

## DVSS Council Meeting Minutes

Sept 17, 2019, 6:30pm

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Approval of Minutes

### 3. Prime Minister's Report : Regan Berlin

### 4. Teacher's Report:

- a. Paul Fox (Student Success Teacher, Head of Science, ITC(computer ) support
  - i. Transition Activities: Scavenger Hunt, BBQ and Oct. 17th (VIVE) a grade 9 only activity with dance and supper
  - ii. Student Success role: support stressors from outside of school, academic support, support with anxiety related feelings.
    - Student can ask to see Mr Fox for support
    - Students are often referred by classroom teachers
    - Involved heavily in communication during transitions between grade 8 and grade 9
    - Ran a program in the summer for future grade 9 students to help them become more familiar and comfortable at school

### 5. Principal's Report

- a. Dawn Bennie is the new office admin. Dawn has enormous influence, amazing tech ability and skills; kind and welcoming.
- b. Grade 9's received their board issued iPADS.
  - All students now have their technology to use in their classroom
  - Students were introduced to important skills and communication about responsible digital citizenship
  - Mr Gelder, Ms Clarke, Mr Fox and Ms Dupuis all were primary supports
  - Support is available in the Library/Learning Commons or through Mr Fox with submitting assignments in eLearning
- c. PA Day Friday, September 19th is primarily compliance training, as well as, We Help (Suicide Intervention Protocol) and this training will continue next Tuesday at the staff meeting (Concussion and Prevalent Medical Conditions). We will also start working on our School Annual Plan.
- d. Leadership Camp (Gr 10-12): Student leaders going to Cave Springs for a two day leadership camp focused on team building and leadership. A parent meeting was held Sept 16 as the camp runs overnight.
- e. September 24th is Photo Day!
- f. September 26th: Art Samson Track & Field Opening
  - Terry Fox Run will start at 9:45 am
  - Opening Event @ 12:30 pm
  - Football Game Buy In @ 1:30 pm
- g. Preliminary Reports: go home October 11th
- h. School Annual Plan: Positive Culture and Well Being & All Students Graduating
  - Professional Learning for staff will focus on students who are struggling
  - Focus also on students with identified special education needs as it is good for the learning of all students

Questions: Any information about the potential requirement for students to complete 4 e-Learning courses before their graduation?

6. **School Council Elections:** Clarity around the role's requirements is provided including setting an agenda, communicating with school administrators, supporting school activities, potential PRO Grant application for speakers
7. Co chairs will be Sue Van Egdome and Zoey Heeney
8. **Other Business:**
  - a. 235 students participated (212 first time eligible to participate) and 79% were successful
  - b. 23 Students were previously eligible and repeating the test. 65% were successful

Adjourned at 7:30 pm

Next Meeting: October 15th



