



DRYDEN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, October 30, 2012

Present: Marilyn Murray, Erna Sweet-Gilmore, Sue Wood, Diane Szmon, Suzanne Wice, Darlene Benham, Tamara Eddison and Megan Johnson, Kathy McConnachie, Jen McMaster
Regrets: Gwen Kurz

1. Welcome and Introductions

Spoke with Gwen Kurz she said that she will think about taking on the role of chair. She will get back to us at the January 2013 meeting.

2. Conflict of Interest

None stated.

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved by Marilyn and seconded by Diane.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes were reviewed, approved by Suzanne and seconded by Erna to accept as is.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

The only business arising from previous minutes was that the chair for school council is still vacant. It was agreed upon that we would defer this item to the January meeting when Gwen could be present.

6. Reports

A) Principal's Report

The principal's report was given verbally. A quick update was given about the DHS construction and transportation shops. Audits were completed in the summer with recommendations being made for equipment upgrades, removal and replacement. These audits were completed in all secondary schools across the Board. Work is scheduled to begin in the middle of November and the hopes are that the shops will be fully functioning as soon as possible. A complete listing of work being done is available from Kathy McConnachie if someone should request it.

Mrs. McConnachie took several secondary DHS girls to a “Women in Skills Trades” diner on October 18th. The girls were able to network with female adults working in our communities in various skills trades’ areas. The girls gave DHS positive feedback and enjoyed the evening. A quick update was given on extracurricular sports events for first season, the Honour Roll Breakfast was well attended (members present expressed their thoughts about this activity honouring our academic students saying that it was a nice way to recognize the hard work by students to maintain honour roll status).

B) Chairperson’s Report – N/A

C) Member’s Update – Safe Grad

The theme for this year’s safe grad celebration will be “Enchanted”. Minutes from the next meeting will be reported at January’s meeting.

D) Student Update

Tamara and Megan gave the student update. Many activities were planned and delivered to the student body by the leadership class during the months of September and October. The following activities were reported on: Terry Fox walk and BBQ raised over \$1600.00. Students expressed that they would like to set a higher goal and raise more funds for next year. Spirit week was very successful and there were a wide variety of activities that the students were able to participate in. The pep rally was a good student turn out and all teams were represented in the assembly. The class also organized a food bank drive, Mrs. Griffith’s class won with over 200 items collected and they celebrated their win with a pizza party. Again this year the students are planning a Remembrance Day ceremony for the whole school. Christmas activities were also being organized and the students were preparing a float for the parade to take place on December 7th. Domtar was donating the float truck. Door decorating competitions and dress up days were also being planned. The leadership class was also preparing to host the Snowball Dance along with parent volunteers for supervisors and administration.

7. New Business

A) BSIP/SIP

The school improvement plan was shared with members. There are three main goals for DHS that align with the Board Strategic Improvement Plan. These goals address the following areas: purposeful design and implementation of authentic learning experiences that engage student in higher order and critical thinking across all curriculum areas. The use of 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. And priority area number three, the use of intervention strategies for any student not achieving success. Members also asked about how the implementation of the student Netbooks went. To date all students that wanted a Netbook brought back there permission forms filled out and were given a Netbook. Protective cases were to be delivered to the school some-time in January and will be distributed to students.

8. Correspondence

There was no correspondence in the School Council mailbox.

9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Members were asked to forward agenda items via email.

10. Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 29, 2013

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.