

## **DUNDAS VALLEY SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

*Tuesday, May 21, 2019 @ 6:30pm Location: DVSS Library*

Attendance: Jenny Pepper, Keri Latham, Susan Kennedy, Tania Brittain, Caelyn Brittain, Colleen Evans, Gail Cipriani, Corie Pillinini, Kara Kindree

Minutes approved by T. Brittain and S. Kennedy

Addition to Agenda: Student council report made by Caelyn Brittain

Student Council Report: Thinking on gift to DVSS for this school year. K. Kindree has idea for this and will connect with C. Brittain. Planning a school engagement activity, Dodgeball intramural. Will commence once a supervising teacher is confirmed. Elections have occurred for 2019/20 term. Reagan Berlin and Ella Coburn will be school council Presidents. Planning a BBQ/food truck event for year end celebration. Concern that food trucks will require a minimum purchase to be booked? K. Kindree shares that food trucks were brought in for an event at Waterdown High with no additional costs.

Principal Report: May 9, Mental Health Action Team ran an event, "Mindful Morning in May" for Grade 10 students. Was a student driven event that offered students the choice of 2 out of 8 offered workshops as well as Key note speaker, Nick Petrella. The morning was funded by a grant of \$1000 funded by Student Success foundation.

Prom was a huge success and was held this year at Carmens Banquet center.

May 17, 6 students participated in a "Day of Difference" at the HWDSB office

The Grade 11 Marketing class led by P. Toth is running an event/sale, "Clear-out for a Cause" which will in turn provide funds for 541 Eatery and Exchange in Hamilton. This is just one example of the student driven activities that are happening in this class.

Graduation committee meets again this week. Will be reviewing the gaps and to do's for day of Grad and will let us know if there is a need for support from Council. Will be looking to book grad day for next year.

Track and Field: The field (grass) is coming back to life and repairs/completion are being done to the track surface but due to the delays, the opening and naming celebration will be postponed until September.

May 31 is the temporary Track and Field date.

Grade 8 welcome day will be May 31. The students will participate in games and a BBQ as well as receive info on DVSS. Dundas Central and SWO will visit in the AM and Spencer Valley and Seaton will visit in the PM.

June 4: Athletic Banquet will be held at Dyments Farm.

June 7: Relay for Life

This past week the Art team participated in an event at the Art Gallery of Hamilton. A publication with student art called Flashforward is available and some student art was purchased.

June 11: Year end art show at HWDSB office from 5-8. All are welcome.

May 28: DVSS Music concert in West Gym @ 7:30

June 26: Graduation @ Michelangelo's. Valedictorian has been chosen: Sophie Wright.

Exam Schedule will be as follows: Grade 12 June 13 period 4, June 14 period 3, June 17 period 2, June 18 period 1.

Grade 9-11 June 20 period 4, June 21 period 3, June 24 period 2, June 25 period 1

Track and aField team competed in the City Track meet and gain title City Champions. May 22 & 23 SOSSA in St Catherines.

Senior boys competed and won quarter finals.

Staffing and timetabling: HWDSB has been impacted as a whole with Government announcements of redundant positions but Board is managing the changes with many positions/staff being already relocated/called back.

T. Brittain asked about classes with limited enrolment? Will classes close? C. Pillinini and G. Cipriani explain that tentative timetables are being built with current info but have not been finalized as of yet. If/when students have timetable conflicts etc, they will be contacted to review and rectify. K. Latham also asked about the government proposed online course requirement. G. Cipriani has had no directive from HWDSB to date with regard to this moving forward. K. Latham asks what the protocol is for students that have graduated but not yet decided on net steps. Are they free to return to DVSS? C. Pillinini explains that students are free to return to upgrade classes but are encouraged to take a full term of courses. There is also the option of taking courses through the adult learning center.

School Plan has been posted with up to date info and reflects the continuing goals of the school.

K. Kindree speaks to the individualized programming for students in the Special Education Classes which is in line with the overall School Plan for 2019/20 of trying to support all students with Learning Exceptionalities which is in line with Ministry mandate of Learning for All.

June 13: Dr Jean Clinton is speaking at Westdale Secondary on the topic of Teenage Brain from 6:30-8:00

Pro Grant Update: Approx 30 attendees. Nikki Carter was terrific and all enjoyed the knowledge they let with. Final report to be sent to Ministry of Education with no opportunity to reapply for a grant for 2019/20.

Encouraged to consider holding a position on DVSS council next year.

Next years meeting dates are as follows

September 17, 2019

October 15

November 19

January 14, 2020

February 18

April 21

May 19