

Dundas Valley Secondary School

School Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2015

In Attendance:

D. Zontanos, K. McDonald, L. Howie, L. Bastedo, M. Carnahan, S. Goodacre, C. Pillinini, S. Holford, M. Kennedy, C. Evans, K. Schaefer, M. Orlik, C. Goodale, S. Kennedy, P. Brankovic, K. Matthews

Regrets:

E. Del Sordo, J. Kleven, K. Bailey, K. Borer

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** attendance list passed around.
- 2. January 2015 Minutes:** approved by K. McDonald and M. Carnahan
- 3. Student Council Report-** Kraig- Hockey for Hope game went into OT. Student vs teacher \$850 raised. Coffee house- make a donation, free food- provided by public health. Live music 3-7. Celebration for Chinese New Year- in discussion. Semi formal in April a possibility.
- 4. Principal's report: (Corie and Simon)**

Calendar- March 6th-preliminary reports. March 12th parent teacher interviews- book appts. online. 16th-20th March break. OSSLT- March 26th grade 10's write it in East campus. Grade 9's practice test. For the entire morning, then just period 3 & 4 that day. Europe trip- Feb 25th parent meeting. Thurs. 14 staff members going to a staff education event- empowers educators-conference in Burlington. How to use technology to improve networking and connect with other educators. March 25th MADD Canada assembly- large A/V display story re-enactment- on both campuses. Spaghetti dinner- March 11th 6-8 pm East Campus grad fundraiser- \$6-7 for adults.

Twitter site- construction pics- beams up- skeletal structure can be seen. Update meeting next week, lots of work going on in the inside. VP's attend biweekly construction meetings. Improvements will happen over time, structure will be done- cosmetics will roll out. Tech upgrades will be in a later phase.

Safe ways to schools: Simon meeting with a rep from the city, Karen Bailey, teacher and public health nurse.

Power point-shortened version re- professional development for staff. It will be sent to school council first. Send feedback to Em in a timely fashion. Then shared on school website.

Literacy, problem solving and higher order skills. How departments are structuring the learning in those areas.

5. **Staff Report: Proud of hockey game \$850 raised.** Helps offset costs for students who cannot afford sports etc..
6. **HWDSB - CONCUSSION DIRECTIVE-Simon.** Long term implications of concussions. Rest your brain after your concussion. McMaster has promoted these guidelines. Insurance agency and phys ed association- involved. On board website under policies: "Safe and healthy schools" heading. Return to school form must be completed by a physician or NP. Student may be accommodated upon return to school eg. Reduced # of classes. If child has a head injury the entire package will be sent home. If a suspected head injury, child is sent home until medically cleared. Becoming a more structured practice. More emphasis on the rest period. Formalizing the plan. Forms can be printed from the website.
7. **Trustee's Council Meeting-** C. Evans and J. Kleven attended meeting with Mr. Van Geffen. Focused on Elementary schools at the first meeting. Next meeting TBA.

8. **Draft School Council By-Laws-Sharon**

Thank you to Jen and Sharon for preparing, typing and reviewing.

Discussion around the bylaws. Draft revised and will be sent out again.

9. **Other Business-**option sheet process starting now. Ideally handed in by March Break. Try and make the best possible choices when first handing in your option sheets.

Discussion around traffic on Governor's Rd., parent council letter being prepared by M. Carnahan and trying to work with school council at SWO, St. Bernadette's and feeder schools. Margot will send out letter for our review.

10. **Next meeting:** April 21, 2015 @6:30pm.

East Campus library

Meeting adjourned@8:05pm

Submitted by Dawn Zontanos