

SCC Meeting – October 25, 2023, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Present:

- Principal – Ms. McIntosh
- Vice Principals- Ms. Brown, Ms. Da Camara
- SCC Chair
- Student and teacher representatives
- Parent participating members (20-30 in attendance)

Topic	Notes
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order by Marcia Cummings at 6.30 pm
Welcome & Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marcia Cummings welcomed all present. This was followed by the land acknowledgement
Land Acknowledgement	
<p>The Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.</p>	
DDSB Human Rights & Equity Statement	
<p>The Durham District School Board is committed to learning environments that are safe, welcoming, respectful, equitable, accessible, inclusive, and free from discrimination while placing Human Rights and Equity at the center.</p>	
Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the commencement of the school year and appointment of the Secretary for the 2023-2024 School year- there were no minutes of previously held SCC meeting
Student Representative Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maya Harrison – President Elect Maya is the newly elected student President (effective 2 weeks)- introduced herself to the committee and will provide a more detailed update at the following meeting. • 2 student representatives/ executive members of PHS Students for Change presented on the "Feed the Need" in Durham initiative. Notable points included. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Over 134, 000 visits to the food banks in Durham ○ 38% of people who access food banks are children (approx. 50 times the PHS enrollment) ○ Local food banks rely on contributions to feed the community. As such- the students are looking to meet and surpass last year's total! ○ Students are welcomed to drop off non perishable food items at lunch in the main office. For every 3 items donated, students will be entered for an amazing prize!

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- Prizes include Gift cards (Cineplex, Smash, Landmark, Canadian Tire, Starbucks, Dominoes, Tim's) and many more
 - For additional community involvement, the annual drive through food drive outside the main entrance will take place on October 28th from 10 am – 2 pm and the Leadership Class's pumpkin patch in the south parking lot. All proceeds will go to the Center for Addiction and Mental Health ("CAMH") and Feed the Need .
 - Lastly- the annual Halloween bake sale will take place on Tuesday October 31st in the atrium at lunch
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Teacher Representative Report

- Chris Davis
 - The Gay Straight Alliance ("GSA") is planning a masquerade on October 25, 2023
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Principal's Report

- Eleanor McIntosh
 - Human Rights Presentation
DDSB has updated, communicated, and rolled out its Human Rights Policies. To learn more about what the Board is doing- These policies will apply to all students, staff and members of the SXX
Please refer to the [DDSB site](#) for further details.
 - Sex Trafficking continues to be something our community needs to be aware of. There will be a Sex Trafficking Presentation (VSDR) – Oct 26 6-8 pm
(<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sex-trafficking-education-and-prevention-program-october-2023-tickets-676114455537?aff=oddtcreator>)
 - Ontario secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) Update- Prep classes for students who will be retaking the OSSLT will be available.
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Chair's Report

- Marcia Cummings
 - Career Fair – Jan 11, 2024^h, 11:30-2pm
 - Financial Literacy Workshop
 - Breakfast Program (hot breakfast)

Career Fair
Geared towards Grade 11 and Grade 12s, last year the career fair was a huge success in providing the students a perspective on post secondary pathways to success. This year's fair is planned for January 11, 2024, to allow students time to reflect on their options and provide input into their university and course selections. We are hoping for a bigger and better year and are looking to our parent community for support.
Volunteers are needed for the upcoming career fair. Involvement can include logistics, planning, presenting at a booth, chairing a formal session or referrals. Please contact the [SCC chair](#) if you would like to participate!

Financial Literacy
Geared towards Grade 11 and Grade 12s- 2 in class sessions are being held (late in the second semester) where an accountant or financial planner meets with the registered students with the objective of enhancing the financial literacy curriculum.
We are asking our parent community for support- if you or someone you know would be willing to volunteer please contact the [SCC Chair](#) for additional info
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Breakfast Program

As PHS is an early start school- there are several kids who, for various reasons, come to school each day skipping breakfast. The breakfast program was initiated by the staff to provide a quick, nutritious meal for kids who choose to each day so they don't start the school day hungry. With enrollment of almost 2,000- this expense adds up. We are asking parents to provide support in the following ways.

- Donation of individually packaged items (Muffins, granola bars, cheese strings, yogurt). The office opens daily at 7 am
- Ingredients for the staff to prepare baked goods- Flour, sugar etc.
- Donations through the [Cash Online](#). Any donations over \$35 are eligible for a tax receipt.

Other Business

- Participating members

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- November 22, 2023
 - February 21, 2024 (virtual)
 - April 24, 2024
 - May 22, 2024
 - June 19, 2024 (social)
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All SCC members must abide by DDSB policies and procedures (including the SCC Policy, the Indigenous Education Policy, the Human Rights, Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Racism Policy, the Safe and Respectful Workplace Policy, the Code of Conduct, and related procedures).

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*