

**Tommy Douglas SS**  
**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES –**  
**September 30, 2015**

Item	Information/Discussion	Presenter	Est. Time
Welcome & Introductions - Attendance	<p><b>Parents Present:</b> Recorded on sign-in sheet  <b>Staff Present:</b> Recorded on sign-in sheet  <b>Students:</b> Recorded on sign-in sheet</p>		
Correspondence & Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome</li> <li>- June - 2015 meeting minutes approval.</li> <li>- Notification of school council meeting dates 2015-2016</li> </ul>		
Vice Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Diane Vivian introduction and teaching history introduced to council.</li> <li>- Focus on E Bulletins + Teach Assist and the idea of including teachers email addresses on Teach Assist will be investigated.</li> </ul>	Diane Vivian	
Teacher's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lots of new faces / building feels more warm and full with additional students.</li> <li>- ESP student reps. Assigned and forums designated.</li> <li>- Terry Fox run success and Grade nine orientation day discussed.</li> </ul>		
Student's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How to promote positive change and inspire students' discussion took place. Ideas in the works include Tommy Day (Birth Day) celebration.</li> <li>- Student Council focusing on Volunteering, Civic Duties, Social Justice.</li> <li>- Another topic of discussion was around helping students enjoy the school year. Vis-à-vis Award ceremonies, Tommy Day &amp; Spirit wear.</li> </ul>		
Vice Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Safety week addressed / lock-down procedures / fire drills all reviewed and practiced.</li> <li>- School council minutes updated and for review on school website.</li> <li>- Parent – Teacher interviews to be held on Oct-21-2015.</li> </ul>	Fraser Scott	
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Automobile donations required. 2015 4 engines and 2 cars gave been donated.</li> <li>- Garbage on Lawford is a problem. Parents and community urged to contact 905-832-8585 to report the problem.</li> <li>- YRT Routes 463 requires a change. Original route designed to support Emily Carr. TDSS requires a northbound route in the a.m. and a southbound route in the p.m. Online there is a feedback form that parents &amp; community are encouraged to fill in requesting the change. YRT needs an official request to make things happen and to gauge the need. Route 463 @ 21 Vellore local and 44A are all effected.</li> <li>- Nikki Palermo quickly described the situation and has provided feedback from past communications.</li> <li>- Parents urged to use Drop-off / Pick-up lots and parents requested the consideration of 2 entries to ease the pain of entry and exit during heavy traffic times.</li> <li>- Parent Teacher interview times to start at 6:00 p.m. 1 hour earlier.</li> <li>- Booking of interviews to be done through class time &amp; trials being conducted for on-line bookings as well.</li> <li>- Cash-Online fully functional and cash still being accepted as well for purchases at TDSS.</li> <li>- Permission slips also on-line when paying for trips.</li> <li>- Letters went home regarding possible Job action ... union standing.</li> </ul>	Ann Pace	

<b>Literacy Testing Presentation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jen Thom, provided a power point presentation on the process of OAC Testing.</li> <li>- Tests are conducted in grade 10 and success or a pass is measured as a 75 % + result on the test.</li> <li>- Test to be administered in March of 2016.</li> <li>- Highlights of testing include: Understanding .... 1) Explicit information, 2) Indirect applied information, 3) making connections with personal experiences.</li> <li>- TDSS scores a success rate of 86 % at achieving 75 % or more. Board success rate is 90 %.</li> <li>- Those students not successful can re-write in grade 11.</li> <li>- Areas for improvement noted by staff include ..... 1) Building up vocabulary, 2) Making connections, 3) Understanding indirectly stated information.</li> <li>- Grade 10 students are encourage to take the diagnostics for this test seriously. It will point areas a student may require help.</li> <li>- A “Lit” blitz will also help them prepare for what the test will physically look like and how to answer.</li> <li>- OSSLT will be on-line testing and students will be practicing these during the blitzing. Help with navigating on-line administration of the testing as well.</li> <li>- Dace Mat identified and a good typing program</li> <li>- Train your kids to think and talk out-loud. Verbalizing their thought process may help to become independent thinkers. + Make use of the “Word Wall” in classrooms.</li> </ul>	<b>Jen Thom</b>	
<b>Open Forum</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nikki Palermo voted in as Secretary of Parent Teacher Council.</li> <li>- Grade 8 Open House scheduled for November-25-2015</li> <li>- Take Kid to work day November -4– 2015</li> <li>- Take note of construction crews and equipment on Major Mackenzie Dr.</li> </ul>		
<b>Adjourned</b>			
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Wednesday, November- 4 - 2015</b>		