

**Dundas Valley Secondary School Council Minutes**  
**Tuesday January 17, 2023 - 6:30pm**  
**Hybrid Meeting**

**Present Online:** Nancy Nemeth (DVSS), Dara Coulter, Andrew Coulter, Cathy Veldman, Tammy Lombardo, Susan Moelker, Rebecca Hoo, Lori Phillips, Leah Abbey, Alice Smith

**Present In Person:** Zoey Heeney, Jenn Warren (DVSS), Brian Lennox (DVSS), Nicole Gregan

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

- Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.
- Land Acknowledgement: By Brian Lennox.

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

- Nicole Gregan, seconded by Dara Coulter.

**3. President's Report – Andrew Coulter**

- DVSS Open House Nov 30<sup>th</sup> was a great turnout.
- Dec 8 Winter Formal was a success.
- Upcoming events in the planning – Candy Grams for Valentine's Day and potentially a Valentine's Dance at DVSS, Talent Show before March Break.

**4. Teacher's Report - Jenn Warren**

- 99 Students applied to university.
- College applications are due Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Cherish is a Mohawk College Recruiter and is at DVSS every month to meet with students one on one to answer any questions and provide guidance/assistance.
- Shared some student stress management tips for exams from Dr. Lindsey George – Positive Self Talk, Grounding Exercises, Time Management, Taking Breaks.

**5. Principal's Report – Brian Lennox**

- Cafeteria is reopened.
- Last day of classes is Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, Exams are Jan 27, 28 30 and 31, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> is Credit Recovery Day.
- Dara and Zoey requested exam info reminders be posted for students so they understand where and when and what is required.
- Several teaching positions are open at DVSS.
- Drama renos are taking longer than planned but are nearing completion.
- Main Gym is now open – sinks are still to be installed before end of the month.
- Weight and Fitness Room is now open.
- Prom is May 18 at Liuna Station – it is a large venue.
- Graduation Ceremony is June 7<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm at the Convention Centre, all grade 12's are welcome.

## **6. PRO Grant**

- \$500 Parent Engagement Grant.
- Interest in Mental Health based speaker – Dr. Jean Clinton, Dr. Lindsey George, Woodland Cultural Centre, Dr. Catharine Munn, Nikki Carter were some suggestions. In person is preferred.
- May is Mental Health Awareness Month.
- Zoey to investigate Dr. Lindsey George and apply for grant and update Parent Council.
- Suggested to have someone talk to parent council on April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting about supporting teens and their mental health.
- The parent engagement will be scheduled in the evening.

## **7. Other Business.**

- When is last day of classes for Grade 12 students if graduation ceremony is June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Next meeting February 28, 2023, at 6:30pm.**

**Adjourned @ 7:21 pm.**