

**EYCI School Advisory Council**  
**Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**Present:** Stephen Morris, Nick Moutafis, Amber Taylor, Mark Peacock, Raymonde Lievens, Susie Tsianos, Popi Caravasilis, Christina Lagoudontis, Christopher Fardis, Karen Thomson, Sofia Parkes, Soula Sotirakos

**1. Call to order:** 6:30pm

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

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

**REPORTS**

**4.1. Student Governance** (Sofia Parkes)

*Semi-formal:* took place at the Toronto Botanic Gardens on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Approximately 150 students took part. Pictures to be posted on the SAC's Instagram account

Hoodies will be on sale until March 17<sup>th</sup> (payable via school cash online)

Multi-cultural night to take place on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm, with food (cafeteria) and performances (auditorium)

Day of Pink: to be marked on April 9<sup>th</sup> – further details to follow

The president of next year's Student Association at EYCI will introduce herself at the next meeting of Council

**4.2. Principal** (Steven Morris)

Forthcoming dates to note:

- March 20<sup>th</sup>: progress reports are to be mailed for students in all classes who are currently achieving a grade of 60% or lower
- March 27<sup>th</sup> until April 2<sup>nd</sup>: appointments can be booked parent-teacher interviews
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> (1:30-3:30pm and 5:30-7:30pm): P-T interviews will take place. Mr. Morris reminds all that teachers are available for consultation outside of formal interviews (contact the school office for information)
- Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>: term 1 of semester 2 ends, and term two starts on 14<sup>th</sup> April
- 25<sup>th</sup> April: midterm report cards to be issued by email
- April 1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>: OSSLT tests to be taken. This is mainly for grade 10s, though grade 11s and 12s who have not yet taken/passed the test can also take them during this period. Students who have previously failed the OSSLT may, on request, take the OLC (Ontario Literary Course) to prepare them for the OSSLT

*Iftar night:* EYCI will be putting on an Iftar night in conjunction with the Muslim Students' Association on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7pm

National Theatre School's Competition: 3 plays (two by EYCI: *Life* and *I Want to be Romeo*) were

performed in the auditorium on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February. Results of the Competition will be divulged on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March

*Auditorium:* a recent inspection revealed that the state of the seats in the auditorium was less salubrious than initially thought. Consequently, the architect recommends that *all* seats be replaced. Once seats are removed, a full renovation of the auditorium will be facilitated, and hence ceiling and walls will be painted, ceiling lights replaced with LED lights, floor and stage floor renovated. This will increase the cost of the project considerably, and so the library renovation will be paused to allow for funds to be transferred to the auditorium project. Work to start on auditorium renovation in May, 2026

Mr. Morris addressed the surveillance situation at EYCI and the need to replace many of the surveillance cameras. Although the Board deems EYCI to be a “priority” in this respect, how far up the priority list EYCI lies is unclear. Agenda point 4.6.2 was therefore brought forward and Council voted unanimously in favour of sending a letter to the TDSB to expedite the instalment of new cameras. The letter had been drafted by Amber Taylor and circulated prior to the meeting.

Mr. Morris also addressed agenda point 4.6.1, namely, that a workshop on human trafficking will take place on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm. The workshop is highly recommended and is funded by the innovation grant which the school received after Amber Taylor submitted a grant application in December, 2024.

Karen Thomson posed a question regarding the state of desk top computers in the library. Mr. Morris replied that, although the Board furnishes each student with a Chrome Book, having desk-top back-ups available useful. Furthermore, EQAO tests often run better on desktops than on Chrome Books, so, for the time being, the desktops are worth keeping, though they might not perform to the highest standard.

#### **4.3. Teachers' representative:** Christopher Fardis

Of note, amongst the activities and accomplishments at EYCI, Mr. Fardis mentioned the following:

- Peer-tutoring has commenced for semester 2; appointments may be booked via email or by using the QR codes posted at various places in the school building
- A human trafficking will be held for grade 9s and 10s during the morning of March 6<sup>th</sup>
- The school's Concert Band, under the leadership of Ms. Partridge-Bujac excelled at the Ontario Band Association's music festival on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> and at the Kiwanis Band Festival, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. The Band received a platinum rating at the former and a gold rating at the latter
- An EYCI alumni initiative is being organised, particularly with an eye on the school's centenary. Mr. Morris offered to include the link for alumni information to his next missive to the community. Those who wish to share their names and contact information for the alumni organisation may do so via the following Google form:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJYLLrd492VFvkauG9khXjq\\_wHJdd2m2\\_xmVqZ\\_rL-Zb7W1w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJYLLrd492VFvkauG9khXjq_wHJdd2m2_xmVqZ_rL-Zb7W1w/viewform)
- Mr. Fardis noted that the activities to celebrate Greek Heritage month will take place toward the end of March and will include a blue-and-white day, a cooking class and lunchtime dancing.
- Mr. Fardis praised the Black Students' Association for the many events it organised during Black History Month.
- Numerous sporting achievements were noted, including: 2 EYCI students participating in the OFSAA championships; EYCI's 3 soccer teams have all qualified for the schools' championships to be held at Monarch Park.
- Mr. Fardis is distributing spirit wear to those who ordered it earlier this year. Those who have not yet collected theirs should report to Mr. Fardis.

- A schools law competition will be hosted by EYCI on March 4<sup>th</sup>

#### **4.4. Guidance**

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

**4.5. Student Success:** no report.

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

4.6.1. Innovation grant: dealt with under the Principal's report

4.6.2. Upgrading school camera surveillance: dealt with under the Principal's report

4.6.3. Results of school's statement of needs: 44 responses to the questionnaire were received. The most important need was deemed to be support for academic achievement. Other highly ranked needs were: career advice; guidance on post-secondary options; strong leadership; safe school support. Nick Moutafis will send a link to a document in which comments by those who responded are recorded.

4.6.4. Events: there was unanimous support for holding a graduate breakfast this year. The staff appreciation breakfast/lunch will also take place. Mr. Morris was asked to consult with his colleagues about propitious dates for these events. After dates have been set, volunteer recruitment (especially for the grad. breakfast) will be undertaken.

**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 March 31<sup>st</sup>.