

## **DVSS School Council Meeting Minutes– February 18, 2020**

**Present:** Sue VanEgdom, Zoey Heeney, Lisa Spenler, Gail Cipriani, Mike Murray, Jenny Pepper, Nicole Gregan, Regan Berlin Bromstein, Dara Coulter, Tania Brittain, Jennie Feijer, Kerri Latham.

**Regrets:** William Oates, Colleen Evans, Chan Moruzi, Phil Moruzi, Jonathon

### **Meeting Opened – Zoey**

- January minutes approved
- Distributed Safe School Anti-Bullying Info
- Welcomed Mike Murray as the new VP for students M thru Z
- Regrets noted

### **Prime Ministers Report – Regan**

- **Spring Semi Formal**
  - o Confirm with venue mid April
  - o Theme will be related to a decided upon decade or decades
- **Spirit Week**
  - o Estimated May timing
  - o Activities included: variety of activities, dress up theme days, potential competition between grades to increase participation
  - o Goal is to get as many students involved as possible
  - o Focus on new student involvement
  - o Potential last day pep rally to support a school team
- **Student Involvement with Student Council**
  - o Overall, trying to get more students involved with student council

### **Principals Report**

- **Leadership Council**
  - o Was attended by 5 students
- **Option Sheets**
  - o Due end of February
  - o Staff allocation is based on student choices
  - o Parents signatures required, students to return them to period one teachers
  - o Grade 11&12 info is available on the HUB regarding co-ops etc.
- **Grade 8 Option Sheets**
  - o Feb 26 & 28 to help enter Grade 9 choices into Career Cruising
- **New Capital Project Approved**
  - o 2 Supervisor meetings already
  - o Architect and Engineers additional meetings scheduled
  - o Fundraising will be needed to complete the room beyond the structure part that is already funded by the Capital Project

## **Principals Report Continued**

- Ideally the new space will be completed next school year
- Equipment is required to meet specific Board guidelines
- **Tennis Court**
  - Have been cleaned up of vines etc
  - The city built the courts but are not responsible for the upkeep
  - The school is responsible for the maintenance
  - Currently, this is not listed as a Capital Project – no funding
- **Transportation Room**
  - New teacher hired
  - Offering teacher/community car maintenance
  - Reach ahead activities available
  - Positive feedback so far
- **Labour Update**
  - Friday strike date – all Hamilton schools will be closed
  - Could impact the Grade 10 Literacy Test scheduled for the end of March
  - Could have negative implications to next year class planning/offering
- **Bell Time Study**
  - Reviewing buses, school timing, and routes
  - There are bus shortages daily
  - If 40 buses could be eliminated than this could alleviate issues
  - Potential solution could be moving bell times
  - Earliest start for secondary schools would be 8:00 am with a latest dismissal of 3:00 pm
  - Earliest start for elementary schools would be 8:10 am with a latest dismissal of 3:50 pm
- **Parent Voice Survey – March 13<sup>th</sup>**
  - Parent feedback requested
- **Safe Arrival**
  - Now has a text feature available

## **New Business**

- A Parent Council Subcommittee was proposed for fundraising for the Capital Project
- Staff to evaluate equipment needs for the room

## **Meeting Adjourned – Zoey**

- Next meeting April 21st, 2020 @ 6:30pm