

**DUNDAS VALLEY SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 17 2018, 6:30pm Location: DVSS Library

Present: Kathy Borer, Tania Brittain, Em Delsordo, Colleen Evans, Susan Kennedy, Kara Kindree, Kathy McGeachy, Jenny Pepper, Corie Pillinini, Shelley Stirling-Boyes, Cathy Veldman

Regrets: Pam Burse, Mieke Ewen, Candice Goodale, Linda Howie, Susan Moelker, Sue VanEgdom

1. Approval of Minutes and Agenda - Approved by Susan Kennedy

2. Principals Report - Em Delsordo

- As of Friday, April 20, Semester 2, Term 2 begins; we are at the midway point of school calendar, but only about 8 weeks left of year with exams and graduation activities. Staff are keeping an eye on stress level of students and working on designing culminating tasks that are not duplicating work already completed or to be completed on exams.

-Mr. Gelder, GLOW Club, hosting a prom on behalf of board, April 26 at Carmen's; Mr. Gelder created partnerships within the community to fundraise for this event. It is great that students see adults of all identifications/orientations supporting all students.

-Dr. Catharine Munn, PRO Grant Speaker coming up, Thursday, April 26, "The Highs and Lows of Marijuana and Other Substance Use." DVSS Library 6:30-8:30

-There is a growing concern around the prevalence of vaping at DVSS. There needs to be re-education around this for students; admin are being firm and consistent around vaping in the school. Vaping is under the radar and lacks the deterrents of smoking, but still offers the high for students. Staff need to be further educated and will give feedback on next steps.

-Holocaust Symposium coming up, and a group of students are representing DVSS

-May 3 - Mid-Semester Reports Issued

- May 3 and May 9 - Wellness Presentations, speakers coming in to speak about anxiety and mental health and building resiliency heading into exams
- May 22- Grad Prom at Luna Station
- May 29 -Music Dept Concert, 7:30 at Redeemer
- June 5 -12:00 Relay for Life, not a school sanctioned activity, but school is supporting
- June 7 - Grade 8 Orientation Day
- June 12-14— EQAO Grade 9 assessments
- June 20, last day of instruction
- June 21, exams, possibly start grade 12 exams on June 19, which finished grade 12 students early.
- Leadership/Valley Advisors group - forms currently available in office for students

3. PRO Grant Update and Re-Application

- Guest Speaker on April 26, Dr. Munn
- Sue VanEgdom will look after food for the evening
- Re-application is due June 5, Sue is organizing; discussion tabled to next meeting

4. Other Business

- Parent Survey - Board is still looking for parents to complete, regarding what the community is seeking in terms of leadership in schools, what are the needs of the community

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday May 15 @ 6:30

