

## ECSS School Council Meeting Agenda

*September 18, 2023 @7:00 p.m.*

*Regrets: Joanne Romano*

*Attendees: Lisa Rapisardi, Andre Tsopelas, student - Jaytin Kumar, student- Junaid Bhanji, teacher - Marie-Claire O, Hannah Go, Gabriela Nagy, Ajay Kumar, Pina Losiggio, Jessie Alonsozana, Tina Medina, Monica Verma, Vidhu Verma, Monica Kaushi, Principal - Tanya-Lynn Paul, VP - Paula Borges, VP - Nadira Lawrence-Selan*

**School Council:** <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/emilycarr.ss/SchoolCouncil/Pages/default.aspx>

### Agenda Items Speaker(s)/Notes

#### Welcome and Introductions

- Land Acknowledgement
- Introductions
- Review Minutes for Approval
- **2023/2024 ECSS School Council Members**
  - ✓ Chair:
  - ✓ Vice-Chair:
  - ✓ Secretary:
  - ✓ Treasurer:
  - ✓ Communications Representative:
  - ✓ Parent Representative(s):
  - ✓ Community Representative:
  - ✓ School Staff Representatives: Maryclaire Odorico
  - ✓ ECSS Administration: Tanya-Lynn Paul, Principal, Nadira Lawrence-Selan, Vice-Principal, Paula Borges, Vice-Principal
- New Attendees (possible members)

#### Meeting start time 7:00pm

- Andre - Land Acknowledgement
- Tanya -Lynn Paul - reviewed the change of the mascot from Thunderbird to Coyotes
- Additional items - outside parking, parent parking; grounds

#### Review and Approval of Minutes (April 19, 2023)

Member who has access to the notes was absent from the meeting

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- Call for additional items:

-Additional items - outside parking, parent parking; grounds

#### Other Items:

School bus traffic flow - no other way out of the round about; 7th bus blocking the lane for cars to pass through;  
**ACTION:** possibly admin to communicate to student transportation services to do an analysis, can a bus be in the centre lane? Left lane should be kept clear for the YRT buses

	<p>As of tomorrow (Sept. 19) the cones will be removed through the lanes because staff cannot access lanes; people trying get around the community buses;</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> put a notice in the newsletter around drop offs and pick ups</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Can the design be reconfigured? Can check with someone re: board plant services</p> <p>City of Vaughan Engineering re: traffic light - Tina Medina has called the city</p> <p><b>UPDATE:</b> Tanya-Lynn - in May board/city have allocated budget for the field to update the field - according to minutes an artificial turf with lights, with a new track</p> <p>There was a question about whether we have seen any protesting - re: new curriculum - gender inequality, etc - explained that has not been an issue at ECSS at this time.</p> <p>Table at October 26 Interview Night? - open house - table can be set up for school council</p>
<p><b>Student Council Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<p><b>Jaytin &amp; Junaid - Student Council Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-had first meeting in August - to create the grade 9 video</li> <li>-student council attend grade 9 day and helped grade 9s</li> <li>-photo booth a huge success</li> <li>-Wednesday - first im school meeting - to discuss club fair</li> <li>-worked on student council board</li> <li>-QR code to share student voice</li> <li>-worked on student council IG to foster engagement</li> <li>-upcoming - Indigenous post - T&amp;R; inter-council meeting</li> <li>-semi-formal - date TBD</li> </ul>
<p><b>ECSS Staff Reports</b> (Administration + Teaching &amp;/or Non-Teaching Staff)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VP Updates</li> </ul>	<p><b>Maryclaire Odorico - Teacher Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-update on the new library furniture</li> </ul>

- lunchtime activities - make its; mindful movements, moments
- Fun Friday - Engineering class; coding
- September 20 - Camp Howl
- September 28 - Gender Equality workshop
- MLL classes - new ESL; 21 students and rising
- welcome transition day
- Visual Arts - partnering with PBL - display of student work; emergent artists club; photography club
- PhysEd - boys volleyball, boys soccer, girls basketball, girls golf, boys golf, cross country and swim team

**Question:** timing of extracurricular - response - happening at lunch and after school - YRA schedules games; open gym, intramurals at lunch

**Tanya-Lynn - Principal Update:**

- signage update - including the middle of the gym floor
- new t-shirts were distributed; additional spirit wear to purchase
- includes new motto - does our current motto reflect our current state
- current student number is at 952; includes our international students - enriches our community
- Reviewed SIP Goals and Look Fors - reviewed the data to determine where we can do better - directly relate to the board improvement plan
- explained the rationale backed by data for the goals and look fors
- data also includes student survey data; grade 12s also do exit tickets

**Question:** Is there any prediction for YRP to be in the schools - need to be invited; can be invited to meetings; classroom visits - depends on the issue that will be discussed in the classroom  
YRP - explanation re: social media is helpful

**Question:** student pathway choices for males - guidance works with students to help guide students make their decisions; info is shared; look at course selection data and gender balance

**Question:** re reduction in enrollment - funding changes - projected to have less and we have more; not nearly as bad; based on demographics; projected for one more year of decline and then increases

-community and location of the school matters  
-a lot of student clubs; students and staff were engaged in the open house

**Nadira Lawrence - VP Update**

-emergency preparedness  
-reporting timelines  
-family communications

**Paula Borges - VP Update**

Start up - grade 9 day; registrations; timetables - 300 requests; caring and safe schools assemblies  
-students are aware of the expectations  
-final exams - January 26-31  
-intercouncil meetings  
-clubs fair  
-coyote camp  
-classroom visits  
-instagram for communication

**Question:** final evaluation schedule - by period; schedule is set forth by the board  
-timetable - amount of sections run in a course is based on how many students enroll in the course  
-based on pre-planning

**Question:** final evaluation Calculus being first day vs last day - not the same exam; same level of difficulty; 30% can be broken down  
-assessment in high school has changed - might be doing project; exam

**Question:** does the school offer additional help? Departments, PALS, student success

**Question:** AP program - might be able to run AP Program. AP Interview Night Table for this year? Will be done next year

**School Council Items**

- School Council Policy Review
- Election of 2023-2024 School Council
- Fundraising

**School Council Policy Review**

-overview of changes to policy 262  
-reviewed the video with school council

**Concern shared about being part of school council** -  
amount of time required - amount of times we meet  
- 5X a year - engaging with the school and  
community

**School Council Elections** - reading of nominations  
done by Tanya-Lynn Paul

**Parent rep - Monica Kaushik; Gabriella Nagy,  
Joanne Romano**

**Treasurer - Joanne van der Leeuw**

**Co-chair - Ajay Kumar, Andre Tsopelas**

**Secretary - Lisa Rapisardi**

**Community rep - Tina Medina**

**Dates for next meetings:**

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April 15, 2024

West School Council - October 26, 2023

5:30-8:30pm (Tommy Douglas)

**Meeting ended - 9:05pm**

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