

**Dundas Valley Secondary School Council Minutes**  
**Oct 19, 2021**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Present:** Zoey Heeney, Gail Cipriani, Michael Murray, Dara Coulter, Susan Moelker, Cathy Veldman, Nancy Nemeth, Scott Barr, Jennifer Warren, Steve Davey, Julia Zacharia, Amanda Ljucovic

**Regrets:** None.

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement**

- Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM
- Land Acknowledgement shared by Mr. Davey was from Elizabeth Doxtaler who provided a Thanksgiving address land acknowledgement.
- Mr. Davey provided a summary of DVSS Truth and Reconciliation week actions
  - o Orange shirt day
  - o What DVSS can do to make a difference
  - o Why we do a land acknowledgement
  - o Start with good intentions and a good heart, reflection, appreciation of people and what is around us.
  - o Two examples of student's voice were shared and their impact within the DVSS community.

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

- D. Coulter, seconded S. Moelker.

**3. President's Report**

- thank you to J. Zacharia for bringing a full report to Council
- Halloween – there will be 2 social media contests. 1. Costume and 2. Pumpkin carving/painting. Students to share and post on Instagram. Students are encouraged to dress up also.
- Global Connect t-shirt request approved by student council.
- additional garbage can request – currently with Facilities Management for follow up.
- Grad books survey out to grade 12's.
- Morning announcements – 2 members of student council will be reading the announcements. Looking into having a music playlist also.
- Remembrance Day – falls within the exam/student success day period. Student Council looking into using a prior year or other HWDSB presentation.

#### 4. Teacher's Report

- Care team reaching out to students.
- Focus on connecting with grade 9/10 remote learning students by a student who has navigated the process very well.
- How to apply to college/university tutorials being held in October.
- Grade 9 sessions on how to book guidance appointments for Our Republic/Zelo.
- MHAT (Mental Health Action Team) – working with Dr. L. George again for pop up mental health learning sessions. Held via MS Teams.

#### 5. Principal's Report

- Quad 1:
  - Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – midterm reports
  - Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – final day of instruction
  - Nov 10-12 – student success days (still considered attendance days)
- Quad 2:
  - Nov 15<sup>th</sup> – first day of instruction
  - Dec 6<sup>th</sup> – preliminary reports
  - Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Flex Day
- 2021-2022 assessment evaluation
  - o Flexibility in determining a final evaluation for up to 30% of a student's final mark
  - o Flexibility to have exams for grade 12
  - o Exams for grade 12's not to exceed 10% of final grade and must occur during class and before student success days.
- Honor roll for 2020-2021 (achievement of >80% in 7+ classes)
  - o Grade 9 = 58%
  - o Grade 10 = 58%
  - o Grade 11 = 67%
  - o Grade 12 = 59% (students earned 80% in 6 courses taken over the school year)Tremendous achievement for students given pandemic remote learning.
- DVSS athletics having a great start to the year.
  - o S. Kew – gold medal at OFSAA for golf.
  - o Currently, majority of athletes equipment is being carried with them as opposed to storing in lockers. The use of lockers is pending review and outcome expected before Q2.
- Renovation update
  - o Major roofing has been complete
  - o Learning Commons – ETA for moving in is November 2021
  - o Black Box Theatre – Semester 2

**Next meeting November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Adjourned @ 7:36 pm**