



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, Marco Chiriboga, Beverly Chiriboga, Diana Zincarelli-DiNardo, Lolade Adesina, Jasdeep Khaira, Chun Jiong, Dharmesh Ksharti, Heena Ksharti, Lakmal Ranasinghe, Wioletta Rehman, Gisella Primerano, Sherry Chen, Esra Ipek

Approval of Minutes (from May 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, Marco Chiriboga, Diana Zincarelli-DiNardo, Lolade Adesina, Jasdeep Khaira, Chun Jiong, Dharmesh Ksharti, Heena Ksharti, Lakmal Ranasinghe, Wioletta Rehman, Gisella Primerano

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)

- **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 appts 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.