

Thornhill Secondary School Parent Council Meeting

Minutes - September 15, 2016

1. Welcome

- ☐ David McAdam – welcome & introduction to nomination & election process

2. Nominations for Council

- ☐ **Co-Chair** - 2 positions (Acclaimed)
 - *Shirley Porjes*
 - *Susan Eaton*
- ☐ **Treasurer** – 1 position (Acclaimed)
 - *Vivak Gupta*
- ☐ **Secretary** – 1 position (Acclaimed)
 - *Dina Blumkin*

3. Election of New Executive

- ☐ Co-Chairs
 - Shirley Porjes
 - Susan Eaton
- ☐ Treasurer
 - Vivak Gupta
- ☐ Secretary
 - Dina Blumkin

4. Review & input to Parent Council Annual Plan – Shirley Porjes

- ☐ Reviewed topics listed including:
 - What is a voting member
 - Pathways – targeted at Grades 9 & 10 (usually well attended)
 - Possible Science Department presentation
 - Review of current use & plans for technology for students, teachers and parents
 - Discussion of the future meeting dates.
 - Post -Secondary Fair
 - Fundraising strategies discussed. If the donation is spent towards technology, the school board tops it up by 50%.
 - A donation request is sent by letter.

5. Boss Executives Introduction

- ☐ Club Fair is scheduled for September 21st, 2016
- ☐ School Carnival is scheduled for September 29th, 2016 after the Terry Fox run.
- ☐ The fundraiser goal for the Terry Fox run is \$3500

6. Administration Report – David McAdam & New VP Kandeephan Ganeshalingham

- ☐ Weekly bulletin will include dates of upcoming events
- ☐ Staffed for 1120 students

- ☐ Currently have 1100 students
- ☐ Cash on line facility now available for parents
 - Available through the website
 - All payments to school (*clubs, trips, apparel*)
 - The donation button is now directed only for the Parent Council donations, does not allow other purposes.
 - Sunshine fund is no longer linked to the donation button
 - Parent Council can allocate fund to Sunshine fund.
- ☐ Resources = available on our school website (including calendar of events)
- ☐ Grade 9 curriculum night - September 22nd, 2016 7-8:30 pm.
- ☐ September is the Childhood Cancer Awareness month.
- ☐ 60 new International student started this school year. Total of International students is 160.
- ☐ The parent information handbook is in 5 languages.
- ☐ New 5 periods schedule was discussed. Some students have a lunch break at 10 am. A suggestion was to eat lunch at the end of the break.
- ☐ Library is available for students during lunch breaks.

7. Open Forum

- ☐ Air-conditioning needed throughout the school.

Next Meeting: Thursday October 13th, 2016

- Literacy Results
- Information session on University/College Applications

Upcoming Council Dates for 2016/2017:

- **November 24**
- **January 19**
- **February 9**
- **March 30**
- **May 4**
- **June 1**