



DRYDEN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Present: Renee Gould, Cyndi Cossais, Linda Dahmer, Krista Bannan, Neil Consulta, Diane Szmon, Kathy McConnachie

Regrets: Candi Wall, Susan Wice

Called to order at 7:05 pm by Renee Gould. Meeting began with introductions around the table.

Conflict of Interest – no conflict of interest stated.

Approval of Agenda – agenda was approved by Diane and seconded by Renee.

Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – corrections of minutes from November's meeting – the spelling of Krista Bannan's last name and Diane Szmon's last name to be corrected. Approval of minutes from November approved by Diane and seconded by Cyndi.

Business Arising from Minutes – no new business arising from November's meeting.

Reports

A) Principal's Report - attached

B) Chairperson's Report - Renee let everyone know that she is also the co-chair of SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) for Keewatin Patricia DSB. As chair for Dryden High School Renee also attended the Parent Involvement meeting that took place in November.

C) Member's Update - it was asked who the chair of Safe Grad Committee was and noted in the minutes that Terry Hamilton is the chair person.

D) Student Update - Krista and Neil gave a verbal update about the Snowball dance, that it was well attended and everyone had a good time. Students talked about the high standards and expectations for following the rules of not being at school dances under the influence of alcohol or drugs. There was a female and male police officer at the doors and random breathalyzer checks were completed by the officers. Administration was very proactive during the school day prior to the dance that police officers would be present and breathalyzer checks would be administered, so make wise choices. Krista also asked about and a short discussion took place about the use of tobacco products in Ontario schools.

New Business –

A) May meeting - will take place on May 25, 2010 in the DHS library at 7:00 pm

B) Data sharing - "Tell Them From Me" preliminary data was shared. About 60% of DHS students participated. The student leadership class will be sharing the data with students at DHS and a committee will be formed to address the survey's findings.

- C) DHS website** - Krista and Neil shared how great the website is and that everyone should take a look, it is a very interactive site and just in time information is there like morning announcements and events that are happening in the school.
- D) Exam Prep** - discussion about having a parent night for second semester took place, no firm dates or times were decided upon. The Tip Sheet for exams that was developed by the School Council last year did get handed out to many students by our student success teachers, it was posted on website and available on the office counter and in the guidance office for students.
- E) Parents as Career Coaches** - Cyndi let the School Council members know that she was visiting Red Lake HS and presenting the same presentation and giving hand-out materials to parents there that was presented to parents here in Dryden. A discussion took place around next steps and how we can give the presentation an Aboriginal focus. Kathy will follow up with the Principal at RLDHS to see if they created any documents or ideas around an Aboriginal focus that could be shared back with us.
- F) School Council meetings in Eagle Lake and Wabigoon Lake** - a discussion took place about making contact and members of the School Council making arrangements to go to each of these communities and share information about the Exam Tips sheet, Parents As Career Coaches and the DHS website. Kathy is going to look into making arrangements for this to occur.

Correspondence – a short discussion took place about the Parents Reaching Out Grant, the deadline was missed for this year and if there are no funding cuts for next year the group will make sure that they apply to access these funds. Last year the funds were used to produce the Exam Tip sheet to be distributed in the school and community.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Adjournment was at 8:20 pm