



Viola Desmond Elementary School Parent Council Meeting Agenda Thursday September 26, 2024



Achievement

Engagement

Equity

Item

Discussion

Action

<p>Welcome</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Land Acknowledgment • In Attendance: T. Morabito, J. Welsh, *** 	<p>T. Morabito</p>
<p>Minutes from Last Meeting</p>		
<p>Principal's Report</p>	<p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student attendance during 1st two weeks are critical for advocating for personnel resources <p>Enrollment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased by 60 students from last year • 37 classrooms • Because VDES is a "High Priority School" class size is capped (e.g., primary capped at ___ students; FDK capped at ___ students) • VDES > 100% capacity <p>Education resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time math facilitator (Grades 3 & 6) • Full-time reading specialist (K – Grade 2) <p>Math-Up: math program by Marian Small</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 licenses (\$800 each) <p>STEM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only school in board with STEM in each class • Learning Commons Teacher: drama, library, STEM, Robotics • STEM/Robotics competition team (Grade 4-8) – went to Markham competition last spring: 8th place out of 16 teams (only school from HWDSB to place) <p>Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each classroom has a kit of 6 iPads <p>Home Reading Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal for 2024-2025 	

School Improvement Plans / Updates	Renovations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expansion of parking (25 additional spaces; 69 total); insufficient to meet all parking needs (80 staff + 14 daycare workers) Addition of 8th portable last year Expanded play area (field) on left side of school Next: explore accessing “Port-a-Pack” Traffic Flow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car and pedestrian traffic flow continues to be major concern around VDES “No Parking” on streets around VDES Driveway cannot be used by buses 	T. Morabito / J. Welsh
Staff Report	nil	L. Hagan (absent)
Fundraising	Laptops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School purchased 50 new laptops for Grade 8’s with fundraising money from last year Pizza Days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resuming September 27 New provider: Twice-a-deal Pro-grants – defer until November meeting	
Meeting Dates and Times	Every 2 months	
Next Meeting	Next November 7, 2024 (All are welcome.
Agenda for Next Meeting	School Trips <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to increase student trip opportunities Meeting Agendas will be posted in the School Council Binder in the main office one week prior to the meetings. 	Agenda items must be forwarded to the office one week prior to the meeting date.

All are welcome to attend! Thank you for supporting our school!