

**Don Mills Collegiate Institute**

**School Council Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**October 16, 2012**

Chair: Jean-Paul Ngana

Vice-Chair: Suzie Wang

Secretary: Alise Rimniceanu

Treasurer: Shain Hajee, regrets

Other attendees (see Attendance sheet)

**1. Post Secondary Planning**

- Presentation by [Karin.Phillipson@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Karin.Phillipson@tdsb.on.ca) is available on the school's website at the following link:  
[http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/donmillsci/docs/POST\\_SECONDARY\\_INFO\\_SCHOOL\\_COUNCIL\\_OCT16\\_2012.pdf](http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/donmillsci/docs/POST_SECONDARY_INFO_SCHOOL_COUNCIL_OCT16_2012.pdf)
- The presentation contains important dates for upcoming college and university fairs, internal and external to DMCI, as well as deadlines and instructions for applying to post-secondary institutions for September 2013.

**2. 2012 School Statement of Needs (SSON)**

- School Council attendees completed a survey to set top 6 school priorities. Chair will tabulate the results and will report back at the next School Council meeting.

**3. TDSB Special Education Town Hall Meetings**

- All are invited to attend the East Region sessions from 7-9 p.m.:
  - November 1, 2012 at Stephen Leacock CI, 2450 Birchmount Rd., Scarborough
  - November 8, 2012 at R H King Academy, 3800 St. Clair Ave E, Scarborough

**4. TDSB K-12 Strategy Consultation Meetings**

- Five upcoming community consultations on proposed strategy to create a seamless education experience from kindergarten to grade 12 under one roof. All meetings are from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. as well as a virtual consultation.
  - November 6, 2012 at Sir John A MacDonald CI, 2300 Pharmacy Ave, Scarborough
  - November 7, 2012 at Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute, 800 Greenwood Ave, Toronto
  - November 8, 2012 at Bloor CI, 1141 Bloor St. W., Toronto
  - November 12, 2012 at Emery CI, 3395 Weston Rd, North York
  - November 19, 2012, Virtual Consultation (TDSB Live) at [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca)

## 5. Principal's Report

- **Interim reports** will be handed to students on October 17, 2012. No marks are given, just preliminary feedback on student's progress.
- **Parents' Night** is on October 25, 2012. Teachers are available to meet with parents one-on-one upon request for windows of 5-10 minutes. If additional time is required parents are encouraged to request time with their child's teacher/s.
- **Take Your Kids to Work Day** is on November 7, 2012. This event is not mandatory for students, but encouraged.
- **PA Day** on November 17, 2012 has a focus on Mental Health. Parents are encouraged to suggest a speaker on the topic for the next School Council Meeting.
- **TDSB Mental Health and Wellness Committee** has a volunteer opportunity for parent. Parents interested in volunteering on this committee are encouraged to speak to Jean-Paul.
- **Parent Involvement Conference** is on November 17, 2012 at Earl Haig SS. The conference registration is free and currently open on the TDSB website at:  
[http://www.tdsb.on.ca/\\_site/ViewItem.asp?siteid=91&menuid=8109&pageid=7084](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/_site/ViewItem.asp?siteid=91&menuid=8109&pageid=7084)
- **Online math help** is currently available to students in grades 7-10. Certified math teachers are standing by every Sunday to Thursday between 5:30-9:30. Other math resources on the site include:
  - videos answering the top 20 most common math questions
  - hundreds of interactive video tutorials
  - 'best session' highlights for common difficulties
  - Students, and if desired parents, need to register to create free accounts at:  
<https://homeworkhelp.ilc.org/>
- **After-School Math Tutoring at DMCI** for the Fall 2012 semester. In addition to students being able to see their regular classroom teacher for extra help, a math tutor will be available to assist Grade 9, 10, and 11 students in room 201 as follows:
  - Mondays Period "C" & "D" Lunch;
  - Tuesdays Period "C" & "D" Lunch;
  - Thursdays Period "D" Lunch, and After School (i.e., 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.)
- **Extra help from your child/ren's teachers** is always available. Parents can contact teachers by calling the office and requesting the teacher's extension and/or email address.
- **Cell Phone Policy:** while students are allowed to have a cell phone with them, the general expectation is that they manage it responsibly. Each teacher will set rules around cell phones in their classrooms but students can generally expect that their cell phones:
  - cannot be heard
  - cannot be used for texting or talking during class

### Next meeting: November 20, 2012 at 7 p.m.

- 5-7 p.m. College/University Fair for students and Parents
- To Do: Send Chair, Jean-Paul Ngana your suggestions for a speaker on Mental Health