

## Thornhill Secondary School Parent Council Meeting Minutes – June 13, 2019

**1. Welcome** – Anna Sit (Chair of Parent Council) welcomed everyone to this meeting.

**2. Approval of Previous Minutes:** Minutes of meetings on January 17 and March 28, 2019 were discussed.

**a. Approval of Minutes of Jan 17, 2019:**

- Update for the Staff Appreciation Breakfast: BOSS is not able to help the School Council fundraise for the event.
- Anna has gotten a donation of 8 dozen donuts from Tim Hortons (Yonge Street), a \$25 gift card from No Frills and a \$25 gift card from Sobey's. Ms. Ziegler is going to provide coffee, cream cheese and bagels.
- As a result, we have a "green light" for the Staff Appreciation Breakfast on June 27, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

**b. Minutes of March 28, 2019 were approved.**

### **3. Treasurer's report**

- \$1,830.94 from School Council Fundraising Budget. Parents would like to use this sum of money to purchase items from the teachers' wish list at the very beginning of the next academic year.
- \$809.12 from School Council Budget
- \$395.56 **spent** for Andy Thibodeau's presentation from Pro-grant Budget. \$181.11 spent on food and water has not yet shown up in the account.

### **4. BOSS update**

- BOSS elections were held on May 23. Janice is the incoming BOSS leader.
- Janice would like us to spread the message to other parents about the importance of the student activity fee. This fee provides the budget for all student activities for the academic year. The less money BOSS has, the more expensive each activity will be. BOSS will emphasize student activity fee next year. The Student Activity Fee usually ranges from \$45-\$50. This fee cannot be made mandatory. Possible suggestions to increase parents' awareness of the importance of this fee: a. Send info out in parent newsletter about it. For event descriptions, say that funds were partially supplied by student activity fee. b. Can put more information about it on School Cash Online.
- House Olympics were held on June 6. Houses competed for the House Cup.
- Study guides and tips were uploaded to help students cope with increased stress due to exams.

### **5. Administration Report**

-Recent events:

- \* Athletic banquet took place a few weeks ago.
- \* The school play received great reviews.
- \* The House Olympics were a huge success.

-Students are currently in 'exam mode': Exams for grade 12 students for period 5 classes will take place on Tuesday June 18 (a day earlier than for other grades) to accommodate graduation.

-Rest of grades/exams: Wed. June 19 to Tuesday June 25. Exam review day = morning of June 26.

-Last day for in-class tests was yesterday.

-Graduation is on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

-Thanks to parents for showing up to Parent Council meetings. Thanks to students for coming out as well. Well done this year, Anna!

-Thanks to Ms. DiAngelo for representing our wonderful teachers.

-Response to a question: If a student fails a course, the student success team meets to decide whether credit recovery is an option. Credit recovery can be done over the summer or in September of the following year.

Teachers make recommendations and school support team makes the final decision. After the decision is made,

someone from the team will be in contact with parents on June 26. School staff signs students up for credit recovery.

-Final report cards-Administration team is not yet sure how these will be distributed this year. Staff are being kicked out of the TSS building on Friday June 28 at 3:30 p.m. after PA day, because construction is to start on the building. There are concerns regarding asbestos. TSS will be closed for two months. Report cards may be distributed from other locations (e.g. Thornlea).

-Timetables for next year – Normally, these would have been done in April. This year, Guidance Department had a week to build the timetables. Most students have a complete timetable for the first semester. Students will get their timetables on the first day of school. In the past, these were emailed to the students' GAPPS account and parent's account. Guidance will work through second semester timetables. TSS will have more new students coming in. Changes to timetables may be possible, but flexibility is limited. Students should consider the timetable they receive as their final one.

-Staffing planning has been completed. Teachers will know what classes they will be teaching shortly. The following teachers have retired: Mr. Hawkins, Ms. Clarke and Mr. Knox. The Spanish teacher is going on leave; therefore, the Spanish class has been cancelled. It was offered this year but will not be offered next year. 3 courses have been cancelled, including grade 11 Drama and grade 12 World Issues.

## **6. Council Topics**

a. Review of March presentation: Anna has written a report to YRDSB saying that we have used their money for a presentation. Also, Andy asked Anna to write something about his presentation, and Anna wrote a positive review about it. Main messages from the presentation: We need to encourage our kids to show up to events and participate. Asking questions is important and so is expressing your own ideas. Andy will give a free presentation to us next year in fall of 2019.

b. Thursday June 27 is the date of the Staff appreciation breakfast in cafeteria.

**Have a great summer!**