



THORNHILL SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Minutes

Thursday, September 13th, 2012

1. Review of June 2011 Minutes
 - ✓ Shirley Porjes-Gupta moved to adopt; Darryl Wronko seconded.
2. Nominations for Council
 - Council names read out - everyone accepted their nomination to be a voting member (24 members)
3. Election of New Executive
 - Melissa Potashner and Shirley Porjes-Gupta have offered to co-chair the council.
 - ✓ All in agreement
 - Secretary: Angela Sadul & Andy Weinkove have offered to be co-secretaries
 - ✓ All in agreement
 - Treasurer: Darryl Wronko has offered to be Treasurer
 - ✓ All in agreement
4. Administration Report –
 - David McAdam,
 - Mr McAdam introduced himself and shared his background
 - Adding School Social support systems to help support students
 - Eg. Program to assess Gr 9 students comprehension skills
 - Eg. Moodle Transition
 - Staffing: projection was 1100 students but have only 1076. May lose staffing if we are not able to hold numbers.
 - Different budget structure – cannot charge for course fees; hoping to subsidize extracurricular fees with as much as possible
 - Will start sending home weekly bulletins on what is happening in the school
 - If you are not receiving it you should phone the school or email the school account

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- Hoping to get a summary of each child's attendance on the same e-mail (approved by Council); will also continue with cinnervoice
- Question: any indication on what the teacher action will impact on extracurricular activities – so far no change.
- Louis Lim:
 - EQAO Math results are available; Math head will review with the council at the next meeting (results went up vs. previous +2 points Academic, +5 points Applied)
 - Website being updated with next year the school board requesting a common template
 - Question: Can parents volunteer as coached – yes; but need a teacher volunteer – Doug Hawkins is the Athletic Designate who they should get in touch with
- Shirley Smullen:
 - Safe Schools material is posted on the Thornhill website; Guidelines and Policies will also be posted
 - If parents want to understand student upcoming tests, etc. they should get access to Moodle (child must give the parent access)
- 5. Teachers' Report (Hera Lee)
 - Grade 9 day successful – focused on social
 - Community involvement forms – require “preapproval” for all volunteer hours
 - School will no longer collect and manage any hours over the required 40; Students should manage it themselves and keep their own documentation
 - Oct 3rd is post secondary fair for all Grade 12 students
 - University Fair downtown on the weekend of September 28th.
 - Parent fair at TSS is Nov 1st in the evening
 - All information is on the TSS guidance Facebook sites
- 6. BOSS Report (Samy Linetsky & Valentin Litvin (absent))
 - Senate elections coming up shortly
 - BOSS wants more involvement by Senators
 - This Saturday will March within the Thornhill Festival
 - Carnival on the 25th of Sept after the Terry Fox Run

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- Homecoming dance following week
- Second club fair is being organized
- All available clubs are on Thornhill's Wikipedia page if any parents want to understand the clubs available
 - School Admin will review how to re-visit Grade 9's signing up for clubs.

- 7. Community Report – Adam Saperia
 - One of the Exec of the Thornhill Alumni association
 - ThornhillAlumni.com is the website

- 8. Fundraising Letter
 - School still requires technology support via fundraising.
 - Agreed to send out the fundraising letter which replaces all other fundraising activities for the parent council.
 - All parents are encouraged to also talk to community partners for any donations.

- 9. PRO Grant
 - Received an award to be used for parent inclusiveness via translating key materials into parent's first language.

- 10. Future meeting topic – update on technology in the school

Upcoming Dates:-

Next Council Meeting: **Thursday, October 11th, 2012**

Council Dates for 2012 - 2013:-

- November 15th, 2012
- January 10th, 2013
- February 7th, 2013
- March 21st, 2013
- May 9th, 2013
- June 6th, 2013

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