

Dr Freda Miller School

School Council Meeting

November 16th, 2023

- **Call Meeting to Order - 6:31 pm**

Welcome and Land Acknowledgement

- **Approval of Minutes - Carly**

- **Approval of Agenda - Carly**

- **New Introductions**

- **Chair Report**

- Key communicator report - Saheedat - not in attendance
- Parent engagement and communication strategies include:
 - Social media engagement (Facebook and more importantly IG)
 - Sending out a printed school council notice
 - Calendar - key events
 - send out paper based - request for feedback - be specific
 - posters for classroom doors for parent conferences - or teachers to have available to scan - looking for feedback (simple, clear and concise) - no high readership on the website - link to IG and FB accounts for council and DFMSSES
 - informal, not intimidating, this is about your child's experience - bring to forefront
 - grab attention and make feel comfortable
 - offer prizes for sign ups for followers - ex gas gift card
 - community page engagement - Walden, Evergreen etc
 - ask for funds for DFMSSES for lawn signs - price???
 - giving information about what is being presented - what will you gain from attending
 - Physical lawn signs/posted at front door, near back staircase and playground area

- **School Report**

Teacher Presentation- Outdoor Learning Curriculum - OLA - Outdoor Learning Arts -
presentation by Cam Demman on his techniques

Land based learning , indigenous ways of knowing, play based learning, and connecting music - foundational year for the program

- TED TALK ON GRIT - Ms Martinez provided link below - connected to learnings at DFMS: <https://youtu.be/H14bBuluwB8?si=F1g6YtPvDG696Hn0>

- Roots of Empathy (Nancy and Jill trained) - baby brought into classroom and children (gr. 4) watch developmental milestones
 - Update on Staffing- - new EA, new teacher- Ms Emma Fraser in Grade 2 replacing Mrs. Mikusek, new lunchroom supervisor (now one in each classroom)
 - Upcoming Dates:
 - Parent Teacher Conferences – November 23, 24
 - Winter Celebration Night- December 7 - times TBA
- **Old Business**
 - Upcoming meeting dates: Dec. 14, Jan 18, Feb 22, No meeting in March, April 11, May 9 and June 6
- **Next meeting Date: Dec. 14, 6:30 pm**
- **Adjourn Meeting - 7:49 pm**