

## EYCI School Advisory Council Monday, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### East York School Council Advisory Meeting

- Introductions
- Attendance
- Agenda passed
- Minutes approved (please check to make sure that you are on the list if you're a voting member.)
- **Student Council Report:** (Samantha) Talent show moved to March b/c of school musical; starting to talk about semi-formal (catering and celebrations are back), Halloween costume contest/candy sale on Friday; Remembrance Day poetry contest coming up
- **Neighbourhood Community Outreach program:** Community policing/community safety representatives: available for support or connections; proactive communication; community service hours are possible if interested; essay contest (be an officer for a day); raise money for bursary (3 awarded last year); not dedicated to EYCI, but available for support/mediation; commitment to collaboration/communication; working on a program to have principals from various schools together; work to ensure the concerns/anxieties/safety of the marginalized communities (Safe and Caring Schools Committee); YPA (youth in police program); PROAction fund access (Mr. Nolan); Take your Kids to Work program (maybe not for this year, but let's follow up next year); parents should feel free to reach out (Stephen has the contact information/pamphlets) **Discussion and agreement that any police in our school must have the consent of and discussion with any marginalized communities who may feel unsafe with their presence.**
- **Student Success Report:** workshops for 11/12 recently; grade 8 tours/open house coming soon; time for student support after midterms; morning snack program has begun (funding being sought from families/grants); Full Disclosure 5 days after midterms (this is an opportunity for grade 12 students to withdraw from a course without it being visible on their student record, only for the students who have a full slate of courses); Student Success reports will be coming soon; November 20 Post Secondary Pathways night; encourage students to engage to learn about volunteer opportunities in the community
- **Teacher Report:** 180Change (formerly Boys to Men) a group lead by Mr. Nolan seeing excellent engagement/success; School musical coming up Dec 17/18 (volunteers welcome – speak to Mr. Nolan)
- **Principal Report:** BSA very active; reached out to community partnerships to encourage marginalized kids – seeing improved engagement/v. positive; Grade 9 day Nov 12<sup>th</sup> (mentors, coaches, fun activities, community building will be the focus); Take Your Kids to Work Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>; bathrooms closed? Plumbing issue caused flood which closed two bathrooms, but should be open this week. Two bathrooms shut because of vandalism also. Vape detectors have a sound detection system that should alleviate some vandalism issues; computers in library are new and available.

- **Safe Schools Committee:** first meeting in November (lunch, once a month) will focus on vape detection/cameras; empathy/respect in the community (positive signs from that focus although early stages); de-escalation strategies.
- **Co-Chair Report:** (Amber) Innovation grant – proposal for a conversation circle on topic of civil discourse/courageous conversations (if you have any questions/other suggestions, please reach out to Amber); letter to MoE re: overcrowding and end-of-life of computers – response was frustrating, empty, and basically a non-response; template letter for parents to modify and send – discussing how to get this information out to parents (does council have an email address? And how can we email to the entire parent population?) Please join the East York Collegiate Families facebook group to increase family/parent engagement in the school community; PIAC working groups – please check them out; School Statement of Needs should be updated soon(ish); Fundraising committee update to come; Treasurer’s Report for next meeting
- **Next meeting:** December 1<sup>st</sup>