



DRYDEN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

DHS Library – 7:00 pm

Present: Linda Dahmer, Kathy McConnachie, Marilyn Murray, Sue Wood

Regrets: Suzanne Wice, Darlene Benham, Diane Szmon

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Kathy welcomed everyone – Bill Hovi was introduced, visitor from Firefly giving a presentation to School Council about Restorative Justice.
2. **Conflict of Interest** – no conflict of interest stated.
3. **Approval of Agenda** – no agenda was made available.
4. **Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting** – approval of minutes by members that were present.
5. **Business Arising from Minutes** – no business arising from the minutes.
6. **Reports**

A) Principal's Report –

- ✓ Jai Mashru is the student representative from DHS who will sit on the Board with the Trustees for this school year. He began his position in September.
- ✓ Important dates to remember were shared:
 - anecdotal reports will be going home on Mon Oct 3
 - Parent-teacher interviews Wed Oct 5
 - mid-term reports mailed out Fri Nov 11
 - Parent-teacher interviews Thurs Nov 17
 - Exams will be the week of Jan 20-26, 2012
 - Second semester begins Jan 27, 2012
- ✓ Several groups of stakeholders are meeting to put the School Improvement Plan together – department heads, SIP group that did School Improvement Planning last year, a new group was also formed for this year's planning

B) Chairperson's Report – no chair has come forward for this school year.

C) Member's Update – Safe Grad – meetings have begun. Synervoice messages have gone to households of grade 11 students and potential graduates to remind them and their parents about the meetings. Fundraising continues, students are selling tickets for a Valentine's Day draw and as always the Safe Grad driving raises lots of money. Information about Safe Grad can be found on the DHS website <http://dhseagles.kpdsb.on.ca/> click on the Safe Grad icon on the right hand side of the page.

D) Student Update – student reps will be Tyler Wood and Bobbi Lough

7. New Business

Bill Hovi shared information with the group about the Restorative Justice program that is being run in Dryden and the District under the umbrella of Firefly (Patricia Centre for Children and Youth). The program is an “alternative approach” usually for first time offenders who have committed a minor offence, but serious enough to result in criminal charges. The youth must agree to take responsibility for their actions and fully participate in the program. Bill shared some data about the program, how many people have been trained, some successes and next steps. Volunteers are trained by the Ministry of the Attorney General, submit a Criminal Records Check and sign an Oath of Confidentiality. New training is occurring December 2-4 and interested persons can be in touch with Bill at bhovi@fireglynw.ca Members present at this meeting decided that they would continue coming to School Council meetings when they are available. Parents and guardians were notified in the report card letter to please join us for meetings. There will be no chair for this school year. Meetings will take place on the following dates: Nov 29, Feb 28, 2012, April 24, 2012 and May 29, 2012.

8. Correspondence – no correspondence was shared at this meeting

9. Agenda Items for Next Meeting – School Improvement Plan

Introduction of Student Success teacher

10. Adjournment – 8:15 pm