

DVSS School Council Meeting
Tuesday February 21, 2017 @ 6:30
Location: Library

1. Welcome: N. Watt
 Regrets: A. Hampson and J. Nash
2. Approval of November 2016 Minutes : C. Evans and S. Kennedy
3. DVSS Prime Minister Report: Nothing to report (not present) attached is a memo sent from N. Mitchell at a later date. (message was forwarded to Council members on Feb 23)
4. Teachers Report: Nothing to report at this time (no teachers present)
5. Principal's report: E. Del Sordo
 - a) Grade 9 French Teacher Update
 Our Grade 9 French Teacher was transferred to Head of Languages at Waterdown DHS leaving us shorthanded for the beginning of second term. Hiring protocol was followed with limited applicants creating the need for further postings. This delayed the hiring process and our existing French department created classroom lessons to be followed until a teacher could be hired. The "new" french Teacher , Ms C. Green, started Feb 21st. Classes are up to speed with regards to the curriculum. J. Naruse asked for clarification around the hiring timelines and D. Robertson asked for clarification with regards to the collective agreement process.
 - b) Grade 9 English Teacher is on leave. Waiting on status.
 - c) Report Cards Home Friday Feb 17
 Parent Portal becomes active March 17: Login info can be obtained from office Hamilton Indoor Games @ First Ontario Centre Feb 23 & 24
 Option sheets Due for 2017/18 year on Feb 28. L. Howie asks for date clarification.
 E. Del Sordo to clarify
 S. Kennedy asks if enrolment will be going down next year? E. Del Sordo Says yes.
 240 Grads this year and 180 grade 9's enrolled to date.
 P.D. Day March 3
 March 7-8 OFSA Swimming
 Prelim Reports Home March 9
 March Break March 13-17
 Europe Trip over March Break
 MADD Assembly March 23
 OSSLT March 30 (Grade 9)
 Parent Teacher Interviews March 30 6-8pm (March 20 online interview portal open)
 : if online schedule is full, contact the teacher directly to set up an alternative date and time. S. Boyes asked if "high traffic" classes could have additional interview time. E. Del Sordo clarified that it would go against the teachers contracts to request additional time be added.

PIC to host a Summer Student Experiences Showcase March 21, 6-8pm @ HWDSB Ed Centre. 20 Education Crt, Hamilton. Will be sharing what free learning/ experiences are available to our students during the summer months. Bring a friend

6. Chair Report

a) Parent Feedback on Continuous Learning and Improvement Plan

E. Del Sordo gave an overview of the plan. Please find attached full document. Data is collected by all department heads with regards to who is receiving course credits, who is at risk, and if the risk factors can be identified. Department heads work within their dept. to figure out what works with students. A Marker student(s) is identified then learning goals and strategies are developed to help the whole class thrive while keeping the marker students struggles in mind. Peer to peer learning is very much encouraged. Departments each create learning plans, which are submitted, and progress is tracked.

Teachers share their personal teaching strengths with their peers to also help individual teaching growth.

J. Kleven asks if teachers are assessed or evaluated on their success and E. Del Sordo explains the 5 year performance cycle using the Teacher Performance Appraisal Plan. Once evaluations are done, next steps are developed in collaboration with the teacher. TPA's are filed with the board and used within the next TPA cycle.

E. Del Sordo is looking for feedback/questions regarding the Continuous Learning and Improvement Plan.

b)The Learning Partnership

Program called Take Your Leader to work. N. Watt proposes this. An executive from a corporation spends a day within the school learning and sharing with DVSS. Comes Highly recommended

This program also honours outstanding Principals and N. Watt would like to nominate E. Del Sordo for this award. N. Watt would like assistance from council in completing nomination process.

<http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/what-we-do/educator-program-and-executive-leadership/take-a-leader-to-work-day>

c) Speaker Series: Do we still want to continue with this??

d) PRO Grant: Topics geared to assist parents and offer support. Dr. Deanna Behnke-Cook offers a program on Informed decisions for Adolescent Students. Can be geared towards parents. A.Hampson has contacted a member of police services who is willing to speak as well. S. VanEgdom asks if it would be beneficial to offer both speakers to our communities, pending funding.

Proposed PRO GRANT Speaker night: **APRIL 25, 2017**

7. Other Business

D. Robertson brings concerns with regards to the overcrowding and lack of seating at last years Graduation Venue. She is recommending that each graduate is given 3 tickets to be handed in at the door. E. Del Sordo indicates that he has no teachers

willing to take on the responsibility of manning the door and at this point there is no teacher rep for Graduation. E. Del Sordo is requesting School Councils support with this. There is a recommendation to move next years venue to a larger facility. Possibly the Hamilton Convention Centre. J. Kleven will look into availability and fees for the new auditorium at McMaster University for 2018. E. Del Sordo to ask Grad council how they feel regarding ticket allotments and if they will be willing to oversee the dispersement of tickets and potentially the door collection by Grade 11 Grad council members. S. VanEgdom recommends that official looking tickets be purchased to encourage the 3 ticket restriction.

E. Del Sordo to report back in April after discussion with Grad Council.

Outdoor Track Update: Prelim Drawings. The track has been slightly repositioned. Construction should begin in April, with sod going down in July and ready for use by end of September 2017.

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 18, 2017 @ 6:30-DVSS Library

Submitted by S. VanEgdom