



# council MINUTES

Tommy Douglas Secondary School

Wednesday September 28, 2022 | 7:30 – 9:00 pm

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## In Attendance

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Lisa Parkyn, Amir Bigloo, Geoff Trueman, Dee Radia, Keli Patel, Lakmal Ranasinghe, Lena Endrayani, Diana Zincarelli DiNardo, Laura Polidoro, Erica Lien, Monique Piersanti, Jatinder Chowdhary, Lisa Levy, Ana Pereira, Pina Kafkis

**Administration:** Sandra Sardone, Laura Gatti, Antonietta Grieco, Elizabeth Sloan, Paull Simmons

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## Approval of Minutes

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Not applicable at this meeting.

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## Board/Council

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- Principal and supporting TDSS staff introduced.
- There are several parent openings on the Parent Council (Chair x2, Treasurer, Secretary and Members at large (no maximum). Those who have accepted council positions will be announced next meeting.
- Election process discussed.
- Nomination forms must be submitted if they have not been already.

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## Meetings – 5/school year

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September 28<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup>, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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## VP Report (Antonietta Greco)

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- **Transition Activities – Grade 9's**
  - “Let’s connect day” (Amazing Race-themed) designed to create team building for these new students
  - Camp Tommy was a great success! Grade 9s worked together to accomplish goals
- **Picture Day – Retake Day** is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- **Caring & Safe School Assembly** – great success across all grades (information will be shared in the e-bulletin)
- **Board Initiative for Mathematics** – Teacher teams from schools will attend and learn about the program and share back with the school

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## VP Report (Elizabeth Sloan)

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- **1,700 Students, 2 new portables, 2 new coming and 2 portapacks**
- **New class re-organization** occurred week of Sept 26 with new teachers to support de-streaming
- **Athletic teams are up and running** (information shared on TVs in school & @tdss\_athletics (Instagram)
- **Bussing is a challenge** for getting students to events (Province is short on busses)

- **New attendance policy:** Call admin office (289) 342-0001 OR email [tommy.douglas.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:tommy.douglas.ss@yrdsb.ca)  
- you'll ONLY receive a call from the school if your absence report was not received.

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## VP Report (Paull Simmons)

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- **Fire Drills / Lockdown Drills (2x/year) / Hold & Secure (1x/year) / Evacuation Plan** will be conducted at the school
  - Students will be streamed into zones (better for accountability) and are encouraged to return to class after the drill and to follow teachers' direction
- **OSSLT, Literacy Test (Gr. 10)** Occurs in November & Spring MORE INFO TO COME
- **Interim Report** will be distributed October 19<sup>th</sup> and is a snapshot of students' progress
- **Equity & Inclusivity:** Sept 30<sup>th</sup>, Orange Shirt Day for Truth & Reconciliation

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## Principal's Report (Sandra Sardone)

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- **Social Media & TikTok Challenges among students:** Process & Discipline shared with group around a recent issue that occurred with TDSS students. Mrs. Sardone shared that Staff at TDSS tries to prevent these events from happening and are allies with other local area schools
- **Traffic Education Blitz:** Major traffic issues happening around the TDSS school, a lot of volume and repeated driver violation
  - TDSS staff looking to host a 1-day BLITZ to guide traffic and educate drivers of what to do and what not to do
  - looking for parent volunteers to help guide traffic in the AM for the 1-day BLITZOnce day and action is determined, information will be shared in the e-bulletin
- **CLUB Day:** September 30<sup>th</sup>, Student Council sign-up for following year
- **Suicide Prevention Month**

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## Student Report (3 TDSS Student representatives)

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- **CLUB Day:** September 30<sup>th</sup>, sign-up for various clubs at school
- **Suicide Prevention Month (information and hotlines will be shared on TDSS Instagram account(s))**
- **Tommy Day is October 20 (Tommy's Bday):** School recognizes & celebrates all things Tommy
- **Halloween:** Candy will be shared via Student Council Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Students are also encouraged to dress up and participate in the Halloween Photo Booth on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>
- **Semi-Formal:** Potentially scheduled for November – More information to come
- **Teen Titans:** students who would like to be a future Teen Titan, application submissions occur this school year for the year ahead. Reviews and interviews to follow.
- **Students encouraged to check the INFO BOARDS (TVs in school) for more information on Clubs, Tryouts, School events etc...)**

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## Teacher Report (Laura Gatti)

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- **Library is open to students from 7:45 – 8:05 am before school, at lunch and after school until at least 3:15 pm?**
- **Peer tutoring available**
- **Crochet Club is crocheting poppies for school display**
- **Clubs to look out for: Dungeons & Dragons Club, Book Club, Nintendo Club**

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### **Look out for!**

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- **College/University Information Day – NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
  - Coming to Emily Carr SS: 4901 Rutherford Rd, Woodbridge, ON L4H 3C2
  - Guidance Department will open group to all students in Google Classroom
  - Look out for more info on the e-bulletin

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### **Next Meeting**

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**Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m., Tommy Douglas Secondary School**

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