

**DHS Council Meeting Minutes  
November 27, 2006  
KPDSB Warehouse**

Present: Rene Gould; Kelly Griffiths; Susan Rabb; Candi Wall; Scott Urquhart; Sherry Ambridge; Marilyn Findlay; Linda Dahmer; Joan Henderson

Candi Wall welcomed the group as Co-Chair in Cindy Cossais' absence tonight.

**Review/Confirm Agenda and Minutes:**

Susan Rabb motioned, seconded by Linda Dahmer to accept the agenda as prepared for the meeting. Carried.

Kelly Griffiths motioned, seconded by Linda Dahmer to accept the minutes as written from the October 30-06 meeting. Carried.

**Conflict of Interest:**

No conflict of interest was declared amongst the group.

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

**School Council Brochure:** The School Council brochure was discussed. Recommendations made from Cyndi Cossais and the group include:

- DHS logo to be redrawn so that the graphics are crisper and clean
- Rephrase community partners - add NWH, Dryden Police, OPP
- Add website address
- Add meeting dates
- Notation on our open and welcoming interest in new and ongoing, diverse partnerships
- Add names and contact info of Co-chairs
- Check relevance of goals

Kelly will email the electronic copy to Cyndi.

**Internet Safety:** No report available.

**Parents Reaching Out Proposal:** A grant proposal has been drafted for a communication portal.

**Grad Format:** Scott Urquhart gave an update indicating that they asked staff and students for input. The kids want to continue safe grad at the arena but the venue for the ceremonies needs to be discussed further. It may be that it will be held at the school.

### Presentations:

Sherry Ambridge gave a presentation on the Aboriginal Alternative Education Program. Many activities were highlighted including: traditional naming of the centre; essential, applied and academic coverage 9-12; recovery program; prior learning achievement and recognition; breakfast program; diamond willow project; Winnipeg Festival of Nations; International Competition Pow Wow; Thunder Bay College and University Tour; partnership with the Friendship Centre; weight bench; music opportunity; 2<sup>nd</sup> year, 20 students; 60% attendance. For more information Sherry can be reached at [sherry.ambridge@kpdsb.on.ca](mailto:sherry.ambridge@kpdsb.on.ca).

### Principal's Report:

- Midterm reports have gone home.
- Looking at Cinnervice access to attendance and academic information.
- OSS training in Thunder Bay - representation from DHS attended
- E-Learning Session in Thunder Bay next week - this program is suitable for our geographic area. Can only access if you are a pilot school or Board.
- Ministry website - Learning to 18
- Dr. Bruce Ferguson researcher from Sick Kids Hospital Toronto Webcast - [www.edu.gov.on.ca](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca) - archived web casts.
- OFFSA Volley Ball taking place next week
- Girls are in Thunder Bay for basketball next week
- Janet Wilkinson visited the school meeting with staff, department heads and vice principals focus on curriculum and student success.
- AP program - some teachers are trained and some kids are registered.

### Chairperson's Report:

N/A

### It's Your Minute:

N/A

Next Meeting: January 29, 2007 - 7 pm DHS Library

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.