



THORNHILL SECONDARY SCHOOL
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MINUTES
Thursday, January 10, 2013

1. Review of November Minutes

Request for approval of minutes. Clive proposed acceptance, James seconded. Minutes accepted.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Donations may not be accepted as electronic payments at this time. The board is working on a board-wide solution, which will provide consistency across schools. There are concerns regarding security if schools proceed on their own.
- Fundraising – so far, we have \$3510 plus \$2700. The money has been spent on 10 iPads and a sync tray.
- The commemorative bench for Isabel Schnapp has been installed. It is 33 feet long, sits outside the library and cost \$1100. Council is to provide \$300, as previously agreed.

3. Administration Report – David McAdam, Hera Lee-Moore

School Evacuation/Closure

Mr. McAdam provided an update, although specific details are not available because the situation is still being investigated. The court case was today and the accused is charged with 3 counts. Threats have been received not only by phone, but by email and fax as well.

The board psychologist has been available to help students deal with the situation.

Mr. McAdam addressed some questions from parents. He informed us that evacuation policies and communication procedures are being reviewed as a result of this event.

→ A joint committee of staff and parents is being formed to evaluate and revise emergency procedures at Thornhill SS. If any parents would like to participate, please **contact Mr. Lim** to let him know.

Bill 115

Mrs. Lee-Moore answered questions regarding Bill 115. Just to clarify the situation, teachers are once again offering extra help if necessary and are writing reference letters if asked, but there is no extracurricular participation.

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The school is waiting for direction from the board regarding the prom and other optional activities. A committee of parents is willing to plan and supervise the prom, if allowed.

Miscellaneous

Locker clean-out day will take place on Monday (instead of the originally scheduled day)

Exam reminder – students will not be allowed into the exam if textbooks and library books are not returned.

Exam review day (Jan 31) is also the day for students to pick up timetables for semester 2.

On January 15, peer mentors will visit grade 9 classrooms to offer tips on studying and preparing for exams.

Thornhill SS will be applying for the Premier's Award for Accepting Schools, see link <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/safeschools/2012nomination.pdf>. Ms. Smullen is putting together a committee to work on the application and nomination letters. If any parents are able to help, please **contact Ms. Smullen**. The application deadline is February 22, 2013.

Next year (2013-2014), Thornhill SS will be open to transfer for all grades.

4. Guest Speaker from JACS

Presentation by Jay Pasternack, Program Director of JACS (Jewish Addiction Community Services) and Sarah, Chair of Outreach Education Committee and parent of a recovered teenager.

Future Meeting Dates:-

- **Thursday, February 7th, 2013**
- March 21st, 2013
- May 9th, 2013
- June 6th, 2013

Note: Meetings start at 7:15 pm