

Dryden High School Council Annual Report 2009-10

DHS Council struggled this year with gaining new members and the loss of some long time ones. Renee Gould, Diane Hammond, Cyndi Cossais, Candi Wall, Diane Szmon, Susan Wice and Linda Dahmer attending meetings over the course of the school year. Our student representatives were Krista Bannan and Neil Consulta and the community representative was Janet Hartley from the Dryden Police Service.

*In September we tried to get a common date together so that all interested persons could attend the first council meeting. In the end we did have a meeting with three people in attendance.

*In October Council elections were completed and Renee Gould was elected as Chair. We did not end up with a Secretary or any other position filled.

*In November the meeting was attended by myself and the principal. We set the dates for the rest of the meetings for the year hoping that would allow for people to mark off their calendars. We also discussed how to draw new council members to the meetings. Minutes and meeting dates were posted on the DHS website and a reminder of meeting dates went home with report cards.

*In December we had a luncheon for the Council members and administration from DHS.

*In January we were shown and explained some of the Data that the school has started to use. We discussed the DHS web site and requested that the Council meeting minutes and agendas be posted on the web site. We took a look at the Parent teacher interviews and the attendance and are looking into maybe holding a meeting at both Eagle River and Wabigoon in hopes of attracting some new members.

*In February it was discussed that Council should try to continue to provide the presentation Parents as Career Coaches and the Exam Prep session. Unfortunately we did not have the members to coordinate this to happen as an evening session but information was made available at both parent/teacher interview sessions. We were told about the District Revue committee coming for a visit and Richard Hodgkinson explained the "Tell Them From Me" initiative and student survey.

*April was our next meeting and we had our meeting in the Resource Room, as we needed to use the Smart board. We were shown and explained the new DHS web site, My Blue Print and My School house. Everyone was quite impressed with the results of this new system and the planning aspect of the site will really make a difference for parents and students.

*We had another school Council contact us about the Parents as Career Coaches presentation. I forwarded the inquiry to Cyndi Cossais, as she was the main creator of the presentation.

*An ongoing initiative of ours has been improving school-to-home communication. To help parents stay better informed, Richard has added a spot on the DHS website entitled "What's New at DHS" which will include morning announcements each day by 10:00am. He is also looking into a parent page which could handle resources such as the PowerPoint and booklets from our Career Coaching workshop.

*Regular reports provided at each meeting were the Principal Report, Chairperson Report, Student Update and Safe Grad Report.

*Council met regularly the last Tuesday of each month and meetings were not very well attended this year.

*Submitted by Renee Gould, chair, on behalf of DHS Council
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