

Student Voice- nate

Evidence of student council activities that provide a forum for student opinions and ideas:

The DHHS Student Senate's mandate is to seek improvements for the overall quality of life for the student body. This representative assembly brings together two representatives from every second period classroom, comprising over 125 members. These members are then divided up into seven, independently run committees, each of which overlooks a different aspect of the school (athletics, student recognition, dances, activities, beautification, ASU Audit, and the Constitution). Collectively, our goal has been to improve upon the process for soliciting student feedback. By working with members of the Senate, we have been able to take some critical steps in amplifying the students' voice on several important matters. In addition to financial oversight, Senate responsibilities include selecting school dance themes, beautifying our school (\$5,000 budget), and hosting various activities for different campus organizations.

Below are Senate Meeting Minutes as evidence:

Meeting Minutes (10/20/2018):

Meeting Called to Order At: 9:56

New Business Items:

Tim: Today we are going to split everyone into your specific committees. These committees will meet outside of the general Senate floor meetings and will be held responsible for overlooking various aspects of the school and student life. There are roughly 20 open spots for each committee, but once these spots are full, you need to join another committee. Here's a little blurb about each of the seven committees. After hearing these, it will be a first come first serve basis on who gets put into which committee.

Dance Committee: The dance Committee is responsible for debating and selecting dance themes. Dance themes will not be officially selected until the entirety of senate votes on the theme, but before then, this committee will work with the ASU class officers to put together a ballot of what themes will be voted on. It is important that all dance decisions get feedback from second period classes before they are voted on.

Constitution Committee: This committee will overlook the Senate's constitution and determine if any changes are necessary. We want to ensure that every democratic action we are taking follows these guidelines, and if there are any errors, it is better that we get those edited so that everything can run smoother for the following years to come.

Beautification Committee: With our \$5,000 budget, this committee must figure out what truly needs to be better improved at school. The money does not all have to be put towards the same project, but we need to think of any area of the school that needs financial help sooner in the year rather than later.

Intramurals Committee: Intramurals are the games that occur during lunch. This committee's goal is to suggest newer and fresher ideas to ASU so that student participation in these games rises rather than the recent decline we have been seeing.

Student Recognition Committee: This committee is designed to recognize all types of students across our campus. Not just the top athletes, but also the best dancers, singers, scholars, chess players, artists, etc. We want to think of different ways to recognize those students who truly deserve recognition for their contribution to the Dana Hills campus.

Activities Committee: Any activity on this campus can be improved upon. From mall dances to tailgate to dress up days, we, once again, want to improve student participation and overall enjoyment. We also want to hear newer and fresher ideas brought to the table.

ASU Audit Committee: This committee ensures that ASU is properly functioning and is using their allotted money for all of the right reasons. It overlooks this massive heart of our school so that what they are doing for the students, is actually what the students want. sure ASU.

Comments, Questions, Concerns:

-Bill Hofmann, Lindroth- Will there be committee chairs?

-Mr. Wigglesworth- yes

-Aaron Vincent, Caselli, Can you join more than one committee?

- President pro tempt: No

Winter Formal Theme:

Tim: We are now going to vote on the official winter formal theme. Nate made a ballot so please only fill out ONE and then pass it down when you are finished. Nate will tally the results and tell us once he is done.

Old Vegas: 67

Neon: 4

Circus: 5

Night in Paris: 8

Other Announcements:

President of the Senate: If you miss five different meetings, you will unfortunately be cut from senate. When you miss four meetings, I will send you a warning via text. School-related absences do not count.

Meeting Adjourned At: 10:19

Meeting Minutes (12/05/2018):

Meeting Called to Order At: 9:51

New Business Items:

Tim: There are no new business items that we need to talk about.

Committee Check-ins:

Nate: Okay now we are going to split up into our seven different committees. Our goal is to have each committee meet 1 more time before the semester ends and discuss their committee agenda. The Committee Chairman needs to create a google doc that can be shared with Tim, Mr. Wiggs, and I on what you discussed. At the next meeting, one person from your committee, probably the Chairman, must come down in front of all of Senate and share what you guys discussed. Any questions? Oh, and also you need to write down and/or tell us the day that the MOST of you can meet. I understand that no day is going to be perfect for everyone, but I would like to see the majority of you there.

-Bill Hofmann, Lindroth- Where will the meetings be held?

-Nate: In Mr. Wiggs room, 909, I think

President Pro-Tempore, Tim: Okay break! And don't forget to share the doc.

Committees then split up and discuss their agendas.

After 20 minutes, they come together again to the general Senate floor.

Meeting Adjourned At: 10:21