

Dundas Valley Secondary School

School Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014

**In Attendance:** Em Del Sordo, Anne Waldie, Jennifer Kleven, Sharon Holford, Kim McDonald, Dawn Zontanos, Jane Dean, Robyn Sheppard, Jill Scarrow, Mary Beth Kennedy, Colleen Evans, Shelley Stirling-Boyes, Kathy Schaefer, Mary Orlik, Linda Howie, Karen Heistig Bailey, Laila Bastedo, Merle Terhjan, Kathy Borer, Candice Goodale, Sue Van Egdom, Susan Kennedy, Lori King, Greg VanGeffen, Samantha Miranda, Tina Osborne

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** attendance list passed around.
2. **September minutes** approved by Jennifer and Laila.
3. **Student Council Report-** no student available tonight- see Principal's report.
4. **Principal's report:**

**Student Council Oct.** report- focusing on student voice (data collection), how kids are feeling, how kids can give feedback, monthly survey.  
Leadership camp at Idlewood. Focussed on theory and type of leader they are. They plan on having a leadership camp for grade 7 students.

**Principal:** movie shoot here Oct. 24/25 "The Good Witch".  
Vive- grade 9 event and dance at East Campus Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> until 1030pm.  
Duke of Edinburgh award presentation for grade 9's is upcoming.  
Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> is academic awards assembly for both schools combined.  
Locker issue at West Campus continues. Students directed to take empty lockers and update office. Personal items can also be left for safekeeping in the office.

Parent suggestion re-am announcements. Principal will forward suggestions to students who prepare the announcements.

Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>- there will be world diabetes day carnival event.

5. **Staff Report:**

No representative at tonight's meeting.

6. **Other Business:**

Sharon- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> **awards assembly**. Sharon will be asking for volunteers to assist with set up/clean up. Times TBA. Sharon will be purchasing food.

Parent input- hope that both schools are incorporated into the event “a coming together”, perhaps photos of the construction in slide show.

Jennifer- **PRO grant/ Dr. Karyn**. Assistance needed with promoting the event. Flyers provided to attendees to put at schools, arenas etc.. Childcare availability discussed- Mr. Del Sordo to look into it further but likely too complicated ie. An ECE from board may have to be present to provide the care. If less than 100 (library), 100+ attendees (gym).

Mr. Del Sordo- **LGBTQ- positive space**- Each school is mandated to have space. Mr. Gelder is the teacher supervisor. Many of their events are social functions. Kids appear to be accepting. Principal held assembly re-bullying and phobias. Has had +ve feedback from parents.

Discussion around resources available for **disadvantaged youth**. Student success teacher and student services assist as needed. Toiletries are available at the school, walk in closet (new/used clothing) available at another location for students in need.

**Construction Update**- Mr Del Sordo- footings started, they are on schedule. He may arrange a tour for us in the future if possible.

**Study space**- West Campus. Mr. Del Sordo- students do not always have access to the library. They are able to use the resource room, cafeteria/mezzanine, front foyer- wireless, they can use their laptops.

**Work Out Room**- Mr. Del Sordo to look into teacher supervision. Also no cost for East but \$30/year for West campus. He will report back at next meeting.

**Parent requesting more info**. Re- marks and attendance this year compared to other years. She will draft a message to Mr. Del Sordo who will forward it to the contact at the board.

7. **Meeting adjourned** at 7:35pm. Next meeting: Nov 18<sup>th</sup> @630pm-East Campus library