

DVSS Minutes
School Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2015
6:30pm
East Campus Library

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Regrets- J. Kleven, M. Orlik, S. Boyes, K. McDonald, S. Vanegdom, R. Jerome, C. Pillinini, K. Bailey
Present: D. Zontanos, L. Bastedo, M. McDonald, S. Goodacre, E. Del Sordo, C. Evans, S. Holford, L. Howie, S. Kennedy, M. Kennedy, K. Schaefer, M. Carnahan, D. Macdonald (teacher rep)

2. Approval of April 2015 minutes-

Approved by M. Carnahan and C. Evans

3. Student Council Report-

No representation tonight.

4. Staff Report-

Deb. MacDonald

Math dept- EQAO testing for grade 9's June 9th and 11th. In regular classrooms- booklets approx. hour long. Grade 12 exams- start June 16th. Direction about preparing for the move to West Campus. Evaluation of EQAO- counts for 15% of their mark exam 15% and term work 70%.

NPDL(New Pedagogies for Deep Learning)- group of math teachers- Deep learning - give students a choice- get more than math out of it-build a bigger understanding. 6 C's are the focus- citizenship, creativity, critical thinking, character, communication, collaboration. Find a trend to connect to the math. Linear or non linear relationship. Relate math to real life. Professional development piece worthwhile- want to make it better for next years grade nines.

5. Principal's Report-

Staffing update- staffed for 66 and 65 next year by semester. Last year we were given 2 additional classes- we are losing one teacher next year- surplus staff-lowest person on seniority list. Had a retirement, one year exchange- permanent therefore only one position lost.

Timetables- 95% of kids got their first choice, department heads to review and staff the courses. Guidance counsellors review the conflicts. Timetables will be given by the end of the school year. New grade nines will receive theirs in August with the welcome letter.

PISA- Program international student assessment. DVSS was chosen to participate randomly- 40 kids will be writing an assessment test. ID if student not able to write the test- only one refusal by a parent. An indicator of how kids have done from JK to grade 9. We are usually ranked 4th or 5th in the world. Math, science and literacy looked at on an international scale.

Literacy test: online practice test. Kids who would not normally do the online test on their own. Tomorrow and May 21st.

Positive School Climate: Survey to be done and potentially repeated next year on our own. It is legislated by the govt.

Final Exam Schedule Online: Almost all exams are in the room the course is currently in- unless it is otherwise noted.

Friday, June 19 th at 2pm- West Campus to be vacated. Lockers to be emptied on both campuses. Items will be kept for one week and then donated.

Cancer Awareness Assembly was held. May 14 and 15- junior students concert. Won a piece of Mac track- Track and field team was successful- a record was broken.

May 26th- Concert at Redeemer- bands, 730pm. \$5 to get in.

May 27th grade 8s coming. AM and PM groups. Student leader training May 20th.

May 27th grad formal at Carmens. Held earlier to reduce potential for reckless behaviour. Decline in poor behaviours, compared to end of year party.

June 3 and 4 th- Art show at west campus gym- during the school day.

June 9 and 10- track and field OFSSA

June 16th - final parent council meeting

June 17th- exams start

PD days 25th and 26th

6. Other Business:

Safe and Active Routes to School(Simon)-

Coordinated by public health- site visits, recommendations provided. City is involved as well.

Govenors rd. Concerns, beyond school board control. Site visit, May 21st am. Current traffic flow not reflective of next year. Same bus traffic. Revisit when at one campus. Site visit two likely to be arranged with city and school into the new school year. May 25 th Mr. Gelder registered DVSS for "Ride bike to school"

Refund for the last two years of yearbook orders available on line. Parkside.

Ward Info. Night- May 28, 7:30pm(Sharon)

Mary Beth will join Sharon at the meeting.

HWDSB- Reimaging meeting- Margot Carnahan attending-. Want public input. What is the future direction of the board. "Tell us how we're doing".

Draft School Council by-laws(Sharon):

Discussion around bylaw and changes. Sharon will send out final draft of document.

No new business:

7. Next Meeting: June 16 2015@6:30pm- East Campus Library

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Minutes submitted by Dawn Zontanos