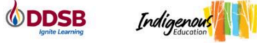



# School Community Council Minutes

**Date:** April 13th, 2026

**Present:** Lindsay, Tori, Tanya, Danielle, Naima, Courtney, Jordan, Elisabeth, Rebecca

**Regrets:**

Agenda Item	Minutes
<p><b>Welcome, Opening Remarks, Call to Order –</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting Commenced at 3:30pm</li> <li>● Welcome and Introductions</li> <li>● Land Acknowledgement &amp; Indigenous Rights and Human Rights statements</li> </ul> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <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.</p> <p>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> <p><small>This statement was co-created in partnership with the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and the Chippewas of Georgina Island</small></p>  </div> <div style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p style="color: #008080; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Indigenous Rights/Human Rights</p>  </div> <hr style="border: 1px solid #ccc; margin: 5px 0;"/> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">The Durham District School Board recognizes Indigenous rights are distinct. In the exercise of those rights, Indigenous staff and students shall not be subjected to actions with the aim or effect of depriving these distinct rights.</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">The Durham District School Board is committed to learning and working environments that centre human rights and equity and are safe, welcoming, respectful, equitable, accessible, inclusive and free from discrimination.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; gap: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: x-small;">SUCCESS</div> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: x-small;">WELL-BEING</div> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: x-small;">LEADERSHIP</div> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: x-small;">INDIGENOUS EDUCATION</div> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: x-small;">EQUITY</div> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: x-small;">ENGAGEMENT</div> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: x-small;">INNOVATION</div> </div> </div> </div>
<p><b>Approval of Agenda</b></p>	<div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-bottom: 5px;">  April 13 SCC Meeting Agendas         </div> <p>Motion to Approve April 13th Agenda- motioned by Danielle, Seconded by Lindsay. Unanimous- Motion Carried</p>
<p><b>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</b></p>	<div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">  March 2 2026 SCC Minutes         </div>
<p><b>Principal’s Report – Naima Thomas, Principal</b></p>	<p><b>1. Staffing Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Our new Music Teacher Mr. Oracion began today.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Following the birth of Mrs. Fataske’s baby, we shuffled teaching assignments to ensure greater consistency for students</li> <li>■ He will be teaching most classes from K-8</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Ms. Beaton now teaches Grade ½</li> <li>○ Mrs. Savoy is our dedicated occasional teacher</li> </ul>

	<p><b>2. Student Feature</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Entrepreneur Club:</b> received a \$1000 grant last year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Purchased a cricket cutter and a heat press to start a t-shirt design and printing business.</li> <li>■ Will be attending the Durham Region Skills competition this Wednesday and Durham College to launch their business system-side</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ <b>Mock EQAO:</b> Grade 3s and 6s are writing a Mock Exam this week.</li> <li>○ <b>Grade 3 Swim to Survive:</b> 3-week program to teach life-saving water safety skills to our student</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Special Dates &amp; Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Welcome to Kindergarten:</b> May 14th, 2026 (9am-11:30). Welcoming our new JKs to Mary Street</li> <li>○ <b>Salmon Revitalization Project:</b> May 15th, 2026 Gr 1-8 Field Trip to Goodwood Conservation Area</li> <li>○ <b>Grade 3 EQAO:</b> May 19th - 22nd, 2026</li> <li>○ <b>Grade 6 EQAO:</b> May 25th - 28th, 2026</li> <li>○ <b>Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony:</b> June 17th, 2026</li> <li>○ <b>Grade 1-7 End of Year Trip:</b> June 23, 2026 to Landmark Cinemas to see Toy Story 5</li> <li>○ <b>Grade 8 Graduation Trip:</b> June 24th, 2026</li> </ul> <p><b>4. DDSB Census</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All families of students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 and all students in Grades 7-12 are invited to complete this voluntary survey</li> <li>○ <a href="https://www.ddsb.ca/en/about-ddsb/student-census.aspx">https://www.ddsb.ca/en/about-ddsb/student-census.aspx</a></li> <li>○ You have have received an email, please consider filling it out for each child attending a DDSB school</li> <li>○ The Student Census findings are helping the board and schools to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Better understand student populations and school communities.</li> <li>● Open pathways and improve experiences and outcomes for students.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>5. DDSB Milestones for Success</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Give insights into child’s growth and the tools to support their learning, well-being and development</li> <li>○ Fosters collaborative partnership between parents, educators and students</li> </ul>
<b>School Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Volunteering for Welcome to Kindergarten (May 14/2026) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jordan, Danielle, Tanya</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Salmon Revitalization Project- Field trip May 20/26 at Goodwood Conservation Area (Grades 1-8)</li> <li>● Grade 8 Grad- June 17th afterschool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grade 8 Grad Trip- June 24</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Mental Health May <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First Week of May has theme days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Monday, May 4th: Movement</li> <li>■ Tuesday, May 5th: No technology</li> <li>■ Wednesday, May 6th: Wellness</li> <li>■ Thursday, May 7th: Thoughtful Thursday (letters of Gratitude)</li> <li>■ Friday, May 8th: Fun Friday</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Eco Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Speaking with Sheridan Nursery to possibly get a tree and create a Garden. Possibly a bench to remember Mrs. Heath.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Folk Dance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Over 30 students participating</li> <li>○ May 6, 2026 - DDSB Folkdance Jamboree</li> <li>○ Grades 2-6 learns specific dances</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Switched Resource Room and Conference room</li> </ul>
<b>Budget Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Made \$496.75 from Family Movie Night (included half of the fee for the streaming License)</li> <li>● Save money to purchase a Mary Street Community School Tent</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SCC to plan another event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Host an in school Move 'A' Thon (May 4)</li> <li>○ Decorate (lights, blacklights, fog machine)</li> <li>○ Ms. Orr has volunteered to DJ</li> </ul> </li> <li>● June Meeting- Monday June 1 change of time to 1700 (Motion Carried) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meeting time will be moved to 5pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Meeting Adjourned:</b> Jordan motioned to close Rebecca second, unanimous- motioned carried.</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting Date: May 4 at 1530</b></p>	