

Dundas Valley Secondary School Council Minutes

April 20, 2021

Present: Zoey Heeney, Gail Cipriani, Michael Murray, Jonathan Schinkel, Dawn Bennie, Ella Cockburn, Chantel Bertran, Dara Coulter, Donna Nunan, Sue VanEgdom, Susan Moelker, Cathy Veldman, Lisa Spenler

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM
- Land Acknowledgement: Lead by G. Cipriani

2. Approval of Minutes and Agenda: Motion to approve:

- D. Coulter seconded by S.VanEgdom

3. Prime Minister's Report – Ella Cockburn

- Spirit week was held the week before the April break
- New remote learning has been a bit confusing for many
- Working on UN Incentive – every week until the end of the year
- Relay for Life – hoping to have a virtual event, no fundraising possible
- With Waterdown DSS – Redress Project (supporting Aboriginal women)
- Working on a Grade 12 Grad Book (organized by Grade 12s)

4. Teacher's Report – Chantel Bertran (Student Success Lead)

- Stress busting workshops (led by Dr.George) – many already held, one left on April 29
- Then the DVSS team will be taking over, plan going forward is to have 1 student led workshop every wk in May
- First one is Learning Skills focused on May 6 during the lunch break
- 1st – Tips and Techniques for Your Learning Style, 2nd – Get Organized, 3rd – Hub & Notability Refresher
- Looking to record the sessions to post on the School Website
- Connecting with Gr.9&10 Homeroom teachers to reach more students

5. Principal's Report

- New bell times for September (after city wide bell time study) will be 8:05-2:15
- Bell time changes due to chronic shortage of bus drivers, unfortunately school has no say
- Mid-term reports being send digitally end of April
- Principal's meeting on April 21 to discuss line allocation and number of courses that will be offered next year
- Equity Action Plan – students can participate in a voluntary board survey "We All Count" 2021 student census

- Email invitation will be sent to students and they will be given class time to complete
- Room 2081 – transformed from a manufacturing room to a Health & Wellness room for activities and exercise
- Refresh in the Library Learning Commons – out for tender, hoping to finish over the summer

6. Commencement Update

- Grad Book being made – 32 pages, ready for the end of June
- Hoping to have Commencement June 16 and June 17 (will be dependent on current health guidelines)
- Will be a drive-thru celebration with booked times
- DVSS will be providing gowns, caps and stoles to all Grade 12 students
- There will be an opportunity for professional photography there
- There will be a Valedictorian and speech will be posted online
- Students this year can graduate with only 20 hours of community involvement.

7. Other Business

- New timetables alternate periods 3&4 in the morning block
- OSSLT cancelled again this year – next year will have Grades 10-12 writing it
- Parent Engagement Fund – joining with Westdale – details coming soon

Next meeting May 18/21

Adjourned @ 7:42 pm

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