



council MINUTES

Tommy Douglas Secondary School

Wednesday October 4, 2023 | 7:30 – 9:00 pm

In Attendance

Amir Bigloo, Lisa Parkyn, Tina Gandhi, Erica Lien, Keli Patel, Deepma Radia, Marcos Chiriboga, Beverly Chiriboga, Diana Zincarelli-DiNardo, Lolade Adesina, Jasdeep Khaira, Chun Jiang, Dharmesh Kshatri, Heena Kshatri, Lakmal Rawasinghe, Wioletta Rehmen, Gisella Primerano, Sherry Chen, Esra Ipek

Approval of Minutes (from May 10, 2023)

All in favour.

Meetings – 4-5/school year

October 4, 2023, November 22, 2023, January TBD, 2024, February TBD, 2024, and May TBD, 2024

**West Council Form: November 15, 2023, 5:30-8:30pm hosted at TDSS (Co-Chairs will represent the school)

Parent Council Election held

ELECTED MEMBERS:

- Amir Bigloo – Co-Chair
- Lisa Parkyn – Co-Chair
- Lolade Adesina – Secretary
- Gisella Primerano - Treasurer

MEMBERS at large:

Tina Gandhi, Erica Lien, Keli Patel, Deepma Radia, Marcos Chiriboga, Diana Zincarelli-DiNardo, Jasdeep Khaira, Chun Jiang, Dharmesh Kshatri, Heena Kshatri, Lakmal Rawasinghe, Wioletta Rehman

Financial Report

- Council has \$500/year to spend

Student Report (2 TDSS Student representatives – Timothy & Kyle)

- **Semi-Formal:** Thursday, November 16th at Montecassino (tickets are \$65/person)
- **Thanksgiving Day Acknowledgement:** Students were encouraged to write gratitude notes in lobby
- **COMING UP: Tommy Day (October 19th, Tommy's bday)**
 - Quotes will be shared throughout the week
 - Recognize his contribution to health care
 - Incentivize students to wear School colours and they will receive free cookie!
- **Encouraged parents to purchase the activity fee of \$35/year = helps the student council with many initiatives throughout the year**

Principal's Report (Mirella Sanwalka)

- **New Lunch Period has launched this year:** Lunch occurs during Periods 2, 3, 4
- expectations for during lunch/afterschool is for students to stay in the atrium or cafeteria and NOT roam the school
- **UPCOMING PA Day:** Friday October 20th: Teachers will focus on “Equitable Assistance Practices Professional Learning via the Board” and “School Improve Planning with multi-cultural learners”
- **Ms. Sardone** is scheduled to return in November (Date to TBD)

VP Report (Cynthia Therrien: students A-G)

- **Parent Bulletin** will most likely move to bi-weekly starting November
- **Reminder to fill out start-up forms for your student**
- **EQAO Results** are in – school results will be distributed October 26th
- **COMING UP: Parents night** (October 25th, 6-8pm), meet the teacher by booking appointments via Teach Assist
- **Photo Retake Day:** October 23rd
- **Student IDs** will be distributed soon (date not available)

VP Report (Elizabeth Sloan: students H-O)

- **Total students enrolled: 1,729** – new timetable accommodates this number
- **Cafeteria** – new vendor on-board this year – homemade options available
- **Safe School presentations** were held during October 2nd week
- **SCHOOL DROP OFF/PICK UP Reminder!** No stopping or parking on Major Mackenzie or Lawford!

VP Report (Milton Hart: students P-Z)

- **Health & Safety focus held October 2nd week:** Fire Drill/Lockdown/Hold Secure tactics
- **Camp Tommy** – was held in Markham for Gr. 9 students on September 27th
- **Report Cards:** Interim reports will be shared October 17/18th (digitally via teach assist)
- **Mid-term reports:** will be distributed November 20-22nd
- **Final reports:** will be distributed February 13-15th
- **Student Clubs:** Students encouraged to join the variety of clubs available to them – List of clubs will be shared through the upcoming bulletin so parents will have visibility

Teacher Staff Representative Report (Laura Gatti)

- **Peer Tutoring for all subjects** – launches October 17th, Tuesdays & Thursdays for first 45 mins of each lunch period – ROOM 109
- Peer tutees can join OCTOBEER 9th by using code So62fle in google classroom
- Teachers will pair tutors with tutees
- Tutors will receive volunteer hours for the tutoring sessions
- **Science Trip** – Gr. 9s will be travelling to Kortright Centre October 23/24th to focus on Ecology unity

Coming Up!

- **School Council members are encouraged to take the Self-Assessment by the NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**
[LINK](#)
- **Council to decide on next topics** (ie. Do we propose working with Student Council to see if they can leverage our help for future initiatives)

Next Meeting

Wednesday November 22nd, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m., Tommy Douglas Secondary School

See you there!

Motion to adjourn this meeting was made at 9:00 p.m.