



## Thornlea School Council

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### Meeting Details and Participants

Date / Time	November 21, 2022 7pm to 8.30 pm					
Executive Committee And School Participants	✓	Myra C (Chair)	✓	Diana L (Communication)	✓	Mr. Foti (Principal)
	✓	Eva S (Co-chair)	✓	Claudia M (Secretary)	x	Ms. V Johnson-Lee (Vice Principal) Ms. L. Patrick (Vice Principal)
	x	Jim Z (Treasurer)	✓	Sharon A (Extra curriculum activities)	✓	Mr. Ram (Teacher Representative) Michael and Michael (Student Council Representatives)
Members at Large	✓ x ✓ ✓	Lee Ann C Grace Y Aroon B Jason C *	✓ ✓ X ✓ *	Jennifer F. Amir S Ashraf C* Jady K Represents non voting members	x ✓ x ✓	Juliana P Homeria S. Ian S * Syed S
Attendees	<p><b>In person:</b> Frank G., Summer Z., David H., Shaun L., Julie W., Helen B.</p> <p><b>On line:</b> Ben R Anisa JE Phyllis Chan Rosalyne Scott Park Karen Hung</p>					

### Meeting Minutes:

#	Topic	Lead	Time (mins)
1.	Diana provided a summary of the parent survey results The survey results will be published in the School Council Newsletter Also, the council will meet on December 8 <sup>th</sup> to assign actions that would go along these results.	<b>Diana Lee</b>	<b>5 min</b>
2.	Sharon shared information on a potential new initiative for extracurricular activities/clubs. This new --The Believe Initiative aims to help students become strong leaders, and support passion projects that can improve their community. More information will be published in the newsletter. Mr. Foti will support the initiation of the club by addressing it to the new hired teachers or any other teacher interested to participate. The club can start once there are 2 students and one teacher to run it. Q: How will this club work?	<b>Sharon A.</b>	<b>5 min</b>



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	<p>A: If approved, it can start in two weeks          It will have on line training modules for students and then a lot of opportunities to share experiences during The Believe conferences          Club meetings can be held virtually</p> <p>Q: How are the leaders chosen?          A: Sharon will suggest a process and more information will come</p>		
3.	<p>Short update on council initiatives was provided  <b>Green Room</b>- Letter was drafted to YRDSB. Letter is in the process of being reviewed by Mr. Foti. Next steps will be to have the letter forwarded to the Trustee and Board and ask for their feedback on the initiative.  <b>Grant yearly process</b>- in progress  <b>Teacher and Staff appreciation day</b>- date and time to be decided.  <b>Fundraising activities</b>- see the opportunities with Flip and Give program- details on how to sign up will be published in the newsletter</p>	<b>Myra on behalf of Eva</b>	<b>5 min</b>
4.	<p><b>Student Reports</b>  <b>TSAC activities updated by Michael</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TSAC held "Anything but a school bag" fun day</li> <li>- Homecoming was great success- tickets were sold out before the deadline. The venue capacity was filled</li> <li>- Next activities:          Café in December          Spirit week in December</li> </ul> <p><b>TWIC updates by Michael</b>          -Feedback is needed from parents. The link for the survey will be published in the Newsletter.</p>	<b>Student Council Rep</b>	<b>10 min</b>
5.	<p><b>Administration Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Update on the student situation that had made racial comments. Mr. Foti will visit in person each class and discuss the incident and set expectations. Thornlea is taking this seriously.</li> <li>-The wall painting in the school colors (black and purple) will be done by November 22.</li> <li>-Exams will take place end of January into February. The benefit of these exams is that they will help students to prepare for what comes next in colleges and universities.</li> </ul>	<b>Principal Mr.Foti</b>	<b>10 min</b>
6.	<p><b>Teacher Report</b>          Short update on the Ontario College Application Center- Midterm marks</p>	<b>Mr. Ram</b>	<b>2 min</b>



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7.	<p>Ms. Robyn Papoff, guest speaker from George Brown College, gave a very informative presentation on postsecondary scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and OSAP.</p> <p>Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-The average student loan debt is \$27,000 and takes 10 years to repay</li> <li>- Types of financial aid available are: Scholarship, Grants, Awards and Loans</li> <li>-Example: in 2019 George Brown disbursed \$7.9 mil in scholarships, grants and awards to 6,000 students and around \$150 mil in OSAP grants and loans for 14,500 students</li> <li>-From \$177 mil available in Canada, each year, \$5mil goes unclaimed</li> <li>-Statistics show that 64% of students received a financial award from their institution and 33% of those said that they would not have been able to attend school without this financial assistance</li> <li>-Check out the ontariocollege.ca site to find information</li> <li>-Helpful tips to prepare for scholarship applications:        Start early- collect reference letters, make your cover letters- start as early as grade 10,11        Set aside 1-2 hours per week when preparing for the applications -Meet the applications deadlines        Proof read your work before submission        Apply to more than one scholarship- Sometime the smaller amount of money has smaller amount of applicants-For some you may be the only one that applied</li> <li>-OSAP is financial program funded by the federal (60-70% and provincial governments(30-40%)        Check out <a href="http://www.osap.ca">www.osap.ca</a> for application information</li> </ul> <p>Helpful tips:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply as soon as you can- process may take 6-8 weeks</li> <li>Manage your money wisely – Do not overspend – Work part time if you can (53% of students work while going to school)</li> </ul> <p>Q: What is the parent income max for students to receive OSAP help        A: A total of \$145,000 will allow \$0 in grants and around \$,400 in loan        A total of \$110,000 will allow \$3,000 in grants and higher in loan</p> <p>Please see below a list of websites that could be useful.</p>	<b>Ms. Robyn Papoff</b>	<b>45 min</b>
8.	<b>Adjournment</b>		