



DRYDEN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

DHS Library – 7:00 pm

Present: Marilyn Murray, Gwen Kurz, Erna Sweet-Gilmore, Kathy McConnachie, Sue Wood, Brad Bartlett, Jen McMaster, Tamara Eddison, Megan Johnson

Regrets: Suzanne Wice, Diane Szmon, Darlene Benham

1. **Welcome and Introductions**– introductions were made around the table – two new student reps (Megan and Tamara) and two new VP's (Brad Bartlett-permanent, Jen McMaster-acting). Elections were deferred to October meeting.

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

3. **Approval of Agenda** – agenda approved by everyone present.

4. **Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – minutes approved and accepted from last school council meeting, April 2012.

5. **Business Arising from Minutes** – no new business was noted.

6. Reports

A) Principal's Report – school year started off very successfully, students were into classes quickly and routines of the new school year established quickly. August 27th was a professional development day for the teacher. Teachers participated in learning skills activities for report card writing, sharing of the BSIP and completed SIP activities. The teacher professional learning model for the school year has been established, teachers will complete their cycles of inquiry within their departments. Board meeting took place on Tuesday, September 11 – two of our DHS students made a presentation for Seeds of the Future – Garrit Mann and McKenzie Kohut – they attended a student leadership conference in Southern Ontario for special needs students and shared their experience with the Trustees. Our annual school-wide welcome back assembly took place on September 6. The Net Book rollout for DHS students took place on Sept. 26th. All students that brought in their signed forms were given a Net Book – students will continue to bring in their signed forms and as they do this they will receive

their Net Books. The next professional development day is Sept. 28th. All DHS sports teams are up and running. The SAVE group has begun their monthly meetings and for the first time at DHS a Gay, Straight Alliance meeting is going to take place on a monthly basis. October 3rd is our scheduled picture day.

B) Chairperson's Report

C) Member's Update – Safe Grad minutes attached

D) Student Update – Megan and Tamara shared other activities that are going on for the next few months. Letters and announcements have gone out for the Terry Fox walk and BBQ, Ben Johnson visited our students for two assemblies and talked to athletic teams, Steve Levin did a “Funny Money” presentation for students – this was well received. The leadership class is preparing for the November 9th Remembrance Day school ceremony and Spirit Week. They also explained how the course works and the organization of activities.

7. New Business

A) Meeting schedule for the year – dates established as follows:

Meeting #1 – Sept 25th

Meeting #2 – Oct 30th

Meeting #3 – Jan 29th, 2013

Meeting #4 – Feb 26th, 2013

Meeting #5 – Apr 30th, 2013

Luncheon – May 28th, 2013

B) Parent Involvement Committee Meeting – Wed Sept 26th if anyone interested

C) BSIP shared

8. Correspondence – shared with members

9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – SIP, elections

10. Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 30th at 7:00 pm – DHS library

11. Adjournment – 8:00 pm