



DRYDEN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

**Tuesday, February 26, 2013
DHS Library – 7:00 pm**

1. **Welcome and Introductions: present** – Gwen, Marilyn, Tamara, Megan, Sue, Diane and Kathy
Gwen welcomed all and student reps reintroduced themselves.

2. **Conflict of Interest**
None stated.

3. **Approval of Agenda**
Agenda was approved by Sue and seconded by Marilyn.

4. **Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**
Minutes were approved by Marilyn and seconded by Diane – Gwen thanked Megan and Tamara for their previous months report and for representing the voice of the student body.

5. **Business Arising from Minutes**
Gwen took a look at the People for Education survey – it was not filled out.

6. **Reports**

A) Principal's Report – Kathy presented her report orally. OSSLT information was given to School Council members including the prediction data that was gathered from the grade 9 practice test from last school year and trend data from years past. This data prediction was shared with staff at a staff meeting and at this meeting. Data suggests a 60% pass rate; however a target of 75% was set. Next steps were shared on how this target might be reached including small group, one to one and classroom instruction/tips to prepare for the writing of the OSSLT on April 11, 2013. The day was going to be set up like last year with grade 9's writing a practice test again. Classroom teachers, SERTs and the literacy coach will move forward to work with students. Also discussed were Caryl Hron's (Superintendent of Education) visits to DHS and their purpose, which is discussion around priority area #2 (BSIP and SIP) - "We use an integrated assessment and instruction model based on strategies contained in Growing Success, which must include all of the following: Learning goals and success criteria; teacher feedback; student goal setting and self-assessment; learning skills; multiple opportunities".

There were a few questions around OSSTF sanctions and "return to normal". It was reported that teachers were beginning to again volunteer for things. We also talked about student mental health – if there was increased incidence, which I believe may not be the case but that students are feeling more comfortable discussing what the issues

might be around mental health issues. Firefly, NWHU and Dryden Hospital (Addictions and Mental Health) continue to support our students along with Guidance and all staff.

B) Chairperson's Report – Gwen took a moment to express that she over the policies around school council and wondered how we might other parents to become involved i.e.) incentives – expressing an invite in relation to learning opportunities

C) Member's Update – Safe Grad (most recent minutes received)

Safe Grad 2013 March 18th, 2013 Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Minutes from February 25th, 2013 can be reviewed online through Facebook.
3. Reports:

Safe Grad Raffle

Sold 2122 tickets out of 3000 printed. Generated revenue of \$42400. Once all expenses were paid, had a profit of \$19730.54. Incentive draw was made:

- 1st prize (Ipad) - Brendan Fishwick
- 2nd prize (\$100 gift card) - Kate Doudiet
- 3rd prize (\$50 gift card) - Sam Koskik

Treasurer

Dave Durance handed out Financial update, we are in a good position and will be able to leave surplus behind for start up for next years committee.

Safe Grad Driving

Alana Gauthier reports needing lots of drivers for a large event on May 10th at the arena, please sign up with Alana if available.

Garage and Bake Sale

Still scheduled to go ahead May 11th from 8am - Noon. Volunteers welcomed and donations will be accepted on May 10th.

Decorating

Marnie Oliphant reports things are on schedule. Discussion about the tight budget they are operating in. A motion was made by Brian Stoiber to give another \$500 to Decorating Committee. All were in favour because we will have a larger surplus that expected.

Food

Charlene and Colleen have met and discussed what will be needed for food. Not much change from last year. Only 2 spots left to be filled for the night of Safe Grad.

Entertainment

Photo Booth has been booked, need an approximately 5x5' area to set up. Some props will be brought by supplier but Grads can bring appropriate props with them and can be brought in ahead of time when backpacks are turned in. Committee showed a sample of what the template will look like for the photo that the Grad will get to take with them.

Debbie has been researching Safe Grad t-shirts, brought samples to show. Checked with suppliers in Emo, Fort, Dryden, price ranges from \$12-15. Discussion to have Debbie check with Bob Beattie of the Eagles Nest to inquire about ordering through him.

Suggestions made that because we have lots of funds available this year, maybe use some of the surplus money raised, to offset the cost of the t-shirts for the graduates.

Security

Confirmed that swimming was a go based on use from previous years. Bryan Stoiber still needs 28 spots filled, most are from midnight-end of the night. Please sign up with Bryan if you are available.

SafeGrad Points

Shannon advised that she doesn't have all points to date but will have them for the next meeting.

Next meeting April 22nd, 2013 at 7pm in DHS Library.

D) Student Update – Tamara and Megan presented what is new/happening – Valentine's Day – heart hunt with prizes, Spirit Week took place – valentine colours day, blue and gold day, Match Maker and student challenges were going to be planned. Easter activities as well as St. Patrick's Day activities were also occurring. There is going to be a Spring Fling Dance on May 9th.

7. **New Business** – Presentation in regards to Board Strategic Plan Input (on behalf of Jack McMaster – Director of Education) – presentation was deferred.
8. **Correspondence** – no other correspondence at this time was shared.
9. **Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 30, 2013**
10. **Adjournment – 8:15 pm**