Thornlea School Council
Thornlea Secondary School
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Meeting Details and Participants

Date / Time	October 17, 2022 7pm to 8.30 pm				
Executive Committee And School Participants	✓	Myra C (Chair)	✓	Diana L (Communication)	X Mr. Foti (Principal)
	✓	Eva S (Co-chair)	✓	Claudia M (Secretary)	✓X Ms. V Johnson-Lee (Vice Principal) Ms. L. Patrick (Vice Principal)
	✓	Jim Z (Treasurer)	✓	Sharon A (Extra curriculum activities)	✓ Mr. Ram (Teacher Representative) X Ryan and Michael (Student Council Representatives)
Members at Large	✓ ✓ ✓ X	Lee Ann C Grace Y Aroon B Jason C *	X ✓ X ✓ *	Jennifer F. Amir S Ashraf C* Jady K Represents non voting members	✓ Juliana P ✓ Homeria S. ✓ Ian S * X Syed S
Attendees	**In person:** Jane P **On line:** Marina Ben R Cheryl Christopher A Connie Daniel B Fern Hayat Hong S Hyd C James M Jihyun L June Katherine		Karen H Katherine S KT W Rina K Li Lisa L Maliha H Marie Susan Maya Max MD Minnie J Moe Nilonfar Nitin Np		Oliver A Phuong Reza A Rimima Rosemary L Salwa Shakufe Shirley Sogand T.L Tom Y Victoria K Paul W Wenhua W

Meeting Minutes:

First hybrid meeting

#	Topic	Lead	Time (mins)
1.	**Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement, Virtual Norms**	**VP: Ms Johnson-Lee**	**5**
2.	**Student Reports** **TWIC updates by Michael** - Terry Fox Run event went well. Around$ 275 raised- club is proud of it	**Student Council Rep**	**10**

	- Around 100 new kids in the club this year - Movie night organized for October 26 – after school event - Club is looking into an application for a Health Grant and looking for funds to bring in a Mental Health speaker. Club does not have a certain speaker in mind-will consult with the teachers and will give more information at the next meeting. **TSAC updates by Ryan** -Pumpkin painting activity- Wed. and Thu. of next wee(Oct.25 and 26). This activity will allow students to interact and show initiative -Games and other activities for grades 9 and 10 to come -Homecoming event scheduled for Nov.17- tickets for sale will be sent through soon. The dinner and dance will be held at a banquet hall. Staff will supervise the students. At 2.30 pm the same day a sport competition will be organized as well. -On "Take kids to work day" for grade 9, grade 8 students will be welcomed in the school -Oct.19- Open house for parents- starts at 6.30 pm		
3.	**Guidance** - **How to Apply to University** -Full presentation is available on the school website (Under Guidance tab- on the left side select Post secondary education – University. Presentation is available for Colleges as well under Guidance-Post secondary education-College. -The presentation was shared last week with all grade 12 students Todays' discussions: - Oct.17-all grade 12 students received their pin # -Based on statistics students apply in average to 5 programs. -There are top 6 courses that universities take in account (English is one of them). -Besides the academic achievements, students should look at building their portfolio for non academic stuff. Apply as soon as you can so that you can get information on what is needed. That would allow the students time to prepare. -Deadline for the applications is January 12,2023. -Before applying, families and students are encouraged to check out the universities, their programs to see what fits each student - A OUAC reference number will be provided once application is received by universities. This number can be used in applications for scholarships - More information on applications and scholarship program will be offered in the next council meeting, Nov. 21 - IEP presents no disadvantage when applying	**Guidance Representative Mr.Alkins**	45

	- Most acceptances/offers are issued April thru May
	-A Google classroom for guidance of grade 12 students is available- Students are encouraged to join
	A Google classroom for guidance for grade 11,10,9 will be available soon.
	-Guidance team plan to share the presentations for university/college applications with all grade 11 students in May.
	Questions and answers:
	Q: Do universities evaluate AP, IB programs different than the regular courses.
	A: No, but you can mention the courses taken at these levels in the application
	
	Q: Is there a disadvantage for summer courses, private school courses, evening courses?
	A: Each university and programs are different, needs to be checked before applying
	
	Q: Do community hours count for the acceptance?
	A: May not count too much for universities that mostly look at academic achievements, but they do count for scholarship applications
	
	Q: Can a student apply to universities in grade 11, second semester?
	A; No, the pin numbers are given in October
	
	Q: Which email should be used for applications, personal or school one?
	A: Does not make a difference, use the one you are checking and use the most
	
	Q: How to apply to universities outside of Ontario?
	A: The guidance team will assist the students. Application could be done directly on the universities' sites.
	   - **Community Involvement Hours**
	- The form for the community involvement is available on the school site
	   - **Ministry Online Learning Requirement**
	-Forms to Opt Out need to be completed before graduation.
	-The requirement does not apply for 2022/2023 graduates
	-The school does not offer on line learning but the school board does		

4.	**Administration Report** -Student achievement awards (last year results) will be held in person on Tue. Oct. 25 -Parent/Guardian-Teacher interviews- instructions on how to set up app. Will be sent out on Oct. 19 -A list of all clubs and their meetings time will be published for all students' visibility. -Cafeteria still not open-School will advise when -Good news on the inquiry of Bus 91 Northbound being	**VP: Ms Johnson-Lee**	10

	crowded. YRT acknowledged the issue and are working on a solution.		
5.	**Teacher Report** Robotics club -Recognized as an asset for Waterloo and other universities applications -Won several prizes last year -Want to participate on two competitions held by Waterloo and McMaster universities. Registration fee is $8,500. Needs to be paid by Nov. 14th in order to participate. Students are looking for sponsors.	**Mr. Ram**	10
6.	**School Council Initiatives** -Will be covered next meeting as we run out of time	**Co-Chair: Eva and Myra**	10
7.	**Round Table** -Will be covered next meeting as we run out of time	**All**	**Time permitting**
8.	**Adjournment**		