SCC Meeting

November 17th, 2026

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Land Acknowledgement

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. 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.

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Indigenous Rights

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.

Human Rights & Equity Statement

The Durham District School Board is committed to learning environments that are safe, welcoming, respectful, equitable, accessible, inclusive and free from discrimination while placing Human Rights and Equity at the centre.

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. SCC Norms
3. Student Update(s)
4. Staff update(s)
5. Administration update(s)
6. Next meeting date(s)

Sinclair Administration

Principal - Kavita Kanavalli

Vice Principal (A-G) - Denise Bratincevic

Vice Principal (H-N) - Tara Sneath

Vice Principal (O-Z) - Maureen Verhoog

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Norms for SCC Online Meeting

Participants...

- will be muted
- may use the chat space for questions/comments
- are encouraged to use the “raised hand” feature when they wish to make a comment or inquiry
- practice respectful listening & sharing of ideas

Student Update
Student Representatives – Jumanah & Leyna

Students at Sinclair:

- OSSLT
- Terry Fox

Upcoming Events:

- Fall Show
- DECA Regionals
- Winter Sports

Life Outside The Classroom:

- Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Remembrance Day

Positions

SCC Co-Chairs

- Sanjay Chatterjee
- Odette Mceachnie

Staff Update(s)
Staff Representatives – Ms. Whalen & Mr. Maw

Staff Update

As always, the Arts is rolling…
Almost all areas of arts had representation in our Remembrance Day assembly, with singing, dancing, guitar, band, and theatre all contributing to the ceremony. We also had students participate in the DDSB's ceremony as well.

In Dance, there is a fantastic student-teacher dance fundraiser that has started to offset some of the program costs. It will be happening at lunch in December.

In Theatre the big fall show "Afraid of the Dark" opens on November 25 and runs to November 28th. This will feature students from all grades and marks the Directorial Debut of our Drama teacher Ben van Dinther. It is going to be a fun one!

Staff Update

In Music, preparing for our big December Music Night on Thursday the 3rd in the caf. open to the community to see the incredible work students have been doing for the big event.

We had a fantastic trip to the Toronto Symphony last month and have booked a private screening of the musical Hadestown for December that will be open to all Arts Students.

Athletics : Girls Rugby 7's team placed 2nd in the Tier 2 LOSSA Championship.

Ambassador club is presenting Bullying Awareness workshops to Grade 9 homeroom classes during Nov 16-20 Bullying Prevention and Intervention Week. Therapy dogs will be present in the Guidance office Dec 17 at lunch. Ambassadors will be hosting school wide study skills and coping with exam stress activities in the Library at lunch in January.

Staff Update

CWS is planning to take Gr.10 History student to the Oshawa Tank Museum (Nov 24/25) to explore our local connection to History and to work with artifacts.

Sinclair's Model UN Team hosted MEDMUN - which was a medicine focused MUN Conference at Sinclair last weekend (Nov 14). We had 200 delegates from 14 schools across Durham Region debating / discussing issues and solutions regarding important topics in health sciences.

Staff Update

Every year DECA provides its 100+ members with a pathway or community service experience. This year the DECA executives are hosting Launch Pad November 23rd, 24th, and 25th to introduce our members to a variety of careers and opportunities in Whitby. Hosted by Yanuli Perera and Arya Shah, Sinclair DECA Executives, the two are running two days of workshops and one afternoon of a Panel discussion with local businesses and entrepreneurs. Guest Speakers include former Sinclair alumni, BACD Summer Company reps and local entrepreneurs.

Important Dates

- OSSLT - November 16th and November 17th
- Mid Term Report Cards distributed – November 18th
- Winter Break – December 21st, 2026 – January 1st 2027
- Exams – January 26th – 29th, 2027 (Alternate Exam Day – February 1st)

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Communication

- Weekly Snippets
- School Messenger
- Social Media

Next Meeting date(s) – Online at 6 pm

- Tuesday, February 16th 2027
- Tuesday, May 18th 2027