

Dundas Valley Secondary School

School Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

In Attendance:

Em Del Sordo, Sharon Holford, Jennifer Kleven, Margot Carnahan, Simon Goodacre, Corie Pillinini, Kathy Schaefer, Susan Kennedy, Shelley Boyes, Kathy Borer, Sue VanEgdom, Mary Orlik, Anne Waldie, L. Dupuis, Kraig Matthews

Regrets:

Dawn Zontano, Kim McDonald, Merle McDonald, Mary Beth Kennedy

1. Welcome and Introductions: Jennifer Kleven and Sharon Holford

2. February 2015 Minutes: approved by Margot Carnahan and Mary Orlik

3. Student Council Report- Kraig Matthews

Spring Semi: Approx. 300 students attended.

Cancer awareness month. Holding assembly and events to raise funds.

Grad Council meeting to share info on upcoming events:

Senior Week May 4-8

Prom May 27

Grad June 25, 4pm @ Redeemer Question regarding # of Grad Guest tickets allowed per student. Ms Dupuis is chair of Grad committee and she indicated that there are no tickets required, but to remain courteous and not over-invite in order to provide everyone equal opportunity to enjoy. She and her committee are committed to making it a memorable day without it being too lengthy. Jennifer asked if parental assistance was needed for the day and Ms Dupuis welcomes the help. Contact her directly via email @ ldupuis@hwdsb.on.ca

4. Staff report: Ms Dupuis

Mid term reports to come home April 30.

5. Principal Report: Em Del Sordo

April was a busy month: Senior Badminton Team to Cities

Holocaust Survivor Speaker Visit

Enviro-thon competition, teams placed second and third

Student Art show April 22-26 @ Carnegie Gallery: each piece has an inquiry question paired to it. Art show reception April 24.

Construction Update Invite letter sent home : Community Meeting on April 29

Em asks for things we would like him to ask about: Is there a possibility of Portables? will both Gym spaces be ready by winter? Potential for 2 weight rooms utilizing equipment from East campus. Concern over space for parking? for both staff AND students. Are the lockers being replaced? (Answer The lockers are all refaced/refurbished as need) Email Em with any other questions.

Music Students trip to Boston

May 5, Cancer Assembly @ both Campuses

Junior Band to Cedar Point May 15.

May 27 Grade 8 orientation day.

This years Europe trip was fabulous. Next year (2015/16) March Break trips are to France/Spain (Barcelona)/England Or Ireland/Wales/England. Both trips awaiting Board approval.

6. Other Business

Community Meeting re: Governor's Road : Margot Carnahan

Margot reported back on the community meeting with Councillor Arlene VanderBeek, Greg VanGeffen and City Staff. Meeting was set up with different info stations where you could ask city staff your questions and see city maps, data etc. Margot spoke with Arlene, Greg and city staff regarding concerns over congestion, safety for students and community etc. Recommendations made by Margot: to alter garbage pick up time on Governors Rd so it doesn't conflict with school start and stop times. Staggering school start times for the 3 schools on Governors. Relocate or add entrance to school from side street. Margot indicated that City staff and Greg VanGeffen mentioned the possibility of adding turning lanes or widening the road near school. Other recommendations: students use provided busing and utilize safe school routes for walking and crossing streets. Update/ answers to questions to go out to individuals that attended the meeting. Margot will update Council as she is provided with info or subsequent meeting dates.

Draft School Council By-Laws : Sharon Holford

Draft 2 was sent out to Council March 23, for review. Would like to see it completed and posted to website soon. Em recommends that we add an appendices to explain Constitution language ie: quorum, Roberts rules, etc. Language also to be consistent

throughout the document ei: Chair/ Co-Chair, Parents/Guardians. Discussion on section 1 and the wording around membership and voting members to be clarified.

Pro Grant Application : Jennifer Kleven

Application Due May 19. Jenn will complete and submit. Keeping the application fairly broad. Sharon asked for Council to keep ears open for speaker ideas for next year. Some ideas were Gary Direnfeld: Social worker from Dundas, Chris Vollum: Social media

Additional Business

School Beautification: Jenn inquired about applying for beautification grants. Em recommends we wait until next year to avoid our efforts being disturbed while renovations are nearing completion. Sue reminds us that often there are timelines attached to grants. LTO staff at DVSS also has ideas for an Aboriginal Garden possibly in the courtyard.

Humanitarian Bus: Sue Kennedy spoke to the value of this presentation which can be geared to High School Students. Bus travels to your school and side pop out to provide a movie theatre setting. Presentation focuses on Human Rights through History and how it exists in today's world. How we can all make small changes to be better. Good discussion/ conversation starter providing basic respect tools for everyday life.

Past years Year Book: Shelley Boyes asked about undelivered yearbooks from years past. Simon said that all records have been kept of yearbook sales and a decision has been reached to reimburse all those who paid for past year books, in the very near future.

Draft Exam Schedule: Corrie Pillinini spoke to the upcoming Exam schedule. The Board permits grade 12 exams to run earlier than the rest. Regular exams will run from June 18-23 in the am with the 24th a make up day.

Grade 12 schedule as follows:

June 16th period 3 exam in the afternoon

June 17th period 4 exam in the afternoon

June 18th period 1 exam in the morning

June 19th period 2 exam in the morning

A notice will come home sometime soon with finalized plans and more info. To be discussed again at our May meeting. It is important to understand that exam schedules

ARE NOT flexible. Doctor note or any type of request is to be submitted to the Principal in writing but DO NOT plan holidays during this time

10. Next meeting: May 19, 2015 @ 6:30 pm East Campus library

Submitted by Sue VanEgdom