

Dundas Valley Secondary School Council Minutes

May 18, 2021

Present: Zoey Heeney, Gail Cipriani, Michael Murray, Dawn Bennie, Ella Cockburn, Dara Coulter, Donna Nunan, Sue VanEgdom, Susan Moelker, Phil Moruzi, Julia Zacharia, Lisa Spenler

Regrets: Jonathan Schinkel, Cathy Veldman

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 6:33 PM
- Land Acknowledgement: 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 & Julia Zacharia

- Sustainable Development Goals – weekly goals for students, this week is Goal 12
- Relay for Life – hoping to have a virtual event, no fundraising possible
- Peer tutoring – surveys for Gr.10-12 to help younger students in a subject they're proficient in

** Good-bye and sincere Thanks to Sue Van Egdom as this is her last School Council meeting after spending 21 years on School Councils

4. Teacher's Report

- Destreaming Grade 9 Math – Ontario now in line with the rest of Canada. Why? Equity for all students – low income students and racialized students are disproportionately represented in Applied classes. There will be a cap of 25 students in the new curriculum.
- Eventually to destream other Gr.9 classes
- Getting ready with the feeder schools, gap filling with a Gap Math course

5. Principal's Report

- September – will be employing a Quadmester model based on the Provincial directive. Semester 1 and possibly Semester 2. 2 classes a day for half of the semester, 150 min AM, lunch, 150 min PM
- Parents must commit to online or in-person learning now for timetable building

- Student led Initiatives – DVSS Mentor program (18 student mentors), Study Skills Presentations delivered at lunch – 30 kids participated in last week`s session.
- Commencement 2021 – Valedictorian process is ongoing, May 26 videos will be uploaded for students to vote. Public Health measures are at a standstill – no confirmation from them yet on whether a drive-through celebration can go ahead.

6. Other Business

- Parent Engagement Fund – no longer joining with Westdale
- We`ll be hosting on May 27 Kojo Dampsey who is the Executive Director for the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion

Next meeting September 21/21

Adjourned @ 7:28 pm

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