

**Tommy Douglas Secondary School**  
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# MINUTES

School Council Meeting  
February 3, 2016.....7:00 pm - Library

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## **Attendance:**

Ms. Ann Pace (Principal), Mr. Fraser Scott (Vice Principal), Ms Claire Hoover (Teacher Representative), Mr. James Lane (Teacher), Seyon (Student Representative), Joe Guisto (Council Chair), Niki Palermo (Council Secretary), Parents: Hiren Chheda, Marco Charello, Bill Kafkis, Pina Kafkis, **Guest Speakers:** Ms Rose Li, Principal and Mr. Rob Cotey, Vice Principal of Richmond Green Secondary School, Richmond Hill.

**Meeting called to order:** 7:06 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. **Principal's Report – Ms. Ann Pace**

- One-to-One learning is a new type of teaching/learning similar to “bring your own device”, which has been widespread for the last 5-6 years - this type of modern learning utilizes technology to teach in the classroom, which uses Google tools which are already being used by some teachers in TDSS

**Guest Speakers:** *Ms Rose Li and Mr. Rob Cotey*

- Richmond Green is one of 3 schools using this new technology through Google tools
- Richmond Green students are reacting to this change in a positive way – research shows that children now have different brains and teachers need to catch up to technology to be able to engage students in the classroom

**4. Students' Report:** *Seyon*

- Valentine's Day – candy grams, activities and games in the cafeteria
- Upcoming Events: Wellness day – Athletic council will be organizing something – the goal is to give experience to students that they would not normally do on their own – promote healthy living
- Week of Wellness – council will be giving out hot chocolate to promote collaboration with student participation

**5. Teacher Representative Report:** *Ms Claire Hoover*

- Exams went well
- students were happy to be done with 1<sup>st</sup> semester

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

- Starting semester 2, Principal and Vice Principals will be visiting classrooms to remind student of expected behaviour and expected Code of Conduct
- Semester 2 Photo Day February 10, 2016
- 2<sup>nd</sup> mandatory "Lock Down" drill will be different from others, this drill will be testing and activating the horn and voice – more realistic
- 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
- Reminder that there is extra help available for preparation for the OSSLT – currently 44 students have registered – after school 2:30 – 4pm hour every Tuesday and Thursday

**7. Principal's Report – Ms. Ann Pace**

- Course selection for September 2016 next week
- There will be a showcase of courses for students to inquire about courses and selection
- Set up at lunch time to assist students in course selection

- Students are encouraged to check Career Cruising
- Last week of February selections are lock in
- September 2016 we will have our first grade 12 class
- classroom, which uses Google tools which are already being used by some teachers in TDSS
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Meeting adjourned: 9:34 pm

**Next meeting:** Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, 7:00 pm - Library