

DVSS School Council Meeting Minutes– November 19th, 2019

Present: Sue VanEgdom, Zoey Heeney, Phil Moruzi, Chan Moruzi, Dara Coulter, Kerri Latham, Regan Berlin, Samantha Berlin, Mike Bromstein, Nicole Gregan, Lisa Spenler, Jenny Pepper, Gail Cipriani, Kara Kindree, Dawn Bennie, Tania Brittain , Amanda Ljuovic, Oskana Hlyva-Mozhamvsky

Regrets: Susan Moelker, Kathy McGeachy, Cathy Veldman, Colleen Evans, Jonathan Schinkel, William Oates

October minutes approved

SHSM were discussed at length. DVSS offers SHSM in Manufacturing, Arts and Culture, Business, and Transportation. They are introduced to students in Grade 10 because students can make course choices in grade 11 and 12. SHSM are promoted by assemblies and in-class conversations with teachers. Mr. Radix took Parent Council on a tour of the manufacturing lab. The Manufacturing SHSM was highlighted. Past DVSS graduates and friend were on hand to highlight the benefits of SHSM.

Sue and Zoey thanked everyone who came out to help with the Awards Ceremony.

Minutes were accepted for October's meeting.

Prime Ministers Report - Reagan

Snowflake Formal

The Snowflake formal is Dec 12th at Carmen's and tickets are \$35. Doors open at 5:30 and the night includes dinner, dancing and a photo-booth. Tickets can be bought via School Cash. Parental permission form must be printed off and filled in along with proof of payment to be eligible to attend the event. Out of school guests are welcome, one per student, with permission from their home school principal.

Job Action implications were discussed. This may impact the Snowflake event however it is too early to predict impact, if any. Flexibility is key to managing on going Job Action impacts.

Week Before Winter Break Spirit Activities

A planned theme day has been scheduled for each day leading up to the Winter Break. Last day will be a PJ Day and talent show – all are welcome to showcase their talents.

Student Council and Grad Council Committees Merge into one.

The process has started this year and will be fully one committee for the 2020 school year.

Potential Upcoming Events

An activity based on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Principals Report

- Mid-term reports will be sent out either Thursday or Friday.
- Nov 20th is Grade 7&8 information night.
- Nov 20th is the Spaghetti Dinner put on by the Grad Council which includes a celebrity chef from Creative Plate Eatery.
- Nov 21st Peace Medal Breakfast. The Global Connect Class of 2018 is nominated for a medal.
- Music students are going to see Mama Mia at Ancaster High school, featuring two DVSS teachers in the orchestra.
- Nov 28th – Anxiety Busters 101 featuring Nicki Carter (local social worker) through the Health Action Team. Focus will be on Dealing with Being A Perfectionist and Anxiety Reducing Strategies.
- Nov 29th PD Day will focus on positive culture and will be going. Lessons created for K-Grade 12 are already being discussed in the classrooms with full rollout Nov 20th. Regan discussed Grade 12 perspective and post-secondary strategies.
- Question raised - how can parents provide input? Gail recommended completing PIC surveys and input on policy review when available.
- Dec 3rd is Winter concert 7pm in west gym
- S2 Staffing allocations pending, school enrolment is consistent and line allocation pending
- review and anticipate similar position

Current Global Connect Class update

- Eyes on Youth at Cotton Factory on Dec 13th, which is a youth-based art show focused on UN sustainable goals
- Spark on Jan 9th, conference at Carmen's for grade 7 and 8's, open to all board elementary schools to provide leadership, skills and commitment for future action based on UN sustainable goals

Labour update

- no change, info available online and school will relay information as comes available
- HWDSB has 9 bargaining units, elementary now eligible for potential job action, secondary upcoming
- Job action process clarification requested: Gail advised process is: 1) strike vote 2) cooling period (unspecified amt of days) 3) 5-day notice prior to action required
- Actions can vary work to rule or withdrawal in some form / response is dependent on action

Other Business / Parent Concern raised: Smoking/vaping - what is school doing about it?

- Gail responded: suspension if caught. It is a collective responsibility of all community, requests adults to inform staff if it is witnessed, staff responds immediately. Information provided to students regarding legislation, rules at beginning of each year
- Alternatives for Youth Council (Caroline) sent CAMH info to Gail, CAMH hosting a Facebook live

discussion regarding issue on Nov 28th from 7-8pm

- Vaping also now embedded in curriculum
- Kara also advised that during last PA day discussed vaping/cannabis, reviewed health impacts and shared resources - team is now writing information for Phys Ed staff to utilize. Also discussed lack of regulation and challenges to enforce/monitor use in personal spaces i.e. bathrooms
- Off school use receives one warning - onsite immediate suspension and confiscation resulting in increased number of suspensions in school
- staff is trying to increase monitoring and increased focus on educating students
- Parent question raised: regarding laws
Gail advised of available reporting line, police involvement if required and bylaw officer can be engaged but they need to witness act. Referrals to Alternates for Youth for assistance will be made if necessary

Grad Update / Gail -

- grad form almost ready and will be one stop info sheet for parents/grads
- \$60 grad fee includes gowns, hall, photo

Next meeting Jan 14, 2020