

MINUTES

School Council Meeting
Wednesday January 11, 2017.....7:00 pm – Library

Attendance:

Ms. Ann Pace (Principal), Mr. Fraser Scott (Vice Principal), Ms Hoover (Teacher Representative), Juliana (Student Representative), Niki Palermo (Council Secretary), Parents: Jade Singh, Meenu Sikand, Bill Kafkis, Pina Kafkis

Meeting called to order: 7:08 pm

Meeting Chaired by: *Niki Palermo in Joe Guisto's absence*

1. **Welcome:** *Niki Palermo*

2. **Approval of Minutes/Agenda**

- Minutes from November 2, 2016, were not passed and should be next meeting

3. **Guest Speaker:** *Tejal Solanki, Youth Mentoring Coach, Costi*

- Tejal Solanki is from the Jane and Rutherford location, she is a youth mentor and coach
- Costi has many services including Family and Mental Health Services.
- Costi helps with career exploration, Costi offers a mentoring program for youth 15 years old to 24 years old
- Costi is funded by part by the United Way and other Corporate sponsors
- Costi offers resume work shops and online services
www.costi.org/onlineservices
- Costi will be holding a career fair and volunteer fair during the March break

4. Students' Report: *Juliana*

- November 24, 2016 was our semi-formal – students had lots of fun lots of dancing – it was very successful
- Team Project Initiative – Dare to Care – ribbon initiative, youth working with elderly from Richview Retirement Home – to bring Elderly Abuse Awareness
- Multi cultural event to express our diverse cultures. During lunch, booths were set up with ethnic foods
- Athletic Council raised money for different causes, cancer was one and logo in the gym was another
- Candy-Grams just before the holidays were very successful

5. Teacher Representative Report: *Ms. Hoover & Mr. Scott*

- November, we had many field trips we sent students in the community, we had athletic games
 - Girls empowerment groups
 - Many special events which included “Take your Kid to Work” day, Transition day – University and College visits
 - We had a career and Grade 8 night
 - Mid term report cards went out
- December our swimming club started as well as our Ski and Snowboard team,
 - Boys Self Defence
 - we held our Winterlicious Drama night
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- January 2017 – Grade 9 EQAO January 18 – 19, 2017
- Mr. Scott
- November 15, 2016, York Region Police hosted Film Festival – next year Tommy Douglas SS will enter – 2 of our students were invited to MC, congratulations students
- In a partnership with Vaughan Fire Rescue, Ms Naidu’s drama class students along with Mr. Lam put together a script for Public Safety
- Exam week is January 26, 2017 to February 1, 2017 – do not book any appointments or vacation time during these days – exams last between 1½ h to 2 hours then students are encouraged to go home afterwards

6. Principals Report – Ms. Ann Pace

- Results from the school's Mental Health Survey will be shares at the February School Council meeting
- Teachers and staff have their own fundraisers to raise money for ETA Vaughan, a women's shelter in Kleinberg
- We also support Girls empowerment group and Boys to Men
- Teachers and staff do cookie bake-off or silent auction, which allows staff to give back to the community
- Angels from Heaven is a youth foundation which promotes integration programs for students with special needs out in the community - provide out of school opportunities and give grants for field trips – Tommy Douglas applied for a grant and we were approved to send our special needs kids out
- Course selection time is approaching
- Great turn out of grade 8 students to our open house and applications keep coming in
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Meeting adjourned: 8:35 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday February 8, 2017. 7:00 pm - Library