

West Dover School Council

January 14, 2026

In attendance: Lana Christmas, Christine Cahoon, Ariana Kippers, Katie Dalton, Andy Shannon, Michelle Rothwell, Roy Strum, Clara Devos. **Guests:** Dustin Link (gr2), Carrie-Lee Ash (gr3)

1. **Call meeting to order** by Ariana @ 6:05pm
2. **Approval of agenda:** Approved by Chris; second by Lana
3. **Approval of minutes:** Approved by Chris; second by Ariana
4. **Reports**

a. Teacher Report

- i. Mr Link shares a presentation showcasing the work and activities his grade 2 students have done so far this year. Highlights include examples of their art-based learning, working with a student EA and the literacy specialist, buddy-class with Mr Sawatzky's and their free field trip to Fish Creek Park. Mr Link says he will apply for more free field trips this spring and will have a student teacher in his room from Feb until the end of April. He will also be running the Mancala club with Ms Bobbie.
- ii. Ms Ash introduces herself as the new grade 3 teacher filling in for Ms Moir until the end of January or longer if needed. Ms Ash shares some of the work her class has been doing including flags and nationalities, northern lights art, student-created Gingerbread Man stories, class reading the Mighty Muskrats and double-digit subtraction and multiplication in math.

b. Chair Report

- i. It is proposed the Vice Chair, Ariana Kippers, steps into the role of Chair for the remainder of this term as per the Duties of the Vice-Chair and the Vacancies clause in the bylaws. There are only four meetings left until the next AGM. Ariana agrees to step in until the AGM.
- ii. School Council Grant - COSC has given us a \$500 credit card to use for School Council related activities. It must be used by the end of this school year. A committee can be formed to brainstorm ideas. Parents can be engaged for ideas and the committee can decide.

c. Parent Association Liaison Report

- i. **Fundraising** - The winter concert concession earned around \$320 after expenses with some leftovers that will be sold at the dance.
- ii. **Treasurer** - No financial update. Katie informs the group the Association is once again not eligible for the next casino due to the new bylaws and the limit on household voting.
- iii. **Upcoming Events** - February Dance is on Feb 5. The DJ is booked and pizza will be pre-ordered. Help with pizza distribution is needed.

- iv. **Council of School Councils** - COSC meeting is on Jan 21. Chris volunteered to attend but wants to make sure she isn't taking this opportunity from the acting Chair. Ariana confirms Chris may attend.

- d. **Principal Report**

- i. January Provincial Assessments will take place Jan 19-23 for grades k-3. Roy tests the group with some of the grade 1 examples to show what they are like. Substitute teachers will be on site to cover classes while the teachers do the assessments.

- e. **AP Report**

- i. 67 Day - dice and games will go home with students
 - ii. Report Cards - new date for report cards is Feb 24, Parent Teacher Interviews Mar 19/20
 - iii. Hitman Game field trip - Tuesday, Feb 24. Many volunteers are needed for the whole school to attend. K-3 needs 1 per 8 students and 4-6 needs 1 per 10 students. The theme is anti-bullying and everyone will get a pink shirt. Ariana shares she has a connection at the Saddledome and will see if we can visit the dressing rooms.
 - iv. Pink Shirt Day is Feb 25
 - v. Cross Country Skiing - rescheduled for Mar 2-4 due to the lack of snow.

- 5. **New Business:**

- 6. **Next Meeting:** February 11, 2026 @ 6:00pm, West Dover Learning Commons
- 7. **Meeting Adjourned** by Ariana @ 7:45pm

Notes prepared by Lana Christmas, West Dover School Council Secretary