

Tommy Douglas SS
SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA – February 09, 2015

Item	Information/Discussion	Presenter	Est. Time
Welcome & Introductions - Attendance	<p><u>Parents Present:</u> Recorded on Sign-in Sheet</p> <p><u>Staff Present:</u> Recorded on Sign-in Sheet</p> <p><u>Students:</u> N/A</p>		5 min
Correspondence & Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - November-2014 Meeting Minutes approval. (Email - Ann Pace, Dec-02-2014) 		5 min
Teacher's Report	<p>Learning Commons a great success, students utilizing rooms appropriately @ ½ hour before and after school.</p> <p>First few weeks of school have proven to be well received and snag free for both students and teachers.</p>		10 min
Student's Report	<p>Student representation proxy to Principal. All clubs and meetings proceeding as scheduled.</p>		5 min
Vice Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rule of no food allowed in classrooms has been a focus during the first couple of weeks and students are being encouraged to use their lockers assigned to them as much as possible. - OSSLT (School Literacy Testing) will be held March-26. - Literacy Blitz will be held during the week of March 2'nd to 5'Th and every class will be tested at least 2 times. Grade 10 only. - Immunization clinic March 11'Th Grades 9 to 12 from 9am to 11am. (Menactra immunization for meningitis). - Mental Health Clinic March 26'Th @ Maple High School. - Regional Parents Symposium to be held on April 15 and 5 parents required to talk about board issues. Any Parent who would like to attend is asked to contact either the Principal or Vice Principal. Attendance forms will be submitted by TDSS. 	Fraser Scott	15 min

Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning Strategies, School Support available on May 24 & 27 @ Emily Carr. - No classes will be held the morning of (a.m. Only) March-26th @ TDSS to accommodate the OSSLT (School Literacy Testing) testing day. - Pilot Project currently active for select schools using Online Testing for the OSSLT. - TDSS course selection for 2015-2016 currently underway. Submissions due for Feb-20-2015 and signed copy submitted for Feb-23-2015. - Summer school scheduled for Emily Carr or Maple High School. Note elective courses not to be offered in summer school. - Staff recommendations Would be for students to complete volunteer work during summer months. - Ministry will only allow a max of 34 credits before graduation and a min of 30 credits. - Opening day assembly was led by students and the focus was on "respect in the community". Secondary themes were "keeping the school green" and "Participation / Wellness". - Grade 8 visits scheduled for March-17th. TDSS students will chair the evening's presentations. 	Ann Pace	15 min
Open Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant Money Spend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$ 1,000.00 available for use towards student and parent engagement in school community. The focus is on drawing in parents and having them actively participate in school events. • The idea of a curriculum night focusing on this topic alone was also put forward by parents. • The main idea that received approval was a magnet with important phone #'s and contact information was to be distributed to all households so that this would encourage and open the lines of communication between school and community. Principal Ann Pace to quote cost of magnets. - Administrator Profile <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A general administrator profile needs to be developed via the input of the parents / families. This profile would allow trustees to gain an idea of what is required by the community so that TDSS can adapt to those needs. • A Google Docs Account to be created and sign-in information to be distributed. Parents can input bullet points / suggestions that can then be tabled at the next meeting. A = Joe Giusto. • Parent Teacher interviews set for April-1-2015. Actions for this profile to be tabled on that night. - Sidewalk Safety – Future Requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikki Palermo emails to City Council discussed and responses reviewed. • Going forward Twitter feeds to be used to raise awareness and safety concerns. • School officials encouraging students to stay safe and stay at school during lunch and breaks. • Cross Walk at East end of school is located on the wrong side of the street. Students after crossing still need to make an additional street crossing to get to school grounds. Emails will continue until sidewalks and crossing are installed / fixed. • YRT needs to establish a bus stop in front of school premises (Lawford Rd.). Parents are encourage to call YRT directly @ 905-762-2100 or email / visit website. • Parents suggested that a table be set-up at the next parent / teacher night to discuss safety concerns. • Autism class to be offered in Sept-2015. 5 community classes. (3 high needs and 2 integration). Transportation plan still needs to be put in place. 		20 min

School Tour	- School tour offered by staff and led by Ms. Ann Pace. Parents were extremely happy with the facilities and are looking forward to all the facilities being utilized by the students.		40 min
Discussion Topics – TBD @ Next meeting			5 min
Adjourned			
Next Meeting	March 30, 2015 @ 7 p.m.		