

Dundas Valley Secondary School Council Minutes

October 20, 2020

Present: Zoey Heeney, Gail Cipriani, Michael Murray, Jonathan Schinkel, Dawn Bennie, Ella Cockburn, Dara Coulter, Sarah Walmsley, Peter Walmsley, Sue Moelker, Lisa Spenler, Jennie Feijer, Meredith Bourne, Sue VanEgdom, Jennifer Lawson

Regrets: Amanda Ljucovic, Cathy Veldman

1. Welcome and Introductions

Land Acknowledgement: Lead by G. Cipriani

Rules of MS Teams: Z. Heeney

Short Tutorial on use of MS Team: M. Murray

2. Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Motion to approve: S. VanEgdom Seconded by L. Spenler

3. Council Elections and Review of Voting Membership:

Council Chair: Zoey Heeney

Secretary: Lisa Spenler

4. Prime Minister's Report: Ella Cockburn

1st meeting was held on Monday Oct 19 over MS Teams

- Efforts being made to make MS Teams accessible for all students to participate
- Elections and Roles are being reviewed with the goal for more student voice and participation
- Communicating with student body through Instagram
- Brainstorming on how to participate in Remembrance Day, make a donation with additional funds that are left over from last year
- Student Senate representatives: 2 from DVSS able to represent. 1st meeting next week. J. Schinkel confirms this is still a go.

5. Teacher's report: Jennifer Lawson

Explanation on how to use the Hub to access Dundas, Valley Guidance 20/21

A course for students. Explanation of Hour Republic, Career Cruising, Additional Content. Very helpful for planning for post secondary education. Parents encourage to look at this with student (student must provide parental access)

Grade 12 info letter posted to DVSS webpage, weekly with timelines and important info.

6. Principal's Report

G. Cipriani speaks to the adaptive model- Face to face and remote learning. Opt in and out dates as well as the protocols and procedures around Covid including

enhanced contact tracing (seating charts etc) 100 Plus protocols developed to enter school safely in collaboration with Hamilton Public Health. G. Cipriani thanks Dawn Bennie for her tireless efforts in supporting both staff and students during this transitional time.

S. Moelker asks what expectations are on “remote learning days”. Gail explains that the expectation is that students are working on assigned tasks and collaborative learning with classmates.

Check Parent Portal regularly for updates and new forms. New Cover attestation for safe return to school after illness posted.

Prelim reports have been handed out to students. Remote learners will receive in the mail. This is not a graded report but rather a reflection of learning skills. If a parent would like to discuss the progress with a teacher, they can contact the staff via the Staff Listing on the DVSS web page using their school email.

Many of the reporting periods have been changed/modified Re: university deadlines, midterm reporting etc. For more info refer to DVSS webpage under “event” to stay up to date.

Jennifer Warren (Teacher) has been awarded the Prime Minister’s Award for Teaching Excellence – Certificate of Achievement. Congrats Ms. Warren!!

Student achievement awards: Thinking of a way to Honour the students for their achievements. Well done Students.

Capital Projects: Reno to the old manufacturing room into Health and wellness Centre is well under way. It will be a multi use room for many physical fitness, drama, artistic etc. activities.

2019/20 Diplomas have been received and are being processed. Staff coming up with a distribution plan to deliver to post secondary Grads.

7. Review of School Council Meeting Dates:

November 17, 2020 @ 6:30 on MS Teams (until further notice)

January 19, 2021

February 16, 2021

April 20, 2021

May 18, 2021

8. Other Business

Adjourned @ 8:07 pm

Minutes submitted by S. VanEgdom