

Dundas Valley Secondary School Council Minutes
15 February 2022, 6:30pm
Virtual Meeting

Present: Gail Cipriani, Michael Murray, Scott Barr, Zoey Heeney, Dara Coulter, Susan Moelker, Cathy Veldman, Nancy Nemeth, Julia Zacharia, Tammy Lombardo, Lori Phillips

Regrets: Jennifer Warren, Jennifer Lawson

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM
- Land Acknowledgement: By Gail Cipriani

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

- Zoey Heeney, seconded Dara Coulter

3. President's Report – Julia Zacharia

- Valentines Day – Candygrams a huge success. Had a virtual sign-up. Completed about 550 candygrams.
- Trying to think of other similar activities to engage students
- Grad class – planning to put out a box asking for ideas from grads of what they would like to have included in their commencement
- Newspaper - Hoping to do a 2nd edition by end of Feb.
- Black History month – starting conversations by posting articles online
- This week is also “Kindness “week, thinking of what to do to recognize this.

4. Teacher's Report (Gail Cipriani did report for Jen Warren)

- MHAT – Mental Health Action Report – Phoebe Callaghan did a presentation last week on cognitive distortions.
- There is going to be a StressBusters Pop-Up this Thursday (17th) at lunchtime, the link is on the Guidance HUB course page. It's a ½ hour workshop on MS teams with Dr Lindsay George and members of the Family Health team.
- Option Sheet presentations have been done as a class and videos of the presentations are available on the DVSS Guidance HUB course page (under announcements) for students that missed them. Deadline for options is 4 March.
- Presentations for courses were also made to the feeder schools and are available on the school website. There was great feedback on these presentations from the gr 8 students (this presentation is available on the DVSS website, under “students”)

5. Principal's Report (By Michael Murray for Gail Cipriani)

- Assessment, Evaluation & Reporting Guidelines
- Semester 1 – Quadmester 2 – reports delivered digitally
- Next flex days are April 11th & June 6th
- Gr 9 EQAO – Math – June 2022 for students learning in-person. It's an online assessment. 10% maximum towards final grade
- OSSLT gr 10's and previously eligible students – will be online sometime between March 23-May 18, no set date yet

- Final Evaluations in June – will be consistent with semester 1 – student success days + grade 12 exams in some cases
- COMING SOON - online learning graduation requirement – a minimum of 2 online credits for all students entering gr 9 Sept 2020 – if requested there is an opt out process.
- Gr 9 students during Semester 2 2020-21 will be granted one credit towards graduation requirement
- Feb 23rd – Pink Shirt day but also because it's Kindness week, want to do random acts of kindness, the Pink Shirt day theme this year is "Lift Each other Up"
- Commencement for 2022 – there will be a digital suggestion box for input from students
- Commencement may be virtual / drive by again this year or it may be in person if schools are able to have large in-person gatherings/events
- Covid Protocols – UPDATE - full return for extra curriculars & athletics. There is now voluntary reporting of positive Covid cases and will be posted on the DVSS website. Lunch – the cafeteria will be available to the gr 9 & 10's, the gr 11 & 12's will be in TF2 classroom. Masking and screening to continue as before. Wind instruments are now allowed in large well-ventilated spaces – singers to have masks on
- School is working on spectator limits for athletic/extra curricular events - new protocols will be made. Activities continue to open up as protocols open up.
- New class schedule – back to normal – on Day 1 will be period 1, 2, 3, 4.
 - o Day 2 will be period 2, 1, 4, 3

7. Other Business

- Pro Grant – have not heard anything further in this regard, there will be a follow up conversation regarding this on 21 Feb
- Community hours – will it still be 40 hours moving forward because students have had less opportunities to do volunteer hours due to 2 years of Covid? It will be updated as each year progresses, but currently is still 40 hours, it will likely change for this gr 12 year, but will be confirmed.

Next meeting 12 April, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Adjourned @ 7:23 pm