

DVSS School Council Meeting

Tuesday October 18, 2016 @ 6:30

Location: Library

1. Welcome and Introductions: Co-Chairs, N. Watt and A. Hampson

2. Approval of Sept 2016 minutes: C. Evans and S. Kennedy

3. DVSS School Prime Minister's Report: Nick Mitchell couldn't be present but sent a video report. <https://youtu.be/SHSyllkcuGQ>

4. Teachers report:

Staff have had training on iPads, leveraging digital technology.

Staff have also had HWDSB wide training, grouped by grade level and subject which facilitated collaboration.

Some of our classrooms are working to create Global Connectivity and Creativity. The class worked with an Australian Students through Google docs on a Physics Assignment. J. Nash asks if the instruction was mandated and E. Delsordo indicates it is.

There is a sum of \$1000 that has been carried over from last years graduating class. Traditionally the Graduates vote on how to spend the money on something for the school/remaining students to enjoy. They will vote on this as well as ways to spend the current years budget.

N. Watts asks if there are class/grade reps? E. Delsordo indicates that a staff member, E. Hazard, has just stepped into the position of teacher advisor for school council and N. Watts asks if we could possibly have her speak at our next meeting?

Question regarding percentage of cafeteria used during lunch hour? E. Delsordo indicates that the cafeteria is only at 75% capacity. C. Pillinini and G. Cipriani mention that the students hang out in the front lobby as well as in teachers classrooms. There is a comment made regarding chairs being left on tables which may be intimidating for some students. L. McArthur suggests that the chairs be taken off the tables prior to lunch hour to make it less intimidating??

VIVE: Grade 9 evening with activities , dinner and a dance. Oct 21st after school until 9:30pm. 95% of Grade 9 students have signed up to participate in this activity.

5. Principal's Report

a) Rean Heckrodt: Acknowledgement of his passing. Support services were made available to the students and they were encouraged to use the services as needed. The school social worker comes up with a plan to service students needs and that may include trauma team and counsellors. A book of condolences was available for students to grieve and leave messages. A. Hampson mentions that flowers were sent to the funeral on behalf of council.

b) Report Cards: Prelim reports went home Oct 13. E. Delsordo reminds parents to book their parent/teacher interviews online. L. McArthur is concerned with the limited number of spaces for parent teacher interviews. Asks if there is any other option if time slots are already full?? E. Delsordo indicates that teachers are open to individual appointments and to directly contact the

teacher. L. Howie suggests we consider or look into an early dismissal on interview day to accommodate more interview times. She indicates that it is a system that St Marys uses. E. Delsordo recommends we email our Superintendent and Trustee to recommend this idea. G. Cipriani mentions that while Math, Science and English are often fully booked (especially in grade 11 & 12) C. Pillinini mentions that the other teachers are often sitting with no interviews.

OSSLT(Grade 10 literacy test) to hold a trial run for approx. 30 students per school across the Province to test the new online testing system which the Ministry is trying to get up and running for the spring Province wide test. The students who successfully complete the test now will not have to rewrite it in the spring.

c) Awards Assembly Nov 2. 8:30- 10:00 am

d) Grade 9 EQAO Results <http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/results> E. Delsordo defers this to next month and bring in a math teacher to speak to the results. DVSS has stayed approx. the same score wise.

Dates for the calendar:

Photo retake day: Oct 26

Parent teacher interviews: Oct 27

Halloween for Hunger: Oct 31

Take your Grade 9 to work day: Nov 2

Awards assembly: Nov 2

PD day: Nov 4

Leadership Garage sale: Nov 5

Remembrance Day service: Nov 11

Midterms: Nov 14

Grade 7/8 High school info night: Nov 22

Midterm Report Cards: Nov 25

6. Review of School Councils responsibilities

a) Awards Assembly: Nov 2. Small reception to be set up in library for parents and student supporters to enjoy after the awards. J. Naruse, S. Kennedy, S. VanEgdom to help N. Watts and A. Hampson at 8 am the morning of the event.

b)Ward Info night with Greg VanGeffen Oct 25th @ DVSS in the library. Representatives from DVSS as well as all surrounding feeder schools to participate in the evening.

c) Check out the Hub/HWDSB tutorial. N. Watts will send us some lincs or go onto opportunities @ DVSS

d) Find an extensive list of club, group and volunteer opportunities on the DVSS website. A. Hampson presented a leadership opportunity/group that is open to all students. Great opportunity but C. Pillinini explains that it isn't feasible for the school to take on the program as there is no coverage for teacher support, transportation etc. Can be looked into personally and would certainly be positively supported by School Staff.

e) Pro Grant: J. Kleeven states the \$1000 PRO Grant application has been approved. \$950 towards the speaker/ parent engagement activity and \$50 to cover refreshments. Council needs to decide how to spend this years grant money. A. Hampson presented some leadership info

and speaker options to consider. J. Kleeven suggests council decide what the focus or issue is that we would like to cover and then search for a speaker that way. It is suggested we look into Drug/Alcohol and Safe choices. Police services are a resource we could utilize. J. Kleeven suggests doing multiple mini sessions that parents could rotate through covering mental health, drug/alcohol use, etc.

Please contemplate issues relevant to our community and bring Speaker ideas back to next meeting.

Next Meeting; Tuesday November 15, 2016 @ DVSS in the Library

Submitted by S. VanEgdom