

DVSS School Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm
Location: DVSS Learning Commons

Minutes

-Welcome from Sue Van Egdom

-Introductions of Principal Cipriani and VPs K. Klndrie and C. Pillinini, as well as Colleen Evans and Sue Van Egdom, co-chairs 2017-2018

-Introductions of all others in attendance

- Mrs. K. Lawson - Guidance
- Anne Waldie -office Administrator
- Jenny Pepper
- Kerri Latham
- Linda Howie
- Kris Traherne
- Candice Goodale
- Jane Nash
- Tim Cameron
- Tania Brittain

-approval of June minutes, “essentially a grad meeting”

-Mrs. Lawson

- - explanation of “The Hub”-kids to access
- Career Cruising-starting in grade 9-through to grade 12
- Take your Kids to work day, November 14-grade 9 students
- Student Awards Ceremony for grades 10-12 also Nov. 14

- VIVE -grade 9 event- Oct. 4, 2018, organized by Student Leadership team
- “Our Republic” - Community Involvement Hours
 - set up account
 - parents email
 - checked monthly by guidance
 - automatic transfer into system
- News and Announcements-Kids should check regularly
 - job info
 - community Involvement opportunities
 - contests
 - Routes, etc.
- Table of contents
 - post-secondary ie. College/University fairs and presentations
 - Application tutorials in November
 - due end of Winter break, deadline Jan. 3rd
 - scholarships and awards, grad
 - study skills powerpoints, student handbook, etc.
- Names of other guidance staff mentioned
- HWDSB DVSS public website reviewed, noting EVENTS calendar, twitter feed, “quick links” with Parent portal, school cash online, Community hours
- Grade 12 Reminder App in use-sign up in guidance, parents may sign up as well

-Principal’s Report - Mrs. G. Cipriani

- Excitement expressed to be back, praise for staff, team, and school community
- DVSS Goals-student achievement, positive school culture and well-being
- Clearly defined school vision-”Empathetic environment through the lens of human rights”
- Board strategy regarding “all students” Grad rates

- Provincial Math strategy, student achievement and success
- EQAO Math results, “very positive”
- OSSLT - results above Prov. and Board average for several yrs
 - Colleen Court- to support teachers in grade 10 applied level throughout the year-Test March 27th, 2019
 - meeting this week to discuss data
- Renovations
 - manufacturing room and equipment, garage doors, ventilation system and air collection
 - Road Construction concerns-2nd wave to begin in Spring
 - Track and Field area- progressing well
 - “Naming Advisory Committee” process, plan for Opening Ceremony
 - mention of Ms. MacPherson-”Superintendant of student achievement”
 - mention of Bernie Custis, school naming
 - tennis courts, in need of maintenance, city property

-Council Elections, lead by Sue Van Egdome

- Co-Secretaries-Kathy McGeachy and Jane Nash
- Co-chairs-Sue Van Egdome and Colleen Evans

-plan discussed for one Council meeting per month, as listed in meeting agenda

-Parent Reaching Out Grant received-discussion of past speakers/topics, call for ideas for future topics, to be discussed at next meeting

-Jenny Pepper volunteering to organize the reception for the Awards Ceremony on Nov. 7th (actual date confirmed as Nov. 14th)

-VIVE Reminder - Thursday, October 4th, 2018 - 3 to 9 pm, pick up at 9:15

-Parent-Teacher Interviews planned for October 25th, 2018

-Next meeting date: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 6:30 pm

