



# Northern News

September 25th, 2023

## Dear Northern Dancer Families:

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Meet the Teacher event last Thursday. It was great to meet so many families! Thank you also for your support of the book fair. You helped raise funds to continue to grow our school library!

## School Community Council

**The School Community Council (SCC)** is an advisory body that makes recommendations to the Principal to further student achievement and well-being and also supports ongoing parent engagement between the school and families. The SCC comprises of general members and an elected executive - Chairperson(s), Treasurer and Secretary. SCC meets 4 -5 times a year. The DDSB SCC Handbook outlines the responsibilities of the SCC:

<https://www.ddsb.ca/en/family-and-community-support/resources/Documents/School-Community-Councils/SCC-Handbook.pdf>

We encourage any interested parent or community member to put their name forward. **If interested, please complete this google form:** <https://forms.gle/5pbzpDy1WcjkRrGu5> .

Our first meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:00pm**. At this meeting we will elect our executive and set our future meetings for the school year. You can learn more about School Community Councils here:

<https://www.ddsb.ca/en/family-and-community-support/school-community-councils.aspx>

All SCC members must abide by DDSB policies and procedures (including the SCC Policy, the Indigenous Education Policy, the Human Rights, Anti-Discrimination and Anti-Racism Policy, the Safe and Respectful Workplace Policy, the Code of Conduct, and related procedures).

Each member of the SCC must uphold their responsibilities under these policies and procedures within the scope of the SCC's mandate and within the scope of their role, authority, and influence in all SCC meetings, actions, recommendations, decision-making, communications, and initiatives, including their responsibilities to:

- Treat SCC members and participants with dignity and respect
- Promote and protect human rights
- Identify, prevent, and address human rights barriers, issues, and discriminatory structures

We look forward to meeting our 2023-2024 SCC!

## Returning Student Verification Forms

Please complete the Returning Student Verification for your student(s) in your Parent Portal account:

<https://ddsbps.ddsbsschools.ca/public/home.html>

Attached you will find a reference sheet which contains instructions on (a) creating a Parent Portal account (if you have not yet done so), (b) adding new students to your existing account (all of your students will be linked to one account) and (c) updating the information that the school requires each new school year. It is very important to check and update your personal information and student waivers as they change yearly. This is also where you give permission for your grade 7 or 8 students to receive a Board issued Chromebook. Your Parent Portal account will follow your student/s throughout their education while in the DDSB, and you will also find access to Grades and Attendance, School Information, School Messenger (our Safe Arrival application), and other useful information.

If you have not yet created a Parent Portal account you will need the Access ID, which is your student's OEN number (found on any previous report card) and their Access Password (5 capital letters), which DDSB sent via email to you in early August. If you have issues or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our School Office at 905-440-7350.

[Parent Portal Trouble Shooting Tips \(1\).pdf](#)