

## TSS Parents Council Meeting - Minutes - Thursday, September 11, 2014.

Nomination forms handed out and meeting called to order @ 7:14 pm

### 1. Welcome & Introductions – Hayley & Shirley

- Round table – self introductions with Grades represented

### 2. Review of June 2014 minutes

- Lisa Polster made motion to accept
- Sarah Libfeld seconded

All parties at last meeting – passed minutes

### 3. Nominations for Council

- Hayley explained the executive, voting and non-voting member roles on council
- David McAdams – collected nominations for executive

### 4. Elections of the New Executive

- Shirley Porjes & Hayley Morris = voted as co-chairs
- Andy Weinkove & Nazia Markazi = co- secretaries
- Lisa Polster = treasurer

### 5. Susan Geller – Trustee Address

- Introduced self as parent/guardian resource for school

### 6. Review & input to Parent Council Annual Plan

Review of last year including speaker series (successes and failures)

High interest topics and formats considered in preparation of school plan

Proposal:

- October:
  - EQAO review
  - University & College Application Process Presentation (Guidance Department)
- November:
  - Pathways Presentation – broadcast to all members of school (*with specific focus on Grade 10 families*)
- January:
  - Panel discussion on teenage anxiety
    - Timing aligned with exam time
    - Panel to include Dr. Ralph Lewis (parent at the school)

School Department presentations (what our kids are learning & how we can support it at home)

**ACTION ITEM:** Above proposal will be emailed to attendees to allow for feedback on plan

## 7. Administrative Report – David McAdam. Principal.

- Welcome to the school year
- Stressed importance of school/parent partnerships as being important to success
- September 18 = Grade 9 curriculum night 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
- Weekly parent bulletin available by email – interested parents/guardians to email
- October 9: Award Assembly – recognizing outstanding achievements
- Extra-curricular activities = contributing factor to improved student performance
- Welcome Sandy Kofalvi (new Vice Principal)
- Staff available to deal with any issues/concerns

Q: What happened to the timetable this year?

A:

- Sections originally staffed & planned to 1015 students
- Additional allocations to 1072 students
- Waiting for no shows & attritions = cause of some delay
- Some additional staff hired today to staff additional requirements

Suggestion to allow for course selection application to include reasons (want vs need)

**ACTION ITEM: Susan Geller = to include the above suggestion as part of feedback taken to the board**

## 8. BOSS Report – Frank & Rachel

September 18 – Club Fair

Grade 9 election for BOSS – nominations & speeches

Sept 24 – Annual School Carnival

Oct 7 – School Dance (\$3/head)

Nov 6: Open Mike Night

Nov 27: Semi Formal

BOSS Video

## 9. Fundraising Letter

Fundraising letter included in the registration package

Mailing out the letters – volunteer hour opportunity to stuff envelopes for volunteer hours

Need to maximize our cost matching program opportunity with Board up to \$6,250 matched to \$12,500

Fundraising last year was poor – only \$3,000.

Funds come in – and are voted for by voting members of council

Administration

If anyone has interest or availability for business contribution = welcomed

Charitable donations received before December 2014 = attract tax receipt

Shirley - Sunshine Benevolent Fund

- A real need – changing demographics = seeing a significant increase in these needs (cloths, food, bus passes)

**ACTION ITEM** – table support for Sunshine Fund at money allocation at funding meeting

**ACTION ITEM** – Minutes emailed with request for confirmation of students for envelope stuffing through reply email

## 10. PRO GRANT Update

\$1,000 grant available from Board that benefits parents/school community

Activity submitted (and approved) = Grade 10 pathways forum event – bigger budget for marketing and promotion of event including translation of materials

## 11. Open Forum

Shirley reviewed availability of \$500 grant to council available for refreshments

Traditionally underspent – proposed Council allocate some of this money for Grade 9 curriculum night (Grade 9 refreshments)

Motion (Andy) \$100 for refreshment

Seconded ( Sion)

David Mc Adams - Round Table Survey – what you hope for your children/child this year

**ACTION ITEM** – AW to forward comments to DMcA - done. email sent 9/12-2014. 9:26 am

***Addendum to notes: subsequent to the end of the council meeting a separate discussion was held with Simon Strelchik. It was pointed out to the executive that Simon was not a parent with the school and he did not have any relationship or history with the school. In addition, Simon is running for municipal office. It was also pointed out that Simon also attended Council 4 years ago during the last election and used meeting time to solicit votes. Although he denied that this was the purpose of his attendance, the executive has asked him not to attend future meeting and informed him that we have not approved his Candidate Nomination form.***

***We further pointed out that if he had properly declared his intentions to seek voting office prior to submitting his application (after the commotion of the early minutes of the meeting), we would have clarified our position at that point. We apologize to the parents for not having caught this earlier.***

Next Meeting – Thursday, October 9, 2014

- EQAO results – Staff Presentations
- University/College Applications information session

#### Council Meeting Dates for 2014/15

- November 13
- January 8
- February 5
- March 26
- May 7
- June 4