

## **DHS School Council Meeting March 21, 2006**

Present : Kathy Boone, Marlene Ryan, Delilah Hadley, Susan Rabb, Joan Henderson, Catherine Lockyer, Linda Dahmer, Cyndi Cossais, Scott Urquhart, Colleen Harder

Absent: Rosemary Fex, Dianne Harder, Marilyn Findlay, Terry McKay, Rene Gould

- 1) Welcome by Co-Chair Cyndi Cossais
- 2) Agenda was adopted with noted revisions, by Marlene Ryan, seconded by Colleen Harder.
- 3) No conflict of interest was declared by any member.
- 4) Minutes of February 21, 2006 meeting were accepted as amended (noted below) with a motion by ? and seconded by?
  - a) Safe Grad is not a subcommittee of the school council, it is a committee at arms length from the school council but a representative reports to the school council. Marlene Ryan will no longer be reporting to the school council about the Safe Grad committee.
- 5) Business arising from the minutes
  - a) No feedback is available about the KPDSB policies.
  - b) Policing Initiative – the committee discussed the options of drug awareness and internet safety. It was agreed by the committee members present that internet safety would be more applicable at this time. Marlene and Catherine will notify Dianne Harder about the wishes of the committee. Scott will set up times for these sessions with Dianne. Since time will limit the possibility of offering this to all students, the committee felt that it might be best to concentrate on Grade twelve students at this time.
- 6) Presentations
  - a) Communications – the committee discussed removing inappropriate items from the action list. Renee could make these adjustments since she has an electronic copy of the Priorities document. One to two spokespeople will be chosen to design a plan for suggested communication actions start up prior to year end. Cyndi will speak with Renee, perhaps this could be a summer project.
- 7) Reports
  - a) Principal's Report –
    - i) Richard Hodgkinson, Clinton Breutsch and Scott Urquhart presented at the Chamber of Commerce. Their purpose was to strengthen links and partnerships, exploring options for students who remain in Dryden following graduation and strengthening the Co-op program. Provincially, more emphasis is being placed on Co-op. The program is taking less skilled students and working with the employee to enrich experiences.
    - ii) Character Education – the Board will adopt grandfather teaching in all KPDSB schools
    - iii) Role Modelling and Antibullying presentation will be offered to students. Jim Jorden will be coming in on March 28
    - iv) Marijuana use play
    - v) Sabrina's law training component will be presented to staff at the high school. Secondary students don't always want to share information about allergies or health with staff. The public health unit will present on April 5, 2006.
    - vi) OFFSA participants commented on how well planned the recent event was and how supportive the community was of the competitors.

- vii) Natasha Lovenuk has expressed interest about starting an Alateen group. This is being discussed
  - viii) The potential for changing grade nine math from the semesterized classes to a yearlong course is being discussed. The logistics of this are quite complicated. This is an outcome of the emphasis on numeracy
  - ix) The tender for Architect services will close on April 17. Construction could begin soon which would lead to some creative solutions for class locations.
  - x) The reasons why student council representation has not been available for the school council is due to student council instability. The student council president has resigned. Options for student council structure are being explored.
  - xi) School council pamphlet may be in a cabinet. Scott will look for it. Susan Rabb has brought a copy of the brochure from Riverview.
  - xii) IGA donations are being used for projects within the school. Some was used to update the public address system. It has not been given to Safe Grad and would not be used for one project in this manner.
  - xiii) Budget allocations for athletes in the school discussed. Money is not taken from curriculum needs to fund athletes. Parents and students are responsible for high fees for the athletic endeavours.
- b) Chairperson's Report
- i) Cyndi noted the money being allocated for school councils as per correspondence from People for Education.
  - ii) The constitution for school councils is to be updated
  - iii) Comments requested regarding the work report which Delilah prepared.
- c) Other Reports
- i) Safe Grad – none at this time
- 8) New Business
- i) KP Journal Survey – this survey is available as per email sent to all school council members. Members encouraged to complete this survey.
  - ii) Secondary School Council Meeting – this meeting is for the chairs and co-chairs of secondary school councils. Delilah will attend, minutes will be available.
  - iii) Scholarship and Bursary Information – local information is not compiled and available at this time. Scott reassured the council that the guidance office is working on this. The school has asked Crescive to take this project on to ensure that a professional package is available to graduates. Scott will send out and email regarding this to all school council members.
- 9) It's Your Minute
- a) Linda Dahmer asked if something could be done to improve the smoking situation outside the school. Scott reminded the council that the NWHU tries to keep this under control and issues tickets to those who transgress the regulations. Options for solving this problem were discussed.
  - b) Joan complimented Micheline Lovenuk on the very successful trip to Spain.
  - c) Catherine reminded all that Dallas Markel has an office in the Guidance office.
- 10) Correspondence – available in the package
- 11) Next meeting date – April 18, 2006 at 7:00 pm
- 12) Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 2045 by Cyndi.