

**Etobicoke Collegiate Institute School Council Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2016 - ECI Library**

Present: Caroline Rath, Tammy Greeley, Pradeep Pachai, Cassie Connolly, Karen Miller, Lisa Jones, Heather Gordon, Adrienne Teron, Dave Carbone, Diane Kirk, Tina Kollias, Mary Kokoska, Lisa Rossi, Anna Farinaccia, Hazel McCaskie, Valerie Ordean, Sima Kothari, Andrea Morra , Margo Renwick, Melissa Stokes, Karin Mesburis, Monika Dacosta

1. Opening Remarks – Pradeep Pachai, Chair
 - Looking for volunteers to help out since Pradeep Pachai, Heather Gordon, Cassie Connolly and Karen Miller will be retiring their positions at the end of this school year

2. SAC presentation – by President, Declan Taylor
 - Hosted a successful grade 9 video game tournament
 - Hosted a variety of games for all grades to mingle
 - Grade 9 bbq coming up which is free
 - Oct. 4 is the Club Fair
 - Working on researching a digital announcement board to encourage school spirit and involvement. Requested help from School Council to help with fundraising

3. Math Presentation by Ms. Tzeng
 - ECI goal is for no failures – can be accomplished if students obtain help
 - Many math competitions available for students
 - Math help is available at lunch on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays for full hour in Room 232
 - Grade 9's were zone champion in Waterloo competition
 - Pizza lunches are offered for grade 9 students when they come in for extra help
 - Math advice: complete all homework (doing a few questions isn't enough), check answers in back of book, ask teacher for help when having difficulty, don't fall behind – it's much easier to fix problems early in the process than to backtrack and try to keep up

4. Principal's Report and Update - Caroline Rath
 - Staffing is going as expected and ECI allotted one extra teacher
 - Enrolled 25 new Visa students resulting in full ESL classes. Visa students appear very happy to be at ECI
 - Return to school has gone well:
 - White Pine a huge success – very enthusiastic group
 - Perfect weather

- 15 or 16 teachers participated
- bonding between campers and counsellors - magical
- Senior students have worked hard to catch up
- Assemblies for each grade to outline expectations and what's in agenda
- Facilities – excellent care-taking team worked throughout summer to paint and complete class repairs
- Strategies for managing safety around Tim Horton's, Brentwood Library and behind ECI:
 - Being aware – if there is a bad vibe, leave
 - Don't walk and text
 - Make smart choices and don't walk alone
 - Cell phone theft is big business
 - Thieves will ask for time and then steal students' phones
 - Avoid the bridge under the ravine

5. Dates – Tammy Greeley – Vice-Principal

- Oct. 4 – Club Fair
- Oct. 6 – Awards Assembly
- Oct. 7 – PA Day
- Oct. 14 – Early Warning Report and Friday Night Lights Football
- Oct. 27 – Photo retake day
- Nov. 11 - 1st Report Card issued
- Nov. 17 – Parent/Teacher interviews in the afternoon and evening
- Nov. 21 – Full Disclosure –
- Nov. 28 – Graduation Photos

6. Fundraising – Lisa Jones and Karen Miller – co-chairs

- QSP magazine fundraiser package has been sent home and anonymous donor matches profits. QSP concludes on Oct. 14
- The music department's cookie dough fundraiser ends Oct. 13
- Annual Parent Social planned for Wednesday Nov. 9. Anonymous donor matches full ticket price and silent auction items. This fundraiser usually raises around \$20,000. Contact Lisa Jones or Karen Miller regarding items to donate for silent auction and volunteering.
- RamJams were presented and are available for sale at \$35. Order forms available in the office.