

**EYCI School Advisory Council**  
**Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Present:** Stephen Morris, Aubrey Hicks, Amber Taylor, Nick Moutafis, Lenore Brooks, Sofia Parkes, Cathy Ireland, Melanie Locke, Mark Peacock, Andrea Palmay, Kimber Tzogas, Christina Lagoudontis, Raymonde Lievens, Sue Gill.

**1. Call to order:** 6:33pm

**2. Approval of agenda:** motion proposed: Amber Taylor; seconded: Christina Lagoudontis

**3. Approval of minutes:** motion proposed: Amber Taylor; seconded: Aubrey Hicks

**REPORTS**

**4.1. Student governance:** (Sofia Parkes)

*Multicultural Night* (May 16<sup>th</sup>): the event showcased cultures represented at EYCI. The evening was bifurcated into a culinary part, held in the Cafeteria, in which foods from various cultures were available, and a performance part, held in the Auditorium, where students put on performances from their cultures. This was the first such event in EYCI history, and about 100 people attended. See the Principal's email of 17.5.2024 for a more detailed description.

*Spirit Week* (20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May): the week was very successful with, amongst other things, staff-student competitions; the Grade 10s excelled with the most grade points of all grade.

*Applications and elections for Student Activity Council (SAC):* applications are being submitted for the coming year's SAC; elections to be held at a date yet to be specified.

**4.2. Principal:** (Stephen Morris)

*Commencement:* the Principal reported ticket sales of about 500 hitherto, with a sales target of 750-800. On May 27<sup>th</sup>, sales of tickets commenced to those who wish to purchase more than the initial maximum per student. Further information was circulated in the Principal's email of 25.5.2024.

*Library refurbishment:* around \$3000 has been raised heretofore, sufficient to purchase furniture which will be in place for the new school year. The fundraising campaign is ongoing, and all are encouraged to donate.

*Auditorium:* the new sound system has been purchased and will hopefully be installed during the summer.

*Roof:* the re-roofing of the school's building has been completed; the Principal commended the roofing team for completing the work within schedule and for adhering to the time constraints within which to undertake potentially disruptive work.

*Mechanical work:* various mechanical projects to improve the school are to be undertaken, some as a prelude to installing the school's new air-conditioning system in the fall.

*Tennis courts*: the area hitherto occupied by the tennis courts is to be the site of an outdoor classroom, a small auditorium and a multi-purpose sports court on which volley ball, badminton, pickle ball and field hockey can be played. The Principal is to meet representatives of the Board on 28<sup>th</sup> May to finalise details.

In response to a question about the closure of some washrooms during the school day, the Principal regretted having to report continued acts of vandalism of washrooms, some so severe that they render washrooms unsafe and thus in need of closure until repaired.

#### **4.3. Teachers' representative:** (Andrea Palmay)

*Visual Arts* (teachers: Ms. Pereira, Ms. Lazar, Ms. Capozzi): a multifaceted art display was curated in the Meeting Room for Arts Night (May 23<sup>rd</sup>); work on culminating art projects continues.

*Business* (teacher: Mr. Andreopoulos): Grade 9s created an e-store for the purpose of selling items to raise money for a school team or club; Grade 10s have been involved in a marketing project consisting in the creation of advertisements for products.

*Science* (teachers: Ms. Bartlett, Mr. Lam, Ms. Palmay, Mr. Zagar): the laboratory component of science students' assessment has been taking place, with an emphasis on chemical reactions, base/acid indicators and optics.

*Core French* (teacher: Mr. Jafri): students have designed French-language travel journals based on the travel experiences of students.

*Music* (teacher: Ms. Partridge Bujac): The school's Concert Band performed at this year's MusicFest Nationals hosted by the University of Toronto. The Band received a silver award and a certificate of excellence. The Band also performed at Arts Night and will perform for the last time this school year at Canada's Wonderland on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Student Competitions* (i) (teacher: Ms. Leung): three EYCI students competed successfully at the provincial *concours d'art oratoire*, with one student achieving third place in her category; (ii) (teachers: Ms. Cox, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Irani, Mr. Robert) students participated in a Mock trial competition

*Athletics*: the girls' soccer team has advanced to the "cities"; its boys' counterpart has done likewise. The Principal added in his report that the EYCI Cheerleading Team has become the OFSAA champions.

**4.4. Guidance:** no report; see the regular emails from Guidance to the EYCI community.

**4.5. Student success:** no report

**4.6. Co-chairs' report:** (Nick Moutafis)

4.6.1. *Staff Appreciation*: the staff appreciation event will take place with the serving of breakfast for the staff on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May.

4.6.2. *Statement of Needs*: the questionnaire whence the school's statement of needs is derived is to be circulated to parents imminently.

**4.7. Treasurer's Report:** (Christina Lagoudontis)

The Council's budget is now exhausted, the funds having been spent mainly on catering projects.

**5. New Business:** no new business was suggested.

The meeting adjourned at 7.40pm. The next meeting of the Council is to take place in the new school year.