

EYCI School Advisory Council
Monday, March 31st, 2025

Present: Stephen Morris, Christopher Fardis, Sophie Parkes (exited meeting at 6:50pm), Amber Taylor, Mark Peacock, Raymonde Lievens, Susie Tsianos, Popi Caravasilis, Heather Tanner, Eva Marley, Christopher Fardis, Christina Lagoudontis, Sue Gill, Sharon Conolly, Karen Thompson

Regrets: Nick Moutafis

1. Call to order: 6:37pm

2. Approval of agenda: motion proposed by Popi Caravasilis, seconded by Christina Lagoudontis

3. Approval of minutes: motion proposed by Amber Taylor, seconded by Susie Tsianos

REPORTS

4.1. Student Governance (Sofia Parkes)

Multicultural Night on April 24 6-8 pm. Sign up is closed. Preparations for performances and food booths is underway.

Day of Pink Wednesday April 9, but will be observed on April 8. Students are to watch a video created by GSA and SAC, then participate in an activity about learnings and actions that can be taken. Responses will be posted in a rainbow art display. Bake sale will be held to raise money for The Get Real movement.

4.2. Principal (Steven Morris)

March Updates:

Rear Field Project – a meeting will be held this week with the field planning team to determine details of plan. Contractor and funding is in place. The project will likely run from approximately June to August. Disruption to the surrounding areas will be minimized as much as possible.

Parent-Teacher Interviews – held Thursday, April 3rd; appointments booked online for in-person meetings. Parents may always request to meet with teachers outside of this day.

Library Update – Entrance way refurbishment and flooring replacement will be paid for partially from school funds in addition to Board funding. Work is expected to be completed in the next two months.

Auditorium – No further updates

Grad Student Breakfast – Thursday, May 29. Volunteers for this event have submitted their names and email addresses. Christina L. to organize the event. Funding opportunities discussed.

Staff Appreciation Breakfast – Wednesday, May 21 (on a late start day). Christina L. to organize the event.

EQAO – starts tomorrow and will wrap up April 15. Grade 10s to write tests in the Library.

Sport Event Tents – New tents are needed for sporting events to provide shade for students and staff. Currently the school has 2 tents – one is broken, and the other is missing parts. Costs are roughly \$350-800, depending on quality.

Discussion ensued regarding School Council fundraising. Sharon C. will lead a committee to draft ideas for fundraising initiatives. Christopher Fardis and other teachers have created an alumni association to plan events for the centennial celebration. Currently the group has 360 alumni members.

VP Allocation – EYCI received the staffing allocations for next year, which includes the additional vice-principal previously requested, and one additional teacher. The student population is expected to shift due to changes in boundaries for Danforth CTI and the movement of French Immersion programs. School capacity is expected to increase from the current 72% to over 100% in 5 years' time.

Technology Training for Staff - 15 staff members volunteered their personal time to engage in technology training (TISS).

4.3. Teachers' representative: Christopher Fardis

Recent and upcoming student events and initiatives include:

- Sister to Sister Conference - second annual conference was held on March 25.
- HOSA Leadership Conference – business leadership association
- Prom Committee meetings ongoing – theme to be announced. Event on May 22.
- In February students participated in a speaking competition in French. They will represent the TDSB at provincial competition.
- Cheer is preparing for their OFSA competition.
- HAS wrapped up Greek Month
- EYCI Music – April 3 students will hold a bake sale with buskers during parent teacher interviews.
- Spring Harmony is May 29.
- Spirit Wear sale ends today.
- Grad hoodies have been delivered to the school.
- Multicultural Night – Everyone is invited to come and participate on April 24.
- Athletics – The DD class participated in the annual floor curling tournament in April.
- The student vs. teacher basketball game is raising money for the Canadian Cancer Society.
- Blue and Gold Spirit Day is to take place on May 8 or May 9 – the afternoon will be spent celebrating school athletes.
- Peer Mentors – student applications will be available in April for students in grades 9-11. Those accepted will participate in group training.
- Graduation is on June 26 at Danforth Music Hall.

Each Department's teachers are conversing about appropriate models to offer credit recovery opportunities. Students who have their own Chromebooks should bring them to school. There is an ongoing issue of students borrowing Chromebooks which are designated for other purposes.

Discussion ensued regarding the appropriate uses of AI in school environments.

4.4. Guidance

See the regular guidance updates circulated by email, the most recent of which was sent on 3rd March.

4.5. Student Success: no report at this time.

4.6. Co-Chairs (Nick Moutafis/Amber Taylor)

Anti-Sex Trafficking Event to be held for parents and caregivers on the evening of April 8. Victim Services Toronto to lead workshop. Event funded by School Activity Council Innovation Grant.

Staff Appreciation Breakfast – see Principal’s Report.

Grad Breakfast – see Principal’s Report.

4.7. Treasurer: no funds have yet been spent, though the grad breakfast and staff appreciation event will be funded at least partly from Council money.

The meeting ended at 8pm

The next meeting of the Council is to take place on April 28th.