

Hilltop School Council Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2016

School Council 2016/17

Elect New Executive Positions

Executive Positions:

Chair - Steve Payne

Secretary - David Marchione

Fundraising - Tania Merke

Treasurer - functions to be completed by Chair with Ms. Farina

Member at Large - Stefanie deVries, Miriam Oltrogge, Michelle Tate, Glenna Alikakos

Staff Member - Mr. Edwards

Non-teaching Representative - Jo-Anne Zapletel

Community Representative - Jo-Anne Zapletel

All positions except Chair put forward by Steve Payne and seconded by David Marchione and Tania Merke. Chair position put forward by David Marchione and seconded by Tania Merke. All in favour. None opposed.

Set Council Dates

Currently meet 3rd week of month.

October 17, 2016

November 21, 2016

January 23, 2017

February 27, 2017

April 24, 2017

May 29, 2017

Chair Report

Excellent Curriculum Night - pizza was a big success.

Trustee Glover - Board meeting dates set. First meeting October 4, 2016. Special Education Forum October 18, 2016 @ Martin Grove Collegiate.

May hold one of the meetings at Hilltop.

Information from PIAC - positions will be available.

New Superintendent - Annie Appleby. Susan Winter retired.

Principal/VP Report

Ms. Farina

1. Ministry Focus for the Year:
 - (a) Mathematics:
 - (i) 60 minutes of Math Instruction per day
2. TDSB Focus:
 - (a) Transportation: Transportation consortium working with Carriers to help support families in getting children to schools
 - (i) Hilltop affected the first couple of days of school: 1 driver responsible for multiple routes was resulting in delays of up to 1 hour.
 - (ii) Currently, transportation back on track for Hilltop;
 - (iii) Full TDSB delays found on site. (see tdsb.on.ca)
 - (b) Repairs to Facilities (available at TDSB website)
 - (c) 3 Goals being requested from each school:
 - (i) Achievement (with support of Digital Fluency)
 - (ii) Equity
 - (iii) Well-Being
3. School Update:
 - (a) Curriculum Night: fantastic turn out
 - (i) Thank you to School Council for supplying Pizza (funding for pizza came out of the Fundraising \$\$ from last year.)
 - (b) Staffing: Status Quo, 320 FI, 223 Eng. = 543 (+44 projections)
 - (i) Hotspot in Gr. 8 English track: class sizes are at 37 and 38 during rotary.

- (ii) With support of Superintendent and School Council, school received an additional teacher to open up a third Gr. 8 English track class. Will be advised of staffing decision this week.

David Marchione and Steve Payne to draft letter to Superintendent in support of additional teacher on behalf of School Council. David to send to Steve and Ms. Farina tonight.

- (c) Nutrition Program: starting this week (3 days per week)
 - (i) Co-Ordinator= Melissa d'Costa.

Ms. Cheung

- Photo day reminder - September 21, 2016. All day.
- September 30, 2016 - Terry Fox/Get to Know You Day. On school property.
- October 5, 2016 - Choices for 9 - transition evening. Discussion moving from Gr 8 to Gr 9. Mr. Lippa will discuss different open houses available for high schools. Grade 8 excursions will be discussed as well.
- October 7, 2016 - PA day. Thanksgiving Day weekend.
- Ms. Cheung to bring information back to staff to update TeacherWeb.

Teacher Report - Mr. Edwards

- October 6 - Annual Turkey Trot run during school day.
- Cross country going on right now in phys-ed classes.
- Leadership Opportunities - Student Leaders club coming up. For Grade 7 and 8 students who help out with events during the school year.
- Soccer club - Fridays at lunch. Beginning October. All grades.
- Ms. Kapakos - Arts & Crafts club starting & Painting School Posters club. Starting last week of September.
- Announcements are made in the morning & posted on the wall outside the office. Also posted on school calendar on website.
- Boys Touch Football starting tomorrow - all grades. Will be a girls' team as well.
- Possibly a girls' softball team.
- Grade 6 - Etobicoke Field Study Centre trip upcoming.

- Grade 7 - Albion Hills - 2 night - 3 day trip - November 21-25 & December 5-7.
- Community Coaches clinics to be hosted by Mr. Edwards at Hilltop. September 28, November 16, February 8, April 12 @ 4:30 - Room 11.
- Need parent volunteer drivers to take students to different schools. Costly to use buses, etc. Need a driver form completed and signed by Principal.

FSLAC Report

- Need parent support.

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2016