

DHS School Council Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2006

Present: Kathy Boone, Marilyn Findlay, Delilah Hadley, Dallas Markall, Susan Rabb, Dianne Harder, Catherine Lockyer, Cyndi Cossais, Clinton Bruetsch.

Absent: Rosemary Fex, Marlene Ryan, Rene Gould, Terry McKay, Joan Henderson, , Scott Urquhart, Linda Dahmer, Colleen Harder.

1. Welcome by Co-Chair Cyndi Cossais.
2. Agenda was adopted, with noted revisions, by Susan Rabb and seconded by Catherine Lockyer.
3. No conflict of interest was declared by any member.
4. Minutes of the March 21, 2006 meeting were accepted as amended (noted below) with a motion from Catherine Lockyer and seconded by Delilah Hadley.
 - i. Susan Rabb has not yet brought the School Council Brochure.
 - ii. Catherine Lockyer inquired, not reminded, about Dallas Markall's office in the Guidance Office. He doesn't actually have an office but he can use space in there.
5. Business Resulting from Minutes:
 - a. Scott emailed an update on Sabrina's Law training to let us know that the training took place and resources are available in the school. Also Cindy indicated there is an e-learning module available.
 - b. Funding for enhanced parent involvement (\$500) has been put through the system. Further information will follow in this meeting.
 - c. Council Brochure – a hard copy was found by Delilah and Marlene but we are not certain about the availability of an electronic version.
 - d. Scholarships and Bursaries – Clinton gave an update with a hand out on how they are advertised in the school. Basically it is the student's responsibility to research these opportunities. After lengthy discussion on the effectiveness of the scholarship and bursary communication methods it was suggested there may be alternate venues for informing the parents and students. Some of these ideas include: send out with grade 11 report cards; have a communication paper at the first anecdotal report night in October; involve parents in the university and college fair that is held in September; use web site to communicate links. Todd Desautels dropped in for questions and indicated the best method to be for the parents to contact the Guidance Office directly.
 - e. Current Constitution – The current constitution does not reflect the motion passed at an October 25, 2004 Council Meeting referencing the three Co-chair positions. Delilah discussed the background of this decision with respect to involvement with the Area Council attendance. Delilah will check with Marlene to see if there is a more current copy of the constitution available. Clinton will check with Vicky Forsythe to see if one exists in the

- Office. Delilah will look at Article 11 and breakdown the duties of each position so they can be noted clearly.
- f. Policing Initiatives – Catherine Lockyer is working with the OPP and City Police with respect to having an Internet Safety Course presented to students. Diane Harder recommended that interested parents along with the grade 9 and 10 students should be the target audience. This is left with Diane and Scott to come up with a date for September.
6. Principal's Report:
- a. Clinton advised that Youth Antiviolence Committee has had two meetings to-date.
 - b. A bullying presentation was held in March.
 - c. Natasha Lovenuk has had further discussion regarding an Alateen Program in the School.
 - d. Joanne Misner has brought forward a Junior Rotary Program for consideration.
 - e. OSAD, a project re impaired driving, has been initiated.
 - f. Kathy Boone described the Con Camp selection process.
 - g. Delilah asked who sets the fundraising priorities for the school. Clinton indicated groups must have school approval before conducting fundraising but there is no filtering system for requests. They are based on individual groups/contacts and the cause. School groups cannot simply fundraise ad lib, it is controlled.
 - h. Options sheets will be issued this week.
 - i. KPDSB Appreciation Night for School Council members – May 2-06.
7. Reports:
- a. Chair Report - Delilah indicated the Secondary Area School Council meeting did not occur and may be scheduled in May. The Area School Council training will be held in the fall for the 06-07 school year.
 - b. Communications Subcommittee – Cindy noted that Rene Gould originally took on the role of communications and Cindy and Delilah and Rene have agreed to develop further communication opportunities through a subcommittee. They will propose a plan possibly involving web based information and template communiqués. They will meet before September to work on this. The Council gave general consensus on this initiative.
 - c. Safe Grad – Catherine Lockyer announced the Quarter Auction to be held at Eagles Landing April 29 at 7 pm. Catherine also acknowledged Dallas' efforts in organizing the charity hockey event.
8. New Business:
- a. KPDSB Policies – 307, 309, 706, 608, 802 – no further comments.
 - b. Subway – Cindy has been approached regarding the cafeteria and it's congestion, prices and variety by concerned parents. This service goes to tender periodically. Marilyn will approach Subway for information on possible improvements to some of the concerns.

c. OPSA Awards –Deadline April 21-06. We should consider this earlier next year.

9. It's Your Minute:

Kathy Boone brought forward a concern from her colleagues that a computer lab is being taken over by the Board for meeting space. Clinton clarified that the Board would reallocate the computer lab to another location if this takes place. Susan Rabb indicated the School Calendar looks better and easier to read. Delilah Hadley – concern over cigarette butts outside the school.

10. Next meeting date – May 23 at 7:00 p.m.

11. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with no motion or seconder.