

DVSS School Council Meeting
Tuesday Sept 18th, 2017 @ 6:30
Location: Library

1. Welcome and Intros: N. Watt

2. Approval of the May Minutes : C. Evans and T. Osborne

S.Moelker requests minutes be sent out and G. Cipriani clarifies that all minutes are posted to the DVSS website. G. Cipriani talks us through the steps to access the web page

3. DVSS Student Council Report: E. Egan Council Vice President

Grade 9 elections will be held Monday September 25 for Student Council Rep. 6-7 students in Grade 9 have shown interest and 2 Reps will be elected. 8 existing Council Members representing the other grades.

Dec 7 is the Semi formal and plans are being finalized.

This years focus for Student Council is Student Voice. They are utilizing technology to reach the student body and have an Anonymous feedback section on their webpage to encourage student feedback, comments etc. They also have a google drive which Student council uses to share data, ideas etc.

Early Oct a pep rally will be held to kick off the School year.

Oct 20 is VIVE for Grade 9 students supported by the Gryphon Guides. Info to be sent home soon. Begins right after school and ends at 9 pm. Fee approx. \$20(TBD)

4. Teacher Report: E. Del Sordo discussing with teachers, honouring their contracts, to see how representation at School Council will look. To report back.

5. E. Del Sordo Handed out a package "Building Parent Engagement" tool kits as a resource for Council. It will help us ground our thinking and help us focus on Parent engagement.

We also received a handout explain School Cash Online outlining changes to the program. We are encouraged to use this as the method of payment as it removes the human error and provides a receipt of payment.

Media Consent handout also distributed to help increase awareness regarding consent.

G. Cipriani updated us on the iPad roll out for Grades 9 and 10. Grade 9's received a media package outlining the consent agreement as well as the importance of understanding and learning about one's personal digital citizenship. Devices are equipped with learning APPs that are HWDSB supported. Staff thinking is shifting towards embracing technology.

Positive School Climate Assemblies have been held for all grades. The info that was shared at these assemblies has been posted on the DVSS website.

E. Del Sordo encourages parents/adults to strive to understand their students learning style etc. Teaching should be a complete learning and assessment isn't just the end product. Assessment is a reflection of the students interactions, classroom conversations, participation and finally product. Be sure to ask teacher for progress in

all these areas. It is stressed that we as parents/guardians are partners in our students learning.

Friday Sept 22 PD Day. Teachers are sharing student work and identifying level 1 and 2 students. A level 3 student is meeting the "Provincial Expectations". By identifying the marker students and focusing on helping them achieve the Provincial expectations will help progress all students. Student voice will be incorporated into the process.

Student leadership camp is happening. Students training students to be leaders. Two students, A. Purnel and S. Robertson, from this years Leadership camp will be sharing their training seminar "Leading from Behind" with staff. Students will also be represented at the Staff Brainstorming table to help solve classroom hurdles.

DVSS 1 in 10 schools in Ontario to receive the Premiers Award for Accepting Schools. A reveal/acceptance to be planned by Students.

A Draft of the Continuous School Learning Plan to be presented to us in October highlighting Student Achievement, Well Being, Math.

E. Del Sordo received an email from an Educator in the Netherlands who is interested in talking with the students and staff regarding the Positive School Climate and Accepting Schools approach DVSS is taking and are interested in learning more. Very exciting as collaboration is happening regarding these issues, around the globe.

E. Del Sordo has been working with the Ministry of Education to develop videos focusing on Student Learning.. Many Boards have been working with DVSS to learn our teaching style "The Student as the Modern Learner".

E. Del Sordo: Very proud to be the Principal here.

6. N. Watt stresses how much she has enjoyed working on Council over the past few years.

D. Robertson reports on the 2017 Grad. It ran much more smoothly than the previous year. There was a very dismal response to the survey that was placed in the Grad programs. Ticket distribution was positively received and opening the doors a half hour early helped with previous issues. E. Del Sordo indicated that the contract with redeemer as the 2018 Grad venue has been resigned. The concept of an overflow room was investigated and the cost was to be extensive as well as AV rental and hiring individuals to run equipment. Doesn't seem feasible at this time.

It is recommended that a sub committee be formed to assist staff in organizing Grad for 2018.

PRO Grant application has been submitted Grant= \$1000. Last year Dr. Behnke-Cook spoke on resiliency. The Board this year is focusing on Math/STEM. M. Adams mentioned a speaker to Council last year that would be of interest for student body as well as potential for this grant. To follow up with him. Z. Heeney asks for clarification on the PRO Grant.

E. Del Sordo thanks N. Watt for her work on Council. Nominations for Council Chairs.

E. Del Sordo nominates S. VanEgdom and C. Evans. They are considering. **Chair positions and position of Secretary will be discussed at Meeting in Oct.**

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