

DVSS School Council Meeting

Tuesday September 20, 2016 @ 6:30

Location: Library

1. Welcome: Jennifer Kleeven

2. Approval of June 2016 Minutes : D. Lammers and J. Naruse

3. Teachers Report: Mrs. Lawson

Very smooth start up to the school year and a successful Open House.

a) Student Services blog: A great tool for parents looking for info and parental tips on a variety of topics with links to topics such as healthy eating, post secondary research, returning to school etc. Log into dvssguidance.commonshwdsb.on.ca Pass the word along to other parents!!

J. Kleeven asks if there is a way to track the number of users and J. Naruse asks if there is a way to notify parents of this tool. E. Delsordo suggests using the Synervoice

b) The Hub: Each student has a personal Hub account with a personal log in. Ask your student to show you the “new Bulletin Board.” It is a resource with school info as well as info on Colleges and Universities as well as Scholarship and Awards.

c) Hour Republic: This is an online volunteer hours form. It is for Grade 9’s and will be used for all incoming Grade 9’s moving forward. Grade 10-12 will use the current method of submitting volunteer hour forms on paper.

4. Vice Principals’ Reports:

G.Cipriani Manages students with last name from M-Z

a) Student Handbook: This can be found on the DVSS website under “student” dropdown. This is a great document with valuable info and is a great resource. Students were made aware of this tool at the assembly.

b) iPad roll out: This is a Board wide initiative. Consent/Code of conduct forms have gone home and students have received iPads. Lots of discussion on their digital citizenship and apps have been created to enhance existing learning. E-Best will be tracking the success of the iPads via student questionnaires. School has firewall in place to protect students from misuse but parents need to be responsible and monitor use while in the home. C.Pillinini requests that students charge their iPads at home so they are fully prepared for the school day. Some concerns were raised over the use of school wifi and the speed in which it operates with all iPads in operation. It is being monitored.

C.Pillinini Manages students with last name from A-L

c) VIVE is a Grade 9 student night to help students feel more at home in their school. It will be on Friday Oct 21st from 3pm-9pm. There will be games that encourage team building, dinner and a dance. Valley Advisors help run the evening.

d) Student pick up by-law: There is to be NO stopping in the front circle. This is strictly for buses. By-law officers may be making surprise visits and handing out fines. S. Stirling-Boyes suggests driving arrows to direct traffic flow in East parking lot to help ease congestion.

5. Principal's report: E. Delsordo

- a) Positive School Climate Assemblies: Encouraging students to be global thinkers and find their voice. It is the goal to be copartners in their learning and empower students to be passionate about their world. Pin Pong tables in cafeteria and wii in front hall of school gives students options during lunch hour. If students feel intimidated they should visit Guidance and support will be given.

Announcements are available online as well as on the tv's in the front hall and in the cafeteria. Leadership Camp held this week.

PA Day focus on the 2 Strategic Directions. Positive School Climate for staff and student and Student Learning and Achievement. As well as Health and Compliance.

Fall Sports are in full swing and parental involvement is encouraged.

Terry Fox Run Sept 28.

Oct 13 Prelim Reports

Oct 27 Parent Teacher Interviews: Online sign up

Nov. 2 Take your student to work day

Nov 21-28 Grad Photo's

Check School Calendar for other dates.

L. McArthur asks about substance abuse around the school and during school hours. Is there student education around smart choices? E. Delsordo states that every Grade 9 has a unit on this in Grade 9 and supervision can only be offered on the school property. C. Pallinini states that there is a Counselor at the school on Wednesdays to provide support to struggling students and parents. A student will have an automatic referral if they have been caught. E. Delsordo invites fresh perspective and ideas on dealing with this and encourages the discussion to continue.

S. Stirling-Boyes asks where students doing e-learning courses through the day are to work? It is suggested that they be made aware of the appropriate areas.

- b) School Cash Online: It is very easy to use and it is the preferred payment option. Need a student pin which your student can get from office staff.

E. Delsordo handed out material "Building Healthy Relationships". Please take a look and discussions to happen at another meeting.

6. School Council Elections:

Co-Chairs: Nancy Watt and Anne Hampson

Co-Secretary: Jane Nash and Sue VanEgdom

E. Delsordo thanks Jennifer Kleeven and Dolores Lammers for their time served as Co-Chairs!!

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 18, 2016 @ 6:30-DVSS Library

Submitted by S. VanEgdom