

DHS School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 20, 2008

Present: Candi Wall, Linda Dahmer, Bill Hovi, Scott Urquhart, Diane Hammond, Renee Gould, Adam Boone, Taylor Cedarmas

Regrets: Cyndi Cossais, Marilyn Findlay, Suzanne Wice

Called to order at 7:07pm by Candi.

Introductions since we have two new student reps. and some parents not at the last meeting, we went around the table introducing ourselves.

Approval of Agenda 1st Linda Dahmer,
2nd Bill Hovi

Approval of Minutes 1st Renee,
2nd Linda Dahmer

Business Arising from Minutes

- a) SEAC Pamphlets – Where are they, where can they be displayed?
- Can they be translated into a second language, such as Ojibwe or French

b) OSAID – Council showed a strong interest in getting our OSAID chapter up and running again, so Scott will talk with Carol Gardham about getting her Leadership Class to take this on as a project. There is an OSAID display board with information. Adam Boone and another student are on the Mayor's committee and will keep us up to date on what is happening there and how we may possibly become involved in their initiatives. They will possibly be doing the drug awareness week, one drug each day of the week, as well as promoting the needle exchange program hosted by NWHU, and a new safe inhaler program.

c) PRO Grant – everyone agreed on the application put together by Candi, with the addition of endtask to go along with exam preparation. Costs submitted will be for printing 750-1000 copies, along with advertising. Scott needs to sign declaration to be mailed in.

Principal's Report – Scott had a written report ready and touched on some highlights from the report, one of which was the opening luncheon for the Student Resource Centre. Renee will attend the luncheon as a parent and as a school council representative. During the conversation regarding the report and a student forum for the school in place of a school council, Bill shared with us plans for a 60 member Provincial Student Forum in the planning and application stage. Please see hard copies of Scott's report for further items and highlights.

Chairperson's Report – Candi highlighted a few items from this months board meeting, one being the new student trustee is Jordan Smith from Sioux Lookout...he seems very dynamic and outgoing, and is already planning video conferences with other student trustees. There is a very exciting Strategic Action Plan for the board, packed full but with many supports in place for success.

- The Provincial Parent Board had their first meeting, and covered mainly basic necessities for the year, ie. Media coverage, privacy of information, communications, etc., and Minister Wynne attended the meeting for a short while. The PPB has been asked to take part in a Declining Enrollment Working Group being formed by the Minister and is gathering input from members.

Safe Grad Report - Renee is no longer the chair of Safe Grad; the new chair is Terry Hamilton and there is a new executive. Renee and Linda will try to keep us up to date on what is happening with the Safe Grad committee.

Student Update - Taylor & Adam will try to put together a student report for our next meeting.

New Business

- a) Scott walked us through the School Success Plan and highlighted some of the features. The document is ongoing and ever-changing, so we will review it periodically and Scott will keep us updated.

It's Your Minute

- a) Communications – Candi asked that everyone please answer her emails, even if you have no input, just so she knows everyone received them.
- b) Recycling – Linda brought up the point that there were once again no recycling containers in the gymnasium for a large tournament. This has been raised before, Scott will follow up to make sure things are good to go for next time.
- c) Future of the cafeteria – Linda mentioned rumours flying around that Subway will close at the end of 2008. Scott reassured us that although the contract is up in June '08, Subway will stay until then. Tenders are out to see who will be there for Sept. '09.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a) MISA presentation by Scott & Bill

Next Meeting – Monday, November 17, 2008

7pm @ DHS Library

(Linda sends her regrets for the next meeting)