

Etobicoke Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting Minutes January 20, 2016 - ECI Library

Present: Caroline Rath, Tammy Greeley, Nicole , Pradeep Pachai, Cassie Connolly, Lisa Jones, Karen Miller, Jan Scott, Heather Gordon and ECI parents

1. Opening Remarks – Pradeep Pachai, Chair
2. SAC Report – by Junior Rep (Nicole)
 - Oct. Halloween week – many activities organized at lunch hour including costume competition. 800 pounds of food was donated and collected on Food Drive
 - Nov. 7 – CN Tower Climb organized
 - Nov. 11 – Remembrance Day ceremony – some skits and speech by Student Council President, R. Campbell
 - Grade 9 PJ jam was a huge success with 60 kids participating
 - Dec. 3 – Equity Training was attended and equity ideas will be pursued at ECI
 - Prom planning is underway
 - Christmas festivities – Holiday Spectacular was a success with students volunteering to participate this year and the highlight was the staff dance
 - Charity Drive for Syrian refugees – clothing and food was collected
 - Pursuing SPC cards to be sold again at ECI
 - An ECI Snapchat Geofilter is being developed
 - A film festival is being organized for Feb. 26
3. Principal's Report and Update - Caroline Rath
 - Labor Update – nothing new to report – in a holding pattern but ECI is coping well.
 - Banners and Canadian flag have been hung in gym
 - Exams – remind students to bring textbooks to exam
 - 970 students enrolled for fall, ECI will now be able to accept Visa students and ECI will take between 20 to 25 optional attendance students
 - Student Safety Update – Caroline Rath cannot speak to specific incidents but protocol was followed. Ms. Rath's advice is to keep dialogue open with your kids. The school's job is to protect victims and consequences will result as necessary for perpetrators.
4. Treasurer's Report

- Moving forward on new Track and Field behind school with anonymous donor promising \$750,000 towards project. Several stages to go through before work commences including sustainability and ecological studies
 - Fundraising – Crooked Cue event raised \$17,000 and QSP magazine fundraiser raised over \$5,000 (including matching from Anonymous Donor)
5. Open Mic: questions and feedback – brief discussion on liability issues relating to hosting our children’s friends in our homes when there may be drinking involved. Chair Pradeep Pachai will consider hiring a guest speaker on the topic of liability amongst other topics.
 6. Moved to Manufacturing classroom for presentation on Specialist High Skills Major.