



DRYDEN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

Present: Marilyn Murray, Erna Sweet-Gilmore, Sue Wood, Diane Szmon, Gwen Kurz, Kathy McConnachie, Jen McMaster

Regrets: Suzanne Wice, Darlene Benham, Tamara Eddison and Megan Johnson

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Conflict of Interest

None stated.

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes were reviewed and approved as is.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

The chair position for school council has been filled. Gwen Kurz has accepted the role. We thank her for stepping forward. At this time control of the agenda was passed over to Gwen.

6. Reports

A) Principal's Report

The principal's report was given verbally. Exams took place the week of January 21-24th, 2013 and first semester began on Monday, January 28th for the students. Exams were a success. Extracurricular sports activities for sports teams at DHS and within the board have moved forward for the rest of the winter sports session. Senior Administration, Administration within our schools and especially with the collective work of the Athletic Directors in our secondary schools have made the decision to go forward with providing opportunities for a sports schedule. The schedule has been put together to finish of the season for girls volleyball, boys basketball, and boys and girls hockey. Volunteer coaches will coach these teams. The OSSLT will take place for first time eligible writers (FTE) our grade 10 students and previously eligible writers (PE) who were not successful on previous attempts at the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test on April 11, 2013. At this time the present grade 9's will write a practice test. Classroom teachers, the Literacy Coach and SERTs are busy helping students who

require the extra attention to succeed on the test prepare. Data from previous test attempts and practice tests are used to develop school wide and individual plans to help students prepare. Members asked about the DHS website as we recognize that it is not “up to date” and it was explained that we are searching for an alternative plan to update the website. It was asked if a school yearbook will be completed and at the present time a small group of students has shown interest but we are not sure if they are continuing to pursue completing one. Members asked about teacher sanctions and information was given in regards to public information from media and the OSSTF website that has been posted. Members were updated on a Compass for Success survey that all students will be participating in on February 4th. It is much like the Tell Them from Me survey that students throughout the Board have participated in before. This study is a partnership between KPDSB, the NWHU and the University of Waterloo. The DHS Coop Job Fair was a great success in January – students who participate in coop credits had the opportunity in the library to publically share their job placement opportunities. Also during this month a group of grade 12 students planned and organized an Art Fair – it was visited by many students and community people. Mike Wood continues to raise awareness for the building of the race track behind DHS. Donations are now being accepted for the “Eagles on Track” campaign. Also in the coming months the “Music in Motion” tour will begin, our music students do a small road show to our feeder schools here in Dryden and Vermillion Bay. Sue also thanked and commented on the beautiful work that the grade 10 construction class did for the Vermillion Bay Community Garden. Benches will be installed in the Vermillion Bay area that the students planned and constructed. And one final big thank you to the students who planned and the parents who chaperoned the Snowball Dance in December, it was a great success. The parents who chaperoned were very impressed with how the students who planned and ran the dance conducted themselves.

B) Chairperson’s Report – N/A

C) Member’s Update – Safe Grad

At the time of this school council meeting we did not have the most recent minutes. The minutes from January 21, 2013 are as follows were emailed to the Principal after this meeting:

1. Welcome
2. Minutes- December 17, 2012 - Does Janet Kaus have the minutes?
3. Reports: Safe Grad Raffle (Adria)

We have three weeks left for tickets sales. We are currently at just over \$17, 000 in sales. The cost of the vehicle and lottery expenses is \$18, 678.02. Eight more sold books will cover cost and the rest will be available for grad.

Need roughly \$15,711 to cover Safe Grad and 760 more tickets sold will cover that.

Callers will be calling those with tickets still outstanding to see what they have sold and how sales are going.

There is a sign-up sheet for IGA, Safeway and Wal-Mart. It was asked if the car can be at IGA and it can.

Selling tickets at the Beer Store was suggested, it was pointed out that it may not be appropriate as it is for "Safe Grad". Brian will check with management.

Safe Grad Points (Shannon)

Shannon is missing the sign in sheet from the December meeting.

Shannon asked that committee heads send in hours for the committee members. Shannon reminded everyone that driving is 5 points for vehicle and 1 point per hour of driving.

Decorating (Marnie)

\$600.00 has been spent to date. They will need the full \$2,500.00 budgeted for decorating. \$600.00 is needed for the Arch that is coming from the States. David suggested getting an electronic invoice he can submit for a cheque request. Janet advised will put on her MasterCard and get reimbursed.

Entertainment (Vitalia)

Survey shows that swimming is at the bottom of the list. Lyndsey Voth will ask at the pool (she works there) if they have the numbers from last year. Parents in attendance advised that in the previous years the pool was used. We will keep swimming for now.

Entertainment committee is looking for volunteers for the blow up games from 10pm to 3:30am the night of grad and also for the gambling.

Vitalia asked David about the cheque she requested and David advised the cheque has gone straight to the company.

Update on the photo booth is that the guy in Thunder Bay is still looking for someone in Dryden to do but he will come down if no one is here. The booth last year was to cost \$1,000.00

Security (Brian)

Brian advised that he will be calling for volunteers for security. 110 more volunteers are needed.

Treasurer's Report (David)

David advised that we had roughly \$18,000.00 for now and future to start this year. Safe Grad 2013 has \$7,000.00 to use. David advised that it is imperative for us to sell tickets. David provided a financial update sheet advising that our total current funds available is \$3,165.56 with approximately another \$3,000.00 in tickets funds to be deposited.

Open

David Durance was approached by Energy Tech with a fund raising opportunity. A barbeque on May 4, 2013 from 10-2 with volunteers required from 9:30-2:30 for cooking and handing out of food. They provide all the products, they require 4 people per time slot and it has made \$600 plus donation that energy tech provides.

D) Student Update

Tamara and Megan sent their regrets for the meeting but forwarded an update a couple of days later. This is what they reported: After coming back to school after Christmas, not a lot took place due to everybody was finishing up the last little bits of their classes, and started preparing for exams. Coming up, there will be stuff going on for Valentine's Day, etc. Megan and I plan on keeping in contact with the leadership class to see what they will be planning throughout next semester, to keep you informed, due to we are finished the course. But we are planning on keeping the roles of the DHS Student Representatives for the rest of the year.

As for the net books, a lot of students are complaining and don't like them, and as for myself, i do not like them either. It's hard getting used to the new software after being taught with different ones throughout our earlier years. However, there are some benefits towards them, every student is guaranteed a net book and can't use "not having a laptop" as an excuse anymore. I think students are going to continue not caring for them, and they don't handle them carefully so I think the net books are going to be broken, and will need many repairs throughout other years. I think in order to improve them; they will need the normal software like (Microsoft Word, etc).

Tamara & Megan

7. New Business – N/A

8. Correspondence – People for Education survey – Gwen was going to look at it and make a decision whether or not to complete it. Members were good with this decision.

9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Members were asked to forward agenda items via email.

10. Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 26, 2013

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.