



council MINUTES

Tommy Douglas Secondary School

Wednesday November 16, 2022 | 7:00 – 8:45 pm

In Attendance

Amir Bigloo, Joe Giusto, Lisa Parkyn, Erica Lien, Tina Gandhi, Geoff Trueman, Linda Lazarou, Lisa Contino Moran, Diana Zincarelli DiNardo, Ana Pereira, Keli Patel, Pina Kafkis, Lakmal Ranasinghe, Gisella Primerano, Sherry Chen, Balvinder Mathon

Approval of Minutes

All in favour.

Council Nomination/Election

- Nominations announced and positions accepted:

Amir Bigloo, Chair

Joe Giusto, Co-Chair

Lisa Parkyn, Secretary

Erica Lien, Treasurer

Members At Large: Ana Pereira, Dee Radia, Keli Patel, Diana Zincarelli DiNardo, Lakmal Ranasinghe, Tina Gandhi, Gisella Primerano

Meetings – 5/school year

September 28th, November 16th, January 11th, 2023, February 8th, 2023 and May 10th, 2023

Chair Report (Amir Bigloo)

- **Traffic Issues around TDSS:** Several traffic-related issues in the neighborhood adjacent to TDSS, Johnny Lombardi Public School (JLPS) and Guardian Angels Catholic Elementary School (GACES) are longstanding.

To address the issues, a meeting was held with City Councilor Rosanna DeFrancesco, representatives from City of Vaughan, School Council and Admin representatives from JLPS, GACES and TDSS. The outcomes were:

- City of Vaughan will work to mitigate the speed issues in the neighborhood of the three schools
- City of Vaughan will work with TDSS on the upcoming No-Stopping Traffic Blitz on Major Mackenzie Drive in front of TDSS
- City of Vaughan suggested working with the Region of York for potential no-stopping signs in front of TDSS

VP Report (Paull Simmons)

- **Take our Kids to Highschool Day:** Successful, kids visited 6 classes and spent time to observe

- **Teacher/Family Interviews was successful**
- **Transition meeting with Grade 8 Teachers:** share needs, strategies and supports
- **Upcoming Grade 8 info night:** scheduled for November 30th
- **Interim Report** distributed November 23rd and is a snapshot of students' progress
- **OSSLT > Literacy Tests for Grade 10's:** November 24, 2022 (December 1 – Special Ed) Second Attempt – scheduled for Spring 2023
- **Exams & what will this look like** – share with students to prep
- **Human Trafficking Awareness** – scheduled as assembly for the students
- **Food Program** – Winterlicious is a potential

Principal's Report (Sandra Sardone)

- **Traffic Education Blitz:** Major traffic issues happening around the TDSS school, a lot of volume and repeated driver violation
- TDSS staff will host a 1-day BLITZ November 24th to guide traffic and educate drivers of what to do and what not to do
- **School Evacuation Updates:** Kids were accountable for the last planned drills
- **Staffing/Timetables:** 2nd Semester (feb) schedules will be determined soon (a lot of requests to change and new students starting in the new year) – to accommodate 1,700 students

Student Report (2 TDSS Student representatives – Anya & Luca)

- **CLUB Day:** September 30th, welcomed new members
- **Mental Health Awareness campaign on-going**
- **Tommy Day, Oct 20 (Tommy's Bday):** School celebrated by selling cupcakes and organized activities
- **Halloween:** Photo Booth was a hit! Candy was handed out
- **Semi-Formal:** November 17th – Montecassino Hall – 400 tickets sold, DJ and Photo Booth
- **December 21/23 (TBD):** Candy-grams will be sold,
- **Exam Prep Awareness campaign**
- **Will work on "walk to school" campaign on social-media and report back to school council**

Teacher Report – Giulia Grossi

- **Student Success:** peer tutoring (Tues/Thurs @ Lunch in the library) – Students to sign up via google classroom
- **Field Trips: Gr 9, Science:** visited Kortright, focus on Ecosystem/Climate Change, Building mini rocket
- **Science Clubs are meeting regularly** (chemical reaction experiments with pumpkin for Halloween)
- **Remembrance Day:** Students performed a tribute dance to all the women who stayed behind to look after children during the war
- **(Overall note) Transportation is impacting field trips**

Look out for!

- **Winter Concert – scheduled for TBD December 21/23: (talent show, for students only)**

Ideas for presentations in future meetings

There were some discussions regarding the topics for presentations in future school council meetings:

- **Social Media specialist**
- **Human Trafficking**
- **Suicide Prevention**
- **Pathway Planning**
- **Course Selections**

Next Meeting

Wednesday January 11th, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m., Tommy Douglas Secondary School Library

Motion to adjourn this meeting was made at 8:45 p.m.