

Thornhill Secondary School

School Council

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Minutes of the Meeting
of the Thornhill Secondary School Council Meeting
held on January 21, 2021

Welcome:

The Chair and the Principal, Debbie Ziegler welcomed the parents and staff to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on November 19, 2020:

The Council Members (Samira and Barbara) approved the minutes of the meeting of the School Council held on November 19, 2020.

Treasurer's Report:

- Anna presented the Treasurer's Reports on behalf of Caryn Zusman, Treasurer:
- There has been no activity since November 2020. As of January 2021, the School Council Fundraising Budget is \$1,590.29.
- \$500 is deposited from the Board for the School Council as of January, 2021.

Pro-grant application:

- Anna informed the council members that the Pro-grant application is now open.
- For further information about Pro-grant, please refer to the following link:
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/SchoolCouncils/Pages/Parents-Reaching-Out-Grants.aspx>
- The application will follow these criteria: application deadline will be January 29, 2021; budget is \$500.00; has to be virtual and during the scheduled School Council meeting (March 11, 2021 at 7:15 p.m.) for about an hour.
- Members can provide input on the Pro-grant by emailing Anna before January 27, 2021 if they are interested in attending the session, or to forward the information of any speakers they are interested in having for the session.

Administration Report:

- January 29, 2021: Last day of first semester
 - February 1, 2021: P.A. Day
 - February 2, 2021: Students with uncompleted work will receive a phone call from their teacher to remind them to finish their assignment(s) in order to achieve a course credit
 - February 3, 2021: Online classes only in the morning (30 minutes each). There will be no class in the afternoon. Instead, there will be a promotion meeting involving all teachers and guidance to discuss the course of action for students with marginal marks.
 - February 4, 2021: Online classes resume for whole day with changes in the format. Class will start at 8:30 a.m. Each class will be 75 minutes, with 2 classes in the morning, followed by a 90 minutes lunch break, and 2 classes till the end of school day. This schedule will continue until in-person school is permitted.
 - February 11, 2021: Semester 1 report cards will be sent out to students' Gapps accounts. If needed, parents can call the school for the marks.
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- January 29, 2021: Send out timetable to both adaptive and SVS students. Since there are many students moving to SVS, it has many implications for TSS. Many classes are cancelled. The original semester 2 timetable is no longer valid. The school is in a hiring position.
 - February 1, 2021: Our VP, Ms. Georgia Vatousis, will be temporarily going to SVS as a VP until around June.
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- There is a new policy in school due to COVID-19. Upon returning to school, students have to wear a mask with 3 layers. Teachers have to wear a mask with 3 layers, and a face shield whenever in contact with students. Grade 1-3 students have to wear a mask with 3 layers at all times at school.
 - Yearbook: A group of students have been approved to start making an in-house small booklet for this year. However, due to the lack of in-person school recently, there has been no further action.
 - OSSLT: The board has exempted Grade 12 students from the OSSLT requirement for graduation. There is currently no further information on whether there will be one in late March. Ms. Cynthia Therrien is in charge of the After School Literacy program for OSSLT preparation. She encourages all students who need help or additional support to register for the After School Literacy program, which is held online.
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- **Next Meeting Date:** The next School Council Meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 7:15 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.