

EYCI School Advisory Council
Monday, Sept. 25th, 2023

Present: Stephen Morris (Principal), Luciana Hysenaj, Cathy Ireland, Kimber Tzogas, Andrea Palmay, Susie Tsianos, Popi Caravasills, Laura Barlas, Julienne Smiley, Jennifer Gocky, Amber Taylor, Sue Gill, Melanie Locke, Mark Peacock, Nick Moutafis, Lenore Brooks, Nardas Mekonnen, Sofia Parkes, Christina Lagoudontis, Laura Ribadeneira, Karen McCormick, Emily Clair, Raymonde Lievens.

1. Call to order: 6:30pm

2. Approval of agenda: motion (Christina Lagoudontis), seconded (Lenore Brooks).

3. Approval of minutes: motion (Lenore Brooks), seconded (Christina Lagoudontis).

REPORTS

4.1 Student government report (Nardas Mekonnen, Sofia Parkes):

The following activities and events, current and planned, are to report:

- There will be a club fair in October
- Activities are planned for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt day
- Long-term planning is underway for the following events/causes: Hallowe'en, a White Ribbon event which will also serve as a fundraiser and issue in a donation to a women's shelter; pyjama day and comedy day (December); a semi-formal (February); talent show.

4.2. Principal:

- The air-conditioning malaise at the start of term is over, with the school's air conditioning functioning again after the heating system was renovated
- The tennis court area will be converted into outdoor learning spaces (subject to ongoing discussion)
- Commencement to take place on October 5th; a discussion of the most propitious time for commencement (June or October) will be scheduled for the October meeting of Council
- The Principal made an appeal that parents transfer the \$60 “activity fee” which is essential for the funding of students clubs, events, guest speakers, the yearbook etc. An email to explain the fee will be re-sent to parents
- Curriculum night to take place on 28th Sept.

Elections/appointments to the School Advisory Council were conducted. The number of offices exceeded the number of volunteers, and hence those who expressed a willingness to occupy a position on the Council were acclaimed rather than elected. They are as follows:

Co-chairs: Nick Moutafis and Melanie Locke

Treasurer: Christina Lagoudontis

Secretary: Mark Peacock

Voting members of Council: Kimber Tzogas, Julienne Smiley, Amber Taylor, Sue Gill, Lenore Brook, Laura Ribadeneira.

4.3. Guidance (Karen McCormick):

- There is a new booking system for guidance appointments; if students have difficulty using the system, appointments can be booked manually (at the guidance office) or using the link

- on the most recent guidance update
- College and university fairs are to held in the fall, and grade 11s (not just grade 12s) are encouraged to attend
 - After a certain flexibility during the pandemic, the 40 hours of community service required for graduation are, once again, set in stone; see recent guidance update for assistance in seeking organisations in which one may acquire one's hours; hours approved hitherto appear in students' "My blueprint" as well as on school report cards.

4.4. Student success

No report

4.5. Chair (Nick Moutafis):

The typical activities of Council were reviewed (see the link thereto circulated with the materials in the Principal's email to students on 22nd Sept.)

The Council's by-laws are available via the school's website

(<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/eastyork/School-Advisory-Council>)

A number of *obiter dicta* were mentioned as the meeting came to its conclusion, namely: staffing updates (including the fact that the school has retained two hall monitors); washroom security and accessibility.

4.6. Treasurer's report:

Nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 8pm.

The next meeting of the Council is to take place on October 23rd, 2023.