



**DRYDEN HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 27th, 2010

DHS Library – 7:00 pm

Present: Renee Gould, Diane Szmon, Candi Wall, Tanis Mitani-Oberg, Richard Hodgkinson

Regrets: Cyndi Cossais, Linda Dahmer, Kathy McConnachie, Krista Bannan, Neil Consulta

1. **Welcome - Renee called the meeting to order at 7:10, after we sorted through some mail and decided what fundraisers to pass along to DHS and what to share with the elementary schools.**
2. **Conflict of Interest – none declared**
3. **Approval of Agenda – moved by Candi, 2nd by Diane**
4. **Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – moved by Diane, 2nd by Candi**
5. **Business Arising from Minutes - none**
6. **Reports**

A) Principal's Report - none

B) Chairperson's Report – last PIC meeting was very poorly attended, 2 parents, 1 trustee (Ed) and Caryl. Caryl shared the new report cards, and Ed updated us on the new trustee position approved by the Ministry since we have amalgamated the 3 School Authorities into KPDSB. Richard and Tanis filled us in on what the new 2ndary report cards will look like, with the Learning Skills moved to the beginning of the report instead of the marks, and how important the Learning skills are. There

C) Member's Update – Safe Grad held a Pig Roast & Penny Auction a couple of weeks ago, and made just under \$1300. The organizers learned a few facts that will help increase the profit next time. The students were excellent, over 30 showed up to help throughout the day, as well as a few parents, and they all worked very hard.

D) Student Update - none

7. New Business

- A) My Blueprint – Richard and Tanis took us through this student tool for pre-planning courses throughout their whole secondary education, into college/university. It tracks graduation requirements as well. This is a program that the students just started utilizing recently (last few weeks).**

- B) My Schoolhouse - again, Richard and Tanis shared this communication tool for parents, so they can check their child’s course marks, graduation requirements, attendance, etc. Your email address must be registered with Trillium to sign up; if you are not registered, phone the guidance department to get hooked up. Link off the DHS website home page.**

- C) DHS website – we took a look at the website, which is soooooo much better than it used to be. ☺ We really like the fact that the morning announcements are the home page, anyone going onto the website can immediately find out what’s going on. Great tool for parents trying to keep up with news at school, grad announcements, college/university visits, etc. BUT, we noticed that the KPDSB site is the home page for the school computers, and we think it would be more effective to have the DHS website as the home page for all school computers. That way, when the kids sign on there’s a good chance they’re going to scan the announcements before they leave that page. It would also be a good idea to add a GOOGLE search bar.**

- D) Cinervoice – another way to enhance communication with parents. Announcements get sent home by an automated phone message. Whole school messages or certain classes can be done. (ex. Civics exam message went home to just that class, but report cards and parent-teacher interviews went to the whole school. Hopefully will try out emailing cinervoice soon.**

8. Correspondence – dealt with at the beginning of the meeting.

9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

10. Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 25th, 7pm

11. Adjournment