

DVSS School Council Meeting Minutes– January 14, 2020

Present: Sue VanEgdom, Colleen Evans, Chan Moruzi, Phil Moruzi, Kerri Latham, Amanda Ljucovic, Jennie Feijer, Susan Moelker, Regan Berlin, Mike Bromstein, Samantha Berlin, Nicole Gregan, Caroline Spence, William Oates, Jenny Pepper, Gail Cipriani, Zoey Heeney, Tania Brittain

Regrets: Lisa Spenler, Kathy McGeachy

Meeting Opened – Zoey

- November minutes approved

Prime Ministers Report – Regan

- **Feedback from parents requested on Winter Semi Formal**
 - o Issues with traffic getting to Carmen's on time
 - o 6pm door close policy is implemented from a safety standpoint, not to turn people away at the door – should people run late, door staff is reasonable and understanding
 - o Some food complaints
 - o Overall, Winter Semi Formal had positive feedback
 - o Question was raised, why not hold the dances at DVSS in order to reduce student barriers from attending
 - No high schools have school dances based on consensus with students. Students want offsite activities
 - Liability is higher on site
 - DVSS does hold a grade nine dance on site at the beginning of the school year
- **Winter Semi Formal Committee Feedback**
 - o Revisiting payment/consent options to make it easier next year
- **Spirit Week (leading up to the December Break) Feedback**
 - o Activities included: cotton candy, theme days, bingo, games and talent show
 - o The Grinch Game will not be repeated next year
 - o Moving the talent show to the end of day Friday may help to encourage school attendance
- **Spring Semi Formal**
 - o Dance only held at Dundas Valley Golf and Curling Club at the end of April or beginning of May depending on availability

Principals Report

- **New Capital Project Approved**
 - o Converting old manufacturing room into a Health & Wellness Room
 - o New room will be more accessible, safe and welcoming

- **New Capital Project Approved - Continued**
 - Next steps are sending out RFP's and having a supervisor assigned
 - Gathering feedback from PE department and the architect
 - Funding is for the shell of the room only – does not include any equipment or furnishings
 - External source fundraising is an option
 - School budgets are shrinking
 - May be a fee to use the new room -similar to current fee
- **Global Connect Student Conference**
 - DVSS student lead conference to engage elementary school students from grads 7&8 from HWDSB
 - Excellent job done!
- **Eyes on Youth**
 - Dec 13 student lead art showcase at the Cotton Factory
 - Also huge success
- **Staff & Admin Changes at DVSS**
 - Kara is moving to Glendale
 - Mike Murray starting in Feb to take over many aspects of her role
 - Paul Fox promoted to VP at Saltfleet starting 2nd semester
 - Staff changes will occur but are hoping to be settled before 2nd semester
- **Labour Update**
 - Potential labour disruption discussed at length
 - Two strike days so far – Dec 4th and Jan 15th
 - Shouldn't be any implications to exams
 - Grade 9 EQAO math 1st semester cancelled
 - Ministry talk of making all students participate in 2nd semester Math EQAO
 - Potential huge negative impact to first semester students
 - Parents should be aware of any implications to student grades – no clear direction at this point from the ministry
 - Strikes biggest concern for student welfare and the huge negative impact of larger class sizes that will be felt Ontario wide
- **Grad Update**
 - Held at Carmen's on June 23rd
 - Everything will be streamlined and ordered through cash online

Meeting Adjourned – Zoey

- Next meeting Feb 18th, 2020 @ 6:30pm