## Dr. J.M. Denison School Council

## Minutes Monday January 18, 2016 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions: Denison staff and School Council Chair present.
- 2. Student Report
  - Stress-busters games/activities went really well, raised some funds
  - Valentine's Day event being planned
- 3. Teacher Report
  - Exam prep is taking place
- 4. Principal Report
  - Synervoice, a web-based program is in place. It is an automated phone system that will be implemented shortly. The system has interpretation and language capacity. The system will follow a predetermined process; it will begin with a phone call, followed by an email and finally a text message the system will cascade until a response is received.
  - Grade 8 visits will be taking place during exams.
- 5. School Constitution
  - The constitution was reviewed and updated by those present. There were not enough people in attendance to approve, therefore, it will be posted as draft until such a time there is a quorum to approve.
- 6. Other
  - Suggestions were made to determine future education sessions for parents. Suggestions included the following:
    - o Social media
    - o Exams 101
    - o Mental health
    - o Teach assist/technology
    - Student employment and how to manage school and work
    - In May, request for Georgian College representative to come in to discuss how to apply for OSAP (school admin to follow up)

Next Meeting: Monday March 21, 2016