

DHS School Council Meeting September 25, 2006

Present: Susan Rabb, Joan Henderson, Catherine Lockyer, Cyndi Cossais, Scott Urquhart, Colleen Harder, Candi Wall, Kelly Griffiths, Marilyn Findlay

- 1) Welcome by last year's Co-Chair Cyndi Cossais
- 2) This is the first meeting and there was no formal agenda. The group discussed items noted below.
- 3) No call for conflict of interest.
- 4) Nominations for 2006-07 School Years: Co-chair – Candi Wall agreed to take on this role representing the Council at the Area Council. Secretary – Marilyn Findlay agreed to resume this role if no other nominations were received. Cyndi Cossais would take on Co-chair again this year if no other nominations were received. Alternatively, she would like to focus on communications and marketing for the group. We will revisit these nominations at our next meeting in hopes that more members will be present. Our teaching staff representative this year is confirmed to be Kelly Griffiths. Cyndi will prepare the next meeting agenda.
- 5) School Calendar: A draft calendar was circulated which includes the addition of 2 PD days. Once passed DHS will place this in the newspaper for communication to the school community.
- 6) Dr. Mate Presentation: Dryden Regional Health Centre will be bringing in Dr. Mate, a noted speaker in the concept of parenting. The presentation will be Oct. 23 at 7 pm in the Crescive Building. Email Scott if anyone from the group would like a ticket to this event.
- 7) DHS Council Website: Cyndi introduced our new website which included the posting of Council minutes, agendas, meeting calendar, and contact information. We will pursue being linked from the KPDSB site and we will add a link to the Ontario Provincial Education Network. Next step will be to “go live” with our new site.
- 8) Parent Interviews: October 5, 2006 from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. Catherine Lockyer will set up a table with information from our web site. Colleen Harder will join to help.
- 9) School Council Brochure: The group has a previous version of a brochure that everyone will review and bring comments back to the next meeting. Susan Rabb has volunteered her son to retype it so that we have an electronic version.
- 10) Principal's Report: At the October meeting Scott will have a formal presentation on what is happening in the school including the student success plan and EQAO information. He noted start up went smoothly. There was further discussion around the Aboriginal Program and the AP Program.
- 11) Core French Program: Marilyn noted some parents and students to be disappointed with the elimination of core French past grade 9. Scott indicated that the interest is not there and the numbers do not warrant a grade 10 program this year.
- 12) School Renovation Tour: The group ended the meeting with a tour of the newly renovated classrooms.
- 13) Next meeting: October 30th 7 pm Library