

Dundas Valley Secondary School Council Minutes

17 May 2022, 6:30pm

Virtual Meeting

Present: Gail Cipriani, Scott Barr, Nancy Nemeth, Julia Zacharia, Zoey Heeney, Dara Coulter, Susan Moelker, Cathy Veldman, Tammy Lombardo, Lori Phillips, Sohan Mukherjee, Amanda Ljucovic

Regrets: Jennifer Warren

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:

- Dara Coulter, seconded Zoey Heeney

3. President's Report – Julia Zacharia

- Land Acknowledgement update- each week they are focusing on a different aspect/topic mentioned in the acknowledgement. EG Different nations, terminology, origins, facts etc. They also did “Dish with one spoon” focus this week. Ms. Fraser was a huge help.
- Spirit week will be the week after Victoria Day holiday – a few ideas are career day, culture day, country club day. Planning to get a cotton candy machine in the last day of the week
- Morning announcements have traditionally been done by students on council, but it has been opened up to all interested students and is going well.

4. Teacher's Report (Regrets from Jen Warren- unable to attend so Gail Cipriani presented)

- Gr 12 Update – Final university offers are coming out this week.
- Colleges have rolling acceptances
- Summer School registration is open. Students sign up themselves. They can choose online classes or in-person at Sir Allen MacNab.
- Mental Health Action team have a tea in the library each Tuesday. It's been a huge hit. Had over 30 kids this past week. Last week they welcomed Dr Lindsay George from the family health team to present on stress management and supporting your friends.

5. Principal's Report (By Gail Cipriani & Scott Barr)

- May 12 – SWO Track Day. Collaborated with Sir William Osler, over 300 students participated. Track and field focus. Events included shot put, sprint races, turbo javelin, this was all run by students. There was also a concession stand.
- Staffing for 2022/2023 year. There are still less staff than usual, but more than last year. DVSS won't need to surplus a teacher next year. There are a few retirements, but nothing has officially been announced yet, this will make room for a few new heads of different departments and will be announced at the appropriate time. The school will be hiring for next year.
- Courses for next year – 74% got their requested courses, 26% had to get an alternative
- Provincial Elections – 2 June – DVSS will have the west gym set up for voters, which will not affect the students at all. It will be a regular school day.

- Bike to school day is a pop-up event – scheduled for June 10. It will be set up in the bike lane so be aware if arriving/driving to the school that day.
- Commencement – was originally pre-booked in 2019 and had a capacity of 1000, but it has been updated and the new seating only accommodates 600, so the school decided to change the venue so that grads can invite their families etc. The new venue is Hamilton Convention Center, which allows 6 guests per grad (1500 capacity)
- A student led decision was made regarding the ceremony - there will be 4 MC's and a Valedictorian. Costing will be brought to students to help decide what can be added/ made available to the celebration.
- Students are meeting regarding these decisions in person and on Teams.
- Gr 12 Prom – booked Liuna Station for 26 May, 5pm – 10pm. Tickets \$75. Available to all gr 12's, even if they don't fully graduate in June. It is very student driven regarding food, décor etc. and co-planned with the Staff Commencement Team
- There will be a student led meeting on Wed 18 May at 10am in the cafeteria
- DVSS Concert Band will play at the commencement – first live performance in 2 years.
- There will be caps and gowns – details to follow. Photography by Edge Imaging.
- Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting guidelines – next Flex day is June 7th. Attendance is expected, it's a catch-up day.
- Gr 12 – 4U + 4M will have exams similar to 2nd quadmester. Gr 12 exam days are 17, 20, 21 June.
- 7th June – athletics celebration – reception, recognition and awards and then BBQ on field.
- 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 –online May 5.
- 21 June – last day of class, then will be student success days 22-27 June. 24th is the last day of school because the 29th is a PA day. If a student is completely up to date and has all their credits their last school day could be 21 June.

6. School Council Meeting Dates for 2022/2023 and Election Prep.

- 2022 - 27th September, 18th October, 15th November
- 2023 - 17th January, 28th February, 18th April, 16th May.
- Zoey asked if council nominations could be sent out earlier to give enough time for nominations. Might not be possible because of procedure that needs to be followed
- Possibly hoping for in person council meetings next year
- Will possibly send out nomination invites to all through the council and the school website
- Next year's meeting dates will be posted on the school website
- school photo dates booked already for next year and posted on the website.
- **Gail's news – she is retiring at the end of June.** 😞

7. Other Business. None

Next meeting 27 Sept, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Adjourned @ 7:28 pm