

DUNDAS VALLEY SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, Oct 16, 2018 @ 6:30pm Location: DVSS Library

MINUTES

Present: Gail Cipriani, Kara Kindree, Anne Waldie, Scott Dobbin, Tristan Richards, Colleen Evans, Zoey Heeney, Linda Howie, Susan Kennedy, Susan Moelker, Jenny Pepper, Sue VanEgdom, Cathy Veldman, Kathy McGeachy, Heidi Branton, Kerri Latham,, Kris Traherne, Amanda Ljucovic, Jane Nash

Regrets: Corie Pillinini, Goodale, Tania Brittain, Caelyn Brittain

1. Approval of September Minutes -approved Jenny Pepper, all in favour
2. **Prime Minister's Report** - *Tristan Richards*- Spirit Week, no pep rally due to field construction, trivia, face painting, cotton candy, Halloween Costume Contest (prizes)
-Winter Formal (looking for venue)
-looking to install foosball tables for students
-students are talking about changing Library hours, since cafeteria is often closed at the same time as Library is closed
3. **Teacher's Report** - *Scott Dobbin - & Crystal Dumitru*
-In collaboration with literacy coach, "Reading for Pleasure "in the classroom initiative. Students reading for pleasure caps at age ten, and then drops off during teen years. Clear themes emerging about where students are struggling from assessments (self regulation, ability to critically think, growth mindset, ability to define main ideas) and this is an attempt to engage students in relevant materials. Will measure success through conferencing with students, mini-research project with these classes. ENG teachers are trying to build in some time to enjoy reading in class. Carousel containing books with appeal to a wide range of students is being passed between several classes. Teachers have applied for a grant to get funding for more books (HWDSB Foundation, strategies to improve achievement) surveys of students done to get titles and genres, 10-15 mins per day for students to read, in some classes. Goal is to incorporate it into other ENG classes. Looking at texts that have a range of voices and experiences, to encourage equity, diversity and empathy lenses.
4. **Principal's report** - *Gail Cipriani*
- Continuous Learning Plan- Along with student learning, teachers are examining their own professional learning and growth to support student development. Teachers will survey students, look for indicators in every department in order to examine achievement and personal growth and well-being. This plan will be shared and published on the school website. - Spaghetti Dinner, November 20, grad council fundraiser 5:00-8:00.
-Grad Council is at Boston Pizza to raise funds, as well.
-Naming of the DVSS Track and Field - Meeting for Naming Committee on November 14, two parent reps, link on the main website under Public Consultations. Open until November 11 for community to enter names.
-Track and field are almost completed. OFSAA - Provincial CC meet is being hosted here at Christie's. Over 2000 athletes.
-Cannabis and what will the impact be on schools? Media blitz and messages to students is this: Response from school does not change, as it is never legal for students or adults to be

using substances at school. Students have had many myths about what they will be permitted to do, but message has been consistent from school. www.ontario.ca/cannabis Bottom line is that whether cannabis is legal or not, it has an impact on a developing brain, students need to be informed. Board had responded with an information guide about what parents need to know and a parallel guide for educators. Ministry is examining medicinal cannabis, because there are currently no regulations around that and students. *Much discussion around vaping issue in school and the difficulties around regulating it.

5. **Award Ceremony** -November 14, correction from previous meeting. Council supports by hosting a reception in the Library. 8:30 - 11:00

6. **Graduation Committee** - *Zoey Heeney* - Grad preparation is a work in progress, a big job, and needs a committee. Need input from staff. Staff are looking for one staff member to coordinate graduation, Admin is going to make graduation a monthly admin agenda item in an attempt to be more prepared as year progresses and eventually streamline procedures. Zoe recommends regular group meetings for anyone involved (admin, teachers, parents, students) and would like to form a parent committee. In the New Year, hoping for a committee to assemble. * Change of venue due to concerns over Redeemer's Code of Conduct and language found within. Graduation will be at Michelangelo's on June 26. Capacity of 1000, which is slightly larger than Redeemer.

7. **PRO Grant Ideas** -\$1000 to spend on a speaker, or other parent engagement, looking for ideas: Mental Health navigation for parents of teens & Phone/Social Media usage were brought up as topics. Looking to book someone ASAP.

8. **Family Health Team Survey** -Email sent out, will be resent, looking for what parents are looking for in the community.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018 @ 6:30pm