

**DHS School Council Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2007
Dryden High School Library**

Attendance: Lynda Dahmer; Susan Rabb; Clinton Bruetsch; Catherine Lockyer; Marilyn Findlay; Terry McKay; Dallas Markall; Candi Wall; Kelly Griffiths; Carlene Steiner; Colleen Harder. **Absent:** Rene Gould and Cyndi Cossais

1. Welcome:

Co-Chair Candi Wall welcomed the group.

2. Agenda:

The agenda was reviewed and accepted as presented. Motioned by Colleen Harder and seconded by Terry McKay. Carried.

3. Conflict of Interest:

None declared.

4. Minutes from Previous Meeting:

The minutes from the meeting of January 29-07 were read and accepted as prepared. Motioned by Susan Rabb and seconded by Lynda Dahmer. Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes:

a. Parent Conference Idea

Cyndi's report - will be brought forward to the next meeting.

6. Presentation - Architectural Drawings DHS:

Clinton Bruetsch gave an overview of the next phase of the DHS renovation project. The focus will be on the Technical Wing with the main priority to complete the systems work and continue working on teaching spaces. The focus will be on moving the special education resource area to a central location by the gym. This area will include a complete life skills area equipped with accessible washroom facilities and a physio table and other lifeskill functioning type equipment for the program. This area will also accommodate a resource area for obtaining extra help and conducting testing which will be utilized by all students. The existing special education area will be converted to accommodate our music program. A studio space will be housed in the drama area and the drama class will be housed in the current music room where they will have better access to the gym stage.

7. Reports:

a. Principal's Report

Clinton Bruetsch indicated the school is into its 4 week of the new semester and class sizes are good. The Aboriginal Program is back on site and the attendance rates are up. The Alternative Education Programs are under review for off site options.

He opened to the group for questions and Catherine Lockyer asked about the tobacco policing program; the Streetwise Program and the French Catholic School that is being noted as a recent news item. Mr. Bruetsch indicated the tobacco policing is an initiative of the North West Health Unit and they have been issuing \$305 fines for offenders caught smoking on School property. He also said he would inquire if the Streetwise Program is being considered again this year and did not have information on the new Catholic School aside from hearing it from the media.

It was also asked what the printing costs of the new brochure amounted to but there was no one present who had this information.

b. Chairperson's Report

Candi reported on Area Council. She noted our proposal for funding on communication projects was denied but other public schools in the system were granted funding for a motivational speaker. The extra costs involved will be shared by the school's participating.

19 area students and teachers received the Covey training.

Candi is on the Accommodation Advisory Committee (consolidation of schools) but does not have a report as of yet - the meeting is forthcoming.

c. Other Reports:

- i. Safe Grad - no report but it was speculated the recent Coffee House raised approximately \$2000.

8. New Business:

a. Draft 2007-08 School Year Calendar

Discussion included acknowledgement of start of school being after Labour Day. Concern was raised about a 4-day weekend following the March Break and it was questioned why they would not amalgamate the Break with the Easter holiday. Teachers are also concerned that they do not allow a turn around day at the end of exams. Candi will feedback our suggestions.

b. 4th Annual School Council Symposium

The application date has passed. Cyndi emailed the Council previously to advise of the application process and deadlines.

c. People for Education - Tip Sheet

Mr. Bruetsch will have this tip sheet sent out in an attendance mailing that will take place over the next 2 weeks. Terry McKay will represent Council at the Parent/Teacher Interviews next week and will also have this material there for distribution.

d. Board Meeting Highlights Feb 13-07

No comments. The next Board meeting will be hosted at DHS.

e. OTIP Teaching Awards

For information.

9. Its Your Minute:

Lynda Dahmer requested recycle bins be available at events in the gym for recycling water bottles. This was accepted as a good idea and Mr. Bruetsch will follow up.

10. Correspondence FYI:

- a. Area School Council Meeting Minutes - January 31-07
- b. Meeting Notice & Agenda, Area School council February 28-07
- c. REACHing You Newsletter
- d. Mr. Bruetsch mentioned that the Principal and Vice Principal Interviews for the next term for the Board are coming up.
- e. Mr Bruetsch also presented a newsletter from the School College Works Initiative and highlighted a College/Grade 12 technical math course that is being offered at DHS and surrounding area via video conference.

11. Next Meeting: - March 26th DHS Library 7 pm

12. Adjournment - 8:10 pm