

DUNDAS VALLEY SECONDARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 @ 6:30pm

Location: Room 2021

MINUTES

In attendance: J.Kleven; D. Lammers; K. Borer; C. Evans; S. Holford; R. Jerome; S. Kennedy; M. McDonald; J. Naruse; M. Orlik; C. Pillinini; R. Gelder; S. Goodacre

Regrets: M.B. Kennedy; E. Delsordo; K. Schaefer; S. Stirling-Boyes; S. Van Egdom; D. Zontanos

1. Approval of minutes from October 2015 meeting: Sue Kennedy and Sharon Holford
2. Principal's report – *C. Pillinini and S. Goodacre*

Construction Updates:

- Science labs are being commissioned and are almost ready for use - chemicals are almost all in place;
- Training for teachers has begun;
- Staff have been assured that they will be able to begin labs in December
- Teachers are wondering if all this pre-time spent on theory will positively impact the practical experience for the students
- Inspection on new gym - looks visually complete, but still waiting for final approval
- Starting this week, walk-through of the gym is taking place noting any deficiencies which will be repaired and then ready for use
- After science lab and gym are ready, final deficiency inspection will begin for the rest of the school, and final adjustments will be completed soon after

Calendar Updates:

- Grade 12 grad photos this week and next - ending Nov. 27
- Grade 8 open house - Nov. 25, 6-8 p.m.
- December 1st - winter formal taking place at Michaelangelo's - 6:00 p.m.
- \$45 dinner + dance
- Expecting 400-450 students
- Music concert - Dec. 8th at DVSS
- New school sign has been installed
- Winter clothing drive has been organized by School Council
- CHML Christmas Tree of Hope will run Dec. 7 - 18
- Various events are being organized to raise funds for this

- Exams will run Tuesday, January 26 _ Mon. Feb. 1
- Semester 2 begins Thursday February 4
- Students and parents can sign up for DVSS Twitter to receive announcements

3. Teacher's report - R. Gelder

- Negotiations with the teacher's union, locally, has been successful - they have settled
- Ms. Penton is beginning yoga classes for parents and teachers - every Wednesday between 4-5 p.m., starting Nov. 18 - register by email: ppenton@hwdsb.on.ca
- School musical should take place 1st week of December - considering Dundas Baptist Church as venue
- Routes Youth Centre - drop-in centre for students in grades 5-12; they are coming to do a presentation to grade 9 students
- Club called GLOW (Gay, Lesbian, or Whatever) - discreet, safe space for students - fills a definite need within the school
- Any questions about e-learning, ask Mr. Gelder

4. School Council and HWDSB

A. Guest Speaker discussion (PRO grant funding)

- some members have heard Chris Vollum speak, and said his discussion is informative
- Gary Direnfeld - definitely most popular vote by our members, but no firm decision yet - will wait for a date from Mr. Delsordo about Open House -
- if you have other names to bring forward, please do so!

B. Information night - Greg Van Geffen Dec 3 Beverly Centre

- Colleen plans on attending if anyone cares to join her

5. Next meeting: Tuesday, January 19 2016 @ 6:30 – DVSS Cafeteria

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.