

Tommy Douglas SS

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA – November 17, 2014

Item	Information/Discussion	Presenter	Est. Time
Welcome & Introductions	<p>Parents Present: Joe Giusto, Marco Chiarello, Maddalena Iannello, Niki Palermo, Atul Walia</p> <p>Staff Present: Ann Pace; Fraser Scott; Kelly Bradshaw; Claire Hoover</p> <p>Student: Mustafa Ismail</p>		5 min
Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Constitution & By-Laws distribution. (Email - Joe Giusto, Nov-15) - Previous Meeting Minutes approval. (Email - Ann Pace, Oct-28) 		5 min
Teacher's Report	<p>Good so far – Field Trip Geog to Kensington; Eaton Centre and CN Tower. Strong representation of the school on the trip; Remembrance Day Ceremony- Students participated well; In Science, Dissection Time! Went well. Other trips – Roy Thompson Hall and McMichael – both went well. Parent input about TOKTW Day – Their perspective was that went well. Students got a real world work experience. Ms. Pace provided an overview of the TOKTW day from the perspective of those students who could not find a placement, and our attempts to find placements for next year.</p>	Claire Hoover	10 min
Student's Report	<p>Mustafa's experience at a Dental Office. A positive experience for him. Student Council – Candy grams at Halloween, over 100 sold, went well. Looking at holding a carnival for the end of the year, proposed. A time capsule has been discussed and is under planning by a group within the council. A spirit day is also being planned with donations being provided by those participating. A group is looking into the possibility of holding a Semi Formal later in the year. Ms. Bradshaw added to the explanation.</p>	Mustafa Ismail	10 min

Principal's Report

Parent Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee Call for Applications letter distributed to the group.

EQAO scope was outlined to the group in terms of the Grade 3, 6 and 9 Math test, and the Grade 10 OSSLT. The group was also made aware of an opportunity to participate in a symposium held by EQAO to interact with the parent community. The first session will feature a principal on the EQAO School Support and Outreach Team will deliver information about EQAO's province wide assessment program. The following topics will be covered during the session: an overview of EQAO elementary and secondary assessments, the process for developing and scoring the assessments and an explanation about how the results from these assessments contribute to student learning in Ontario's schools. The guest speaker for the evening is Dr. Lynda Colgan, an associate professor at Queen's University. Her topic is titled, "Mathitude." Through her presentation Dr. Colgan will discuss the differences – positive and negative – that parents can make in their child's mathematics education. Using research and concrete examples through her session, Dr. Colgan will equip parents with effective strategies and resources to use as they carry out their important job as members of the math teaching team.

Need to register to attend. EQAO Parent Forum: In Richmond Hill on Dec 6, 2014. Interested participants need to register before the deadline of November 27. Register by emailing ParentForum@eqao.com.

When registering please provide the following information: first and last name, board of education, school and e-mail address.

Ms. Pace shared that we had run a practice test for the OSSLT to assess the trends that we need to watch and find the skills that we need to work on with the students moving forward.

Parents' Symposium to be held on April 15, 2015. Invitation made to parents to attend and those with expertise to volunteer to participate as presenters. No cost involved. The evening begins with registration at 5 PM and dinner at 5:30 PM. Two workshops will happen between 6:45 PM and 9:00 PM. Registration information will follow in the new year.

Ann Pace

10 min

<p>Vice Principal's Report</p>	<p>Midterm Reports distributed last Friday; Sem. 1 Exam Process has begun – Our plan is to have the exam schedule ready to send home Dec . 12. Expectations outlined for students as far as inclement weather days; absences due to vacations, and bus pick up and drop off times during exams. A discussion about inclement weather days occurred.</p>	<p>Fraser Scott</p>	<p>10 min</p>
<p>Course Proposals Offerings 2015- 2016</p>	<p>Ms. Bradshaw provided information to the group about the courses that will be offered for the 2015/16 school year. The process for selecting the courses was explained – the decisions made by the department heads – and the point was made that for the initial course offerings we will be trying to provide a broad range of courses for consideration to gain an indicator of the interests of our students. Ms. Bradshaw explained the differences between the levels of courses being offered, e.g. U – University; C – College; M – College/University; O – Open Ms. Bradshaw identified that we would be offering two “reach ahead” courses at the Grade 12 level for those students who have demonstrated the ability to be successful at that level.</p> <p>In response to a parent question, Ms. Pace outlined her strategy in hiring teachers who have expertise in different areas to be sure that students are provided qualified teachers through all of their classes.</p> <p>Question about an AP program at TDSS. Will we have this program? An explanation of the pros and cons of an AP program was shared. At TDSS we are still considering our options related to this program.</p> <p>Individual Pathways Plan (IPP) overview provided. Explained as a program designed to support students as they investigate different pathways and potential job opportunities. Something to build on and find the connection between the student’s interests and their abilities.</p> <p>Newsletter will be coming out soon from the Guidance office.</p> <p>SHSM – Specialist High Skills Major – TDSS is currently preparing two submissions for consideration. One in Health and Wellness, and the other in Non-Profit. Information about the SHSM program can be found on the board’s website. In December Guidance will be meeting with Gr. 8 parents and students at Pierre Berton PS and Vellore Woods PS.</p> <p>Ms. Bradshaw asked for feedback, what information the parents would have welcomed. Parents noted that they appreciate the Open House style of learning about the school.</p>		<p>60 min</p>

By Laws & Previous Meeting Minutes Review			5 min
Discussion Topics – TBD @ Next meeting			5 min
Adjourned	9:15 PM		
Next Meeting	January 19, 2014 @ 7 p.m.		