

## School Council Meeting Minutes – January 29<sup>th</sup> DHS

- Regrets           Candi Wall, Marilyn Findlay
- Guest             Ed Arnold, KPDSB Trustee
  
- Minutes of the previous meeting     Confirmed by all
  
- Business Arising
  - Cyndi shared the final copy of the brochure, corrections can be emailed to her prior to Friday ... Brochures will be placed in report card envelopes for distribution home to parents
  - Marty Singleton reported on the Cyber-Bullying event sponsored by the OPP at St. Joseph's School on Jan 16. Scott will discuss with Marty and Dallas for a DHS delivery, perhaps to junior students
  - Parents Reaching out Grant – we are still seeking information from MOE around why our application was not successful
  - Scott gave an update on the graduation format ... a final decision will be announced publicly soon, grads are still turning in #'s information to ensure that if the event is in the school auditorium that everyone can fit
  
- Reports
  - Principal's Report
    - Semester 2 daily schedule reviewed, 10 minutes longer for lunch
    - Synervoice 9 has been purchased that will allow email communication with parents regarding school attendance
    - Semester 2 priorities .... Scott reviewed ... these include development of an Aboriginal Education Strategy, Writing Strategy
    - EQAO Grade 9 Math testing is completed, OSSLT date is the morning of March 29<sup>th</sup>
    - Conservation Camp will operate during the last week of May under a modified agreement with Weyerhaeuser and DHS. Crescive will assist with the logistics and organization piece. There will be spaces for students from all levels of study within the Grade 10 program
    - Bill 52 .. we are waiting for an operational memo from MOE regarding requirements for 16, 17 and 18 year old students

- Safe Grad
  - Mary reviewed the success of recent fundraisers
  - Feb 24<sup>th</sup> is the annual coffeehouse. This event will be advertised throughout the community
  - April 28<sup>th</sup> – there is a bingo at the Legion
  - The theme for Safe-Grad this year will be the Sopranos ... the decorating committee has already begun work
  
- New Business
  - Healthy Schools .. a number of initiatives at the school qualify for the 1000.00 funding
  - Student Nourishment Program .. monies from the NWHU, presently available off-site in the Aboriginal Alternative Education program, some availability through Room 137. The renovation plan for the center block student resource area will allow us to consolidate the program and deliver to all students in 07-08.
  - Cyndi reviewed the application for the new Provincial Parent Board. Deadline to apply is mid- February.
  - Cyndi discussed an idea of a parent conference focusing on career info for parents. This could occur in January 08 ...
  - The revised draft substance abuse policy was distributed. Changes are bolded. Input can be emailed to Cyndi.
  
- It's your Minute
  - Ed Arnold discussed the School Validation Process that will be occurring in the Dryden area and encouraged parents to participate in the committee process
  - Scott indicated that the OPP drug dog is not currently used for random searches due to litigation now at the Supreme Court of Canada level around the legality of same. The OPP are following a similar direction from their organization.
  
- Adjournment