

Etobicoke Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2016 - ECI Library

Present: Caroline Rath, Tammy Greeley, Murray Smith, Nicole ? Declan ?
Pradeep Pachai, Cassie Connolly, Karen Miller, Heather Gordon and Phil ?

1. Opening Remarks – Pradeep Pachai, Chair
2. SAC Report – by Declan ? and Junior Rep Nicole?
 - The film festival in February went really well. 350 tickets were sold and \$428 was raised
 - The Snap Chat geo-filter went live
 - The Prom is being organized for May 26 at the Liberty Grand and will run from 7:00 to 11:00. Tickets are \$90 for ECI students and \$100 for all others. All attendees must meet dress code and pass not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
 - The Grade 12 students are preparing to put on a play called Rumours and tickets will go on sale soon. The play is scheduled for the end of May or early June.
 - Sac is revising last year's Rampede to hopefully improve participation
 - Spring Fling and 30 hour Famine events are being planned
 - The MMC (Morning Music Club) continues to operate successfully
3. Murray Smith presented information on his team – Toronto Educator Workers for the Refugee Child. It's a group of 7 trying to raise funds to bring a Syrian refugee family to Canada. They have raised \$27,000 so far, enough to bring a family of 4 but need to raise an additional \$6000 buffer so they can support them once they arrive. They are trying to create awareness and raise money. Caroline will include in one of her upcoming Friday news alerts. Donations can be made at www.TERC.org.
4. Principal's Report and Update - Caroline Rath
 - Administration is planning for September staffing
 - ECI has one Syrian refugee and the student is doing well
 - ECI can now accept Visa students
 - Literacy test is scheduled for March 31
 - There is a mental health presentation scheduled for all grades on April 7
 - There is an Inside Ride scheduled for May 18 to raise money for Kids with Cancer and a lunch time assembly will be offered to students participating
 - Alumni Basketball game is scheduled for April 19
 - White Pine planning is well under way. Caroline is taking the lead since the teacher assigned to White Pine is on maternity leave. Students and

leaders both go up from Monday to Friday – although leaders leave about 3 hours earlier to set up for the campers

- Reminder that April 15 is a PD day
- Graduation is June 29th
- Labor Update – nothing new to report – in a holding pattern but ECI is coping well.

5. Treasurer's Report

- More research is being conducted on the new Track and Field and is moving forward. Once all approvals are met from the Board, design and construction will be sent to tender. A fundraising plan is being considered.
- New Ramjams are available for \$35. Caroline will mention in her news alert to boost sales.

6. Open Mic: questions and feedback – Chair Pradeep Pachai will move forward to arrange a guest speaker from Breakaway Addictions Services to speak at the next School Council meeting on May 18. It's also being considered whether to include Resource Officer, Bill McLeishto speak on the topic of parental liability when students drink at home.