and some teachers have still stepped up. Two teachers per team, juniors and seniors
- Cameras: new camera system, operation, inside and outside, no audio, images are pretty good. External cameras throughout the building, not pointing to public, ends at our property line. No cameras in the gyms, hallways. Cameras are pointing everywhere there is a bathroom, not pointing in and can see who is going in and out, is a blessing and a curse. Darcy has already spent lots of time looking at footage. Gets recorded, can go back historically not sure how long it stays for
- Jason and Darcy did a blitz on presentations to grade 8s, we've had an uptick in complaints/concerns about racialized language. They did 7 classes today of 20 minute presentations on use of racialized language and that it's becoming normalized for some students. Most of it is concerns outside the classroom. It was educational. Make them know they are aware. Teaching students to respond to racialized language, giving strategies to students on how to deal with it. Empowering everyone. For the rest of the grades the teachers are just rolling it out
- January 30<sup>th</sup>, system wide PD Day, online and in person
- February 27<sup>th</sup>, in house PD day where teachers can share some of their own knowledge. Had a meeting today to firm up and finalize the plans. Will plan out the day so teachers can sign up for each session.
- Next week is Spirit week. Leadership classes are putting that together.
- Sasha, will you guys be doing colour wars this year: Darcy/Dana, yes, we still have some planned. One in the winter, and will likely do a bunch in the spring when they can be outside
- Leadership may organize a dance. Will likely do a spring dance right before March break.
- School report/survey:
  - entire school, Darcy says they feel confident and happy where they are at
  - Anna, any highlights you want us to know about?
  - Will be posted on the website
  - Dana – we really explained to them about how to complete the surveys
  - Anna – might be a fun idea to highlight some strengths maybe on social media
  - two more surveys happening before spring break

**5. Change in Meeting Day/Time (Wayne):**

- brought the bylaws
- Everything highlighted in orange is relevant
- We can do what we please, we don't even have to tell anybody
- We can decide now what that frequency is
- Only bylaws for society, we need to find operating procedures for council
- Frankie: to Darcy, are you ok with us going down to 5 meetings a year. They are in agreement.
- Motion: reduce to 5 council meetings annually (will confirm if that is all kosher). Wayne moves that we move to 5 meetings, Frankie seconds. Will go to 6pm, from 6:30pm. Effective for March.

**6. Other business:**

No other business

Adjourned: 7:05pm