

DVSS-SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 19/16

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Mrs. Gail Cipriani, new VP

Present: C. Evans; E. Delsordo; S. Holford; L. Howie; S. Kennedy; J. Kleven; D. Lammers; M. McDonald; J. Naruse; C. Pillinini; S. Sterling-Boyes; S. Van Egdom; A. Waldie; N. Watt; D. Zontanos; T. Brittain; G. Van Geffen; C. Collins; G. Cipriani

Regrets: M. Orlik; M. Kennedy; K. Schaeffer;

2. **Minutes of Nov./ 15 meeting approved** by S. Holford and M. MacDonald

3. **Student Council Report-** regrets for today's meeting

4. **Teacher's report-** Mrs. Collins (special education teacher) spoke about student success- lunch hour support available to students requiring extra assistance with school work, studying, culminating etc.

5. **Principal's Report-**Mr. Delsordo - Two new teachers hired, still in process of hiring.

Construction update - mostly done, discrepancy walk about with board and contractors. New gym equipment; making a 5 year plan for capital upgrades.

Xmas tree of hope - activities ongoing - this year \$6131- 30+yrs \$76555.55

Vision Statement- assisted by S. VanEgdom, Teachers- data collected from students and reviewed; info. being shared with committee at large.

Front Lobby design- in the works- lead by new teacher Ms. Dimitru. To incorporate the school's vision.

Quiet week- prior to exams-no extra curricular. Exams Jan 26th-Feb. 1st(if snow day)

PA days- teachers' learning needs the focus- 12 topics-hoping for parental and student involvement in some of the sessions. Dean/Asst Dean of Social Sciences at McMaster Univ. Focus on Inquiry based learning. 12 teachers to attend an in-service at Mac Feb. 2nd-help to prepare kids for university.

Second semester starting Feb. 4th-Day 1.

Timetables going out Jan. 21st in home room, or pick up in guidance after that day.

Feb. 11th-reports home

Feb. 15th-family day

6. **School Council** - Possible Open House-During education week in May. Date TBD. Speaker to be arranged - maybe Gary Direnfeld vs human rights speaker? Tour to be planned. Lobby hopefully ready. Food trucks. Will plan details at Feb. meeting.
7. **Greg Van Geffen-Trustee**- Dec. ward info. night attended by feeder schools. Discussed Accommodation review for elementary schools in Dundas - maybe 2019.

\$17.2 million spent at DVSS so far

Suggested we ask for Active and Sustainable School Transportation charter review (ASST) audit. School council to follow up on this recommendation. SWO has already requested, St. B's may do so also.

Refugee assistance. Offer was put to Wesley about using Parkside if needed. Undecided at this point

School Board is looking for feedback from parents about the planned Strategic Direction. Go to HWDSB website to access survey.

8. **Next Meeting**- Feb. 16/16 – Room 2021

8:00pm meeting adjourned