

Dundas Valley Secondary School Council Minutes

12 April 2022, 6:30pm

Virtual Meeting

Present: Gail Cipriani, Scott Barr, Jennifer Warren, Nancy Nemeth, Julia Zacharia, Zoey Heeney, Dara Coulter, Susan Moelker, Cathy Veldman, Tammy Lombardo, Lori Phillips, Megan Coombes

Regrets: Jennifer Lawson, Michael Murray

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting called to order at 6:32 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

- Focusing on making Land Acknowledgement more impactful. Been in communication with new Indigenous teacher at DVSS (Ms. J. Fraser) who suggested they focus on each thought/section of the acknowledgement and breakdown what it means. Have started a Mohawk Monday – where a Mohawk word is learnt and explained.
- Morning announcements have traditionally been done by students on council, but it has been opened up to all interested students
- There is a meeting that happens each Thursday to get ideas and make plans for the grad celebration and the prom. The venue for the prom has been booked for 26 May.

4. Teacher's Report (Jen Warren)

- Gr 11 English course (3U) now has an indigenous factor "SHAE" (Strengthening Hamilton's Aboriginal Education) to its program, which means it exists as a course by itself, but it also counts as a gr 11 English credit.
- Community involvement hours for current gr 12s is 20 hours, but next year is 40 hours. For this year only 10 hours of housework can be used, and 10 hours of paid work can be used toward their 40 hours. Post on Hour Republic" on the HUB. Does not include work done over summer.
- Guidance tab in the HUB, students had to select their courses in Zello, parents then approved their choices. If courses don't have enough enrollment students will be advised with alternatives in April. If there is a course conflict for students, they will be advised around end of May/beginning of June.
- Parents ask your student to show you the HUB. It includes making appointments with guidance teacher, has announcements, lists tutors, lists volunteer jobs, co-ops, summer co-ops, summer school registration, and how to log community hours.

5. Principal's Report (By Gail Cipriani)

- Semester 2 will be delivered like semester 1. No exam days (except some gr 12 classes- max 10% toward final grade- used to be 30%), will have student success days again for the other grades.
- Next flex days are April 12th & June 7th. Attendance is expected.
- Semester 2 – midterm reports delivered digitally on 25th April

- Gr 9 EQAO – Math – June 2022 for students learning in-person. It's an online assessment. 10% maximum towards final grade. It'll only be used if it advantages the student's grade.
- OSSLT gr 10's and previously eligible students – will be online May 5, gr 9 & gr 10 have a practise assessment 20th April.
- NEW - online learning graduation requirement – a minimum of 2 online credits for all students entering gr 9 since Sept 2020 – if requested there is an opt our process.
- Gr 9 students during Semester 2 2020-21 will be granted one credit towards graduation requirement due to remote learning.
- Commencement is going to be held at Carmens -28 June. If it needs to be scaled back due to Covid restrictions etc, then will make adjustments.
- Gr 12 Prom – booked LIANA Station for 26 May. Available to all gr 12's, even if they don't fully graduate in June. No fundraising has been done due to restrictions, but this is not Ministry funded so it has to come from the parents/community.
- The Prom Project is happening again this year, 7th May, free to students. It's gently used prom wear that has been donated.
- Covid Protocols - full return for extra curriculums & athletics. (all in-person now including close contact sports) No mask mandate anymore but it is still encouraged. Continues to be voluntary reporting of positive Covid cases and is posted on the DVSS website. Lunch – the cafeteria will be available all students.

6. PRO Grant

- It has been decided to do a virtual tour through the Woodland Cultural Center, we chose the discussion called "Stereotypes and Racism".
- It will be shown on a zoom link at 7pm May 3rd. Council gets charged by Woodland Center based on how many people log on. It's a flat rate of \$300 for up to 40 people, and then gets charged per person after that. We capped it at 50 people. Would like to open it up to parents and staff to participate. Zoey & Dara will promote the event on different media, and it will be posted on the school website. A council discussion was held after input was requested on how to advertise this without it being susceptible to being shared randomly, as we are paying per person, but also making it known to parents that don't often look at the website etc. It was decided to first find out if Woodland depicts if we need to restrict numbers, (Zoey thinks the cap for the organisation is 80), but also to play it by ear a little, and to use other forms of social media if there is not enough interest from school based communication. It will be added to the school website and to the announcement feed.

7. Other Business. None

Next meeting 17 May, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Adjourned @ 8:15 pm