



## **DRYDEN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 25, 2011

DHS Library – 7:00 pm

**Present:** Sue Wood, Diane Szmon, Darlene Benham, Linda Dahmer, Marilyn Murray, Candi Wall, Kathy McConnachie

**Regrets:** Suzanne Wice, Katelyn Robinson, Tori Toews, Cyndi Cossais

**Welcome and Introductions** – new introductions were made and everyone was thanked for such a good turnout.

**Conflict of Interest** – no conflict of interest stated.

**Approval of Agenda** – agenda was approved for this meeting, moved by Diane and seconded by Sue.

**Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – moved by Linda and seconded by Candi to accept the minutes from October's meeting.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

**DHS School Improvement Plan sharing** – the DHS School Improvement Plan was shared by Principal, Kathy McConnachie. Highlights of the school plan are that it is aligned with the Board Strategic Improvement Plan with an overall vision that “all K-12 students will independently articulate and demonstrate strategies for reading, writing, and oral language reflecting higher order and critical thinking in all subject areas”. After data collection and analysis the school improvement planning team at DHS identified that our overall goals should be:

1. 80% of current grade 11 student at Dryden High School will have 23+ credits at the beginning of their grade 12 year (fall 2011).
2. Increase all students' perception of themselves as being successful students and valued members of the DHS community who will graduate.

Recommendations to help meet these two goals were established by the team and are identified as:

- a. A student survey administered to all students in grade 9 and 10 applied and essential classes that have marker students in them. Data gathered to inform student perceptions on their own academic achievement at Dryden High School.
- b. A staff survey administered to measure the school climate. To be administered October 18 and middle of February. Used to gather information on teacher perceptions of school climate to help inform future school plans at Dryden High School.

- c. Early identification of at-risk students coming from elementary feeder schools that include grade 6 EQAO data, grade 7 and 8 Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science marks at grade level (gathered in late spring for students entering grade 9 in the fall).
- d. Dryden High School will gather and examine specific cohort data. I.e.) setting targets on cohort specific data instead of trend data. Does this need to be reworded.....remembering the SIP is a working document?
- e. Administer the "Tell Them From Me" survey to Dryden High School students, twice in this school year.
- f. Gathering of information on the success of DHS students once they leave (grad survey – verbal).
- g. To address "sense of community" through student voice there will be a Block A brainstorming "This is our school" activity with a representative group of students (about three from each Block A class) that will come together in the small gym to complete the organized activity. Findings will be shared and inform school improvement planning.

#### **h. Reports**

**A) Principal's Report** – attached

**B) Chairperson's Report** – Candi shared information on the Parent Engagement policy, Supporting your Child's Learning through Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting, Canada Learning Bond and the Area Council Meeting that she attended.

**C) Member's Update** – no report at this time.

**D) Student Update** – no report at this time, students in exam week.

**i. New Business** – none stated.

**j. Correspondence** – reported in Chairperson's Report

**k. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 22, 2011**

Student Success Teacher – Kristen Roulston to be invited.

**l. Adjournment** – 8:15 pm