




## School Community Council Minutes

**Date:** April 8, 2025

**Present:** Sean Grace (Principal), Courtney Milne (teacher), Sarah Mitchell (teacher), Alexis Ward, Rebecca Haggerty, Elizabeth Hoogsteen, Jacob Redner, Tracy Brown, Deb Oldfield

**Regrets:**

Agenda Item	Minutes
<p><b>Welcome, Opening Remarks, Call to Order – Alexis Ward, SCC Chair</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting Commenced at 6:05pm</li> <li>● Welcome and Introductions               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Special Welcome to Tracy Brown (Chair/Trustee for Whitby) and Deb Oldfield (Vice Chair/Trustee for Oshawa) from our Regional SCC Board</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Land Acknowledgement &amp; Indigenous Rights and Human Rights statements</li> </ul> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <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 style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Indigenous Rights/Human Rights</b> </p> <hr style="border: 1px solid #ccc;"/> <p>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>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: 5px;"> <span style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: 8px;">SUCCESS</span> <span style="background-color: #e67e22; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: 8px;">WELL-BEING</span> <span style="background-color: #f1c40f; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: 8px;">LEADERSHIP</span> <span style="background-color: #27ae60; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: 8px;">INDIGENOUS EDUCATION</span> <span style="background-color: #34495e; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: 8px;">EQUITY</span> <span style="background-color: #2980b9; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: 8px;">ENGAGEMENT</span> <span style="background-color: #3498db; color: white; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: 8px;">INNOVATION</span> </div> </div>
<p><b>Approval of Agenda</b></p>	<p>-approved</p>
<p><b>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes</b></p>	<p>-approved</p>
<p><b>Principal’s Report – Sean Grace, Principal</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Current classes: 2 FDK classes, gr 1, gr 1/2, gr 2/3, gr 3/4, gr 4/5, gr 5/6, gr 6/7, gr 7/8</li> <li>● 225 students</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Empowering Excellence School, officially starting in September 2025, 1 of 11 in DDSB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Focus on student strengths</li> <li>○ Addressing barriers for our students and shaping their experiences</li> <li>○ Connecting Communities and Families</li> <li>○ Allotted us an additional 0.5 Primary Resource Teacher and 0.5 7/8 Student Success Teacher</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● Extracurriculars has been a focus for our school this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Athletics: Volleyball, Cross Country, Cricket, Dodgeball, Basketball, Badminton, Wrestling, and more to come</li> <li>○ Holiday Caroling Group</li> <li>○ Music Lunch Lessons</li> <li>○ Dance Crew</li> <li>○ Lunch Art Club</li> <li>○ Girls Inc Group - Primary at lunch, 6-8 during class</li> <li>○ Boys Leadership Group</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● Grand Opening - May 15, 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Wilson - first principal of the school coming (1983)</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● Challenges: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Staff Support and Resources</li> <li>○ Connecting Families with resources and community and supports</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>SCC Updates on Upcoming Events</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Movie Night – April 17, 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 5:30pm, Animated Shorts</li> <li>○ Pajama Themed</li> <li>○ Popcorn, beverages, sweet treats, glow sticks</li> </ul> </li>   <li>● Spring Fling – June 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Local councillors, and Mayor will be here</li> <li>○ City of Oshawa - Rec, Bylaw, etc. all coming</li> <li>○ Oshawa Museum</li> <li>○ Library - including library card sign up</li> <li>○ Livingroom Art Bus - setting up in yard</li> <li>○ Food Truck?</li> <li>○ Fire Truck</li> <li>○ Oshawa Kicks</li> <li>○ Neil Manerowski, author, coming</li> <li>○ O’Neill performing arts coming</li> <li>○ Gabe &amp; Pancha ice cream</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chris Wonderluck - magazine creator</li> <li>○ Oshawa Tourism</li> <li>○ Dez Asante - local musician</li> <li>○ Face Painting</li> <li>○ Oshawa Generals - waiting to hear</li> <li>○ Toronto Zoo with artifacts</li> <li>○ Table Community Gardens - We Grow Food - waiting to hear</li> <li>○ Trustees to come</li> <li>○ Ignite Durham to have a table</li> <li>○ Pflag Durham</li> <li>○ Diversity and Inclusion</li> <li>○ DCHC</li> <li>○ Backdoor Mission</li> </ul>
<b>Budget Report</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$600 currently</li> <li>● Many community donations</li> </ul>
<b>Other Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting Adjourned: 6:52pm</b>	
<b>Next Meeting Date: TBD</b>	