

Minutes of Dryden High School Council Meeting
Monday, October 30-06
7:00 pm – DHS Library

Attendance: Kelly Griffiths, Scott Urquhart, Terry McKay, Marty Singleton, Catherine Lockyer, Linda Dahmer, Colleen Hill, Mary Helie, Lynne Pateman, Candi Wall, Carlene Steiner, Susan Rabb, Marilyn Findlay.

Review/Confirm Agenda:

The agenda was changed to add new business “Communications Strategy” to 8 (g). The agenda was adopted, as revised, motioned by Mary Helie, seconded by Terry McKay. Carried.

Conflict of Interest:

None declared.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of September 25, 2006 were accepted as written. Moved by Kelly Griffiths and seconded by Susan Rabb. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

Kelly Griffiths presented a draft Student Council Brochure that she prepared based on our last meeting’s discussions. Comments on her draft should be directed to Susan Rabb at hrabb@shaw.ca so that she can finalize this brochure.

Presentations:

Graduation Ceremony:

Mr. Urquhart presented information on the DHS Graduation Format. He discussed that the school is analyzing all programs and graduation is one of the events being looked at. This year there will be 120 graduates. The students will be given input into the venue. There was discussion around the location of the graduation ceremonies noting the gymnasium is now air conditioned and will be presented as an option.

Safe Grad:

Mary Helie presented information on behalf of the 2007 Safe Grad Committee. They will also be consulting with the graduation class to see what interests they have for a celebration venue. There is a very interested group this year including a large number of parents and students. They are currently running a safe grad cash draw as a fundraiser. If anyone has input they can email Mary at mary.helie@hotmail.com. We will have a safe grad report each month at our meetings.

School Success Plan:

Lynne Pateman presented information on the 2006-07 School Success Plan. She discussed the goals and the 2006-07 action plans pertaining to each goal. Focal points were literacy, numeracy, success opportunities, community connections, and cultural programs.

Lynne also presented secondary graduation and retention rates.

Reports:

Principal's Report:

Scott touched on Bill 52 and the Learning to 18 portion that the Ministry is working on. There is an OSS document draft being developed that dictates how you are to run the school programs and will lay out the future direction of OSS. Programs under review are outside source credits, E-Learning, dual credits. After November 21 we will have a better idea of the future direction.

Scott noted the current renovations are complete, including the physics lab. The Phase III consultation with the contractors has taken place and they are planning for construction starting in May.

Scott touched on sports programming noting there has been consultation with coaches around the athletic fee policy. The Overlap Policy for sports has been lifted. Students can now play more than one sport where they overlap but not more than one NORWOSA which run simultaneously throughout the year.

He also noted the Encounters Canada and Shad Valley are being funded. Criteria for funding has not yet been determined. It is noted that the funding levels will be at the same as those allowed for sports activity. There is also a proposal being developed for intramural sports by the Leadership class.

Chairperson's Report:

Candi Wall noted that she checked with Sherri Ambridge and the Aboriginal Program would like to host our next meeting at the Centre. Although the Centre has been sold it may still remain as the location for this program.

Cyndi noted that there is grant money available for parent involvement in schools. Cyndi has volunteered to prepare an application for DHS School Council for our Communication Strategy Program. This may include a portal for parents to use as a tool to enhance information sharing/gathering.

New Business:

- a) Parent Involvement Advisory Board – mentioned in Chairperson's Report and agreed we would pursue funds for communication and outreach programming.
- b) Character Development in Ontario Schools, Avis E. Glaze – presents an overview of the initiative in a global way.
- c) Phase III Student Success – Curriculum Update

- d) Student Council Liability Insurance – not required if operating under the guidelines set out in legislation.
- e) NWHU: Joint Planning for School Teams Correspondence – motivational speaking programs ex. Presentation on gambling being held in near future.
- f) Internet Safety – status – Marty Singleton will check into this program and get back to Scott.
- g) Communication Strategy – pursuing an open and consistent communication policy for our Council. If anyone has questions they can contact Cyndi. We will pursue the potential grant to enhance this strategy.

Correspondence:

New and revised KPDSB policies were presented for information only.

Council nominations – this was revisited from our last meeting and it was agreed that the positions will be filled as Co-Chairs Candi Wall and Cyndi Cossais and Secretary Marilyn Findlay.

Volunteer Hours – once a year the Board approves a list of eligible venues. If questions arise in the meantime from parents they can check with Scott Urquhart.

Parent interviews – November 15-06

Next meeting – November 27-06.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.