

MINUTES

School Council Meeting
January 6, 2016.....7:00 pm - Library

Attendance:

Ms. Ann Pace (Principal), Mr. Fraser Scott (Vice Principal), Ms Hoover (Teacher Representative), School Trustee, Linda Aversa (Guest), Seyon (Student Representative), Joe Guisto (Council Chair), Niki Palermo (Council Secretary), Parents: Jade Singh, Hiren Chheda, Meenu Sikand, Nives Tessarotto, Bill Kafkis, Pina Kafkis, **Guest Speakers:** Nelson Costa, Manager Road Safety and Traffic Data Management, Municipality of York and Shawn Ellsworth, Sr. Project Manager

Meeting called to order: 7:10 pm

Meeting Chaired by: Joe Guisto

1. **Welcome:** *Joe Guisto*

2. **Approval of Minutes/Agenda**

- Moved to pass the minutes from September 30, 2015
- Seconded the motion
- Motion passed

3. **Guest Speakers:** Nelson Costa

- Current construction to widen Major Mackenzie between Highway 400 and Highway 50 into 6 lanes and other improvements including a sidewalk, multi-use path and lighting will be completed over the next few years
- On January 5, 2016 held a road safety awareness event was held to bring students attention to safety while crossing the street

- another Safety Awareness event will be held for the students in the Spring

4. Students' Report: *Seyon*

- Student council's theme to help encourage and promote student spirit benefited students – Activity day was very successful for students who participated in various outdoor events and for students who remained at school, activities were available for them as well
- Rob Nash's band performed for staff and students, included inspirational and motivational talk ...message was sent with music and entertainment
- Annual Semi was a hit.....over 200 students attended...it was a fun night
- Candy Grams were also successful, sales increased this year from last year, indicating good school spirit
- December was warm, friendly and laid back, before the holiday break – students were encouraged to participate in various events
- 2 weeks before exam Student council will be organizing activities to help reduce stress caused during exams

5. Teacher Representative Report: *Ms Claire Hoover*

- Before the break Holiday assembly was held – Winter Music night, door decorating contest...school was busy with many activities the spirit in the school was high
- Before break our Hospitality class provided lunch – all food made from scratch....good food!
- We have diverse activities Hockey, Swim team, Sr. Boys soccer, Curling team, which had their first tie.....teams are doing great
- Presentation for Grade 11's – York Region Police presented a video on distracted driving ...impactful and engaging

6. Vice Principal's Report: *Mr. Fraser Scott*

- Tommy Douglas SS is connecting with Parents for absences and lates by Synervoice for all periods of the day – parents should take this opportunity to connect with their child to discuss situations
- EQAO – math for Grade 9 students on January 13 & 14 – regular schedule – students are prepped in math class also there is after school prep course for numeracy
- Exams are from January 22 to January 28, 2016 – 8:30am exam start

- January 28 is exam review day
- Parents and students are reminded to not book appointments and travel plans during Exams – only time exams will be rescheduled is for inclement weather conditions
- During exams breakfast will be provided, because of exam schedule, no lunch

7. Principals Report – Ms. Ann Pace

- Hospitality - School's plan is to grow Hospitality to take over cafeteria – different ideas.... price fix meal – in 2nd semester, we are looking to combine with Co-op with our grant received by the board and we are looking to expand our partnerships with the food industry
- Grand Opening at McDonalds at Major Mackenzie and Cityview Blvd – Tommy Douglas Glee Club will be performing
- Head of Co-op is busy preparing students for interviews

Meeting adjourned: 9:16 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday February 3rd, 2016, 7:00 pm - Library