



DSBN Academy School Advisory Council

ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH OPPORTUNITY

AGENDA

October 3, 2018 6 pm

Attendees: Christina Vokey, Kristin Welton, Lisa Biernat, Barbara Biernat, Winter Buck, Julie Green, Carole MacDONald, Daisy Wells, Rebecca Rose, Donna Reid, Natalie Hipwell, Alice Conway, Mary Jackson, Bill & Andrea Durrant, Tony Mannella, Cathy Hoffer, Andrea Grieve, Lisa Nazar

1) Welcome

2) Council Information and Elections

Role of the council:

- an advisory body of volunteers who work together to provide ideas and opinions to help the administration make the school a better place for learning
- to reflect the views of the parent body as a whole
- to fulfil the school council's mandate to act in the best interest of all students
- to make recommendations to the administration and school board on any matter
- a link between the school and the community
- to improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system to parents

Code of Ethics for school council members

- a member shall consider the best interests of all students
- a member shall act within the limits of the roles and responsibilities of a school council, as identified by the school's operating guidelines, the school board and the Ontario Ministry of Education
- a member shall become familiar with the school's policies and operating practices and act in accordance with them
- a member shall maintain the highest standard of integrity
- a member shall recognize and respect the personal integrity of each member of the school community
- a member shall treat all other members with respect and allow for diverse opinions to be shared without interruption
- a member shall encourage a positive environment in which individual contributions are encouraged and valued
- a member shall acknowledge democratic principles and accept the consensus of the council
- a member shall respect the confidential nature of some school business and respect limitations this may place on the operation of the school council
- a member shall not disclose confidential information
- a member shall limit discussions at school meetings to matter of concern to the school community as a whole
- a member shall use established communication channels when questions or concerns arise
- a member shall promote high standards of ethical practice within the school community
- a member shall declare any conflict of interest
- a member shall not accept any payment or benefit financially through school council involvement

Council Membership

Chair: calls council meetings to order, prepares agendas (jointly with principal as requested), chairs meetings, ensures the minutes are recorded and maintained, communicates with administration, and ensures there is regular communication with the school community

Secretary: takes minutes, send them to administration and executive for verification, create a year-end summary, maintain minutes for future referral

Parent Members: participate in council meetings, act as a link between home and school, be responsible for encouraging parents and others within the community to participate in education at DSBN Academy

Principals: helps establish the school council membership, support/promote the council's activities, assist in the distribution of information for the council to families, obtains information about board policies and education legislation as required, consider all recommendations made by the school council

Election of Executive Council

- voting members shall be parents of students currently enrolled at DSBN Academy

Chair- Carole MacDonald

Vice-Chair- Kristin Welton

3) School Council Discussion

800 for the theatre rental at Brock for Grade 12 graduation
Commitment for the grade 8 cupcakes/cake- Mrs. Welton knows someone who can do them for free

Laura Secord chocolates before Christmas- Mrs. Welton going to find out more information and send to the council members- put a blurb in the November newsletter
Mrs. Welton to lead

Krispy Cream donuts- could be done in conjunction with the BBQ parents pick up then

Carole will look further into cookie company

Kernels Popcorn- try again around Easter? April 21st Start the end of March into beginning of April

Candy Kabobs/Bags? For valentines- candy grams? A little note for someone?

Year-End BBQ-

Still have water balloons from last year that were not used

- For the most part it went well
- Very well attended
- Secondary parents were unhappy- lack of communication- how to get the information out to our secondary families is something we need to figure out
- Teachers would like to be involved in being able to put their names into the raffles??
- We need more recycle bins and people are encouraged to recycle
- Next meeting look at picking a date

Recycling- single use forks and Styrofoam plates/containers

- Is there a better way, can the students who are a part of the food encore bring a plastic container to take their food home- or use paper plates

4) Principal/Vice Principal Report

- A) Enrollment- 229 elementary, secondary just under- do have some students who leave between grade- for various reasons-we are not the right fit for them- common factors and trends are looked for, started calling all of the grade 9 families to check in and see how things are going, to introduce herself again, working through the list
- B) EQAO results- Elementary continues to have great results. Teachers and students work very hard as a team.
- C) Annual Parent Involvement Conference
- D) Secondary Student council- had some staff changes, new advisors for leadership group- student voice wasn't meeting the needs of the student community, in the past having student council elections could have been a popularity contest- had a lot of students run for different positions. Prime ministry in grade 11 and deputy PM is grade 10- significant amount of votes they received. Working on planning the first dance- trying to change it up

from last year (Oct 25), also plan whole school assembly in Mid-Nov. have a common lunch, teachers get together over lunch. They want to impact our school spirit.

- E) Students entered tech design, challenge presented by Brock- given a budget and had to design a float, be able to disassemble and reassemble, Brock and China partnership float- our students pitched it and they won, last spring they started to build. Won the prize for the best dressed float in the parade. Real, project based learning. Had to listen to feedback and make changes

Question regarding the sports teams we offer, and can students participate in other schools

5) Meeting dates for 2018/19

October 3, December 3, February 6, April 1, May 1, June 3

6) Adjournment