October 8th, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

# Re: Earl Haig S.S. School Council 2020-2021

The Earl Haig S.S. School Council (School Council) is an advisory body to the School Administrative team. Our mandate is to support student achievement and well-being. The School Council consists of parents, staff, and students. The School Council acts as representatives to the Toronto District School Board, the Ministry of Education, and the Earl Haig School Action Committee.

All parents/guardians (including virtual) are invited to join the School Council this year. Parents willing to commit to attending at least 70%\*\* of meetings are encouraged to submit a nomination form to be a member of the School Council’s Executive. The form is attached and available on the Parent link of the school website: <http://earlhaig.ca/council/index.php>. The **deadline** for nomination forms to be returned to the school office is **Friday, October 16th, 2020 at 3:30pm.**

After the nomination forms have been received, the decision as to whether an election for the School Council’s Executive is required will be made based on the number of nominations submitted. There are 18 parent positions on the School Council’s Executive, and an election is called only if more than 18 candidates are nominated, otherwise all nominated candidates are declared elected by acclamation. If an election is required, candidate information (based on the attached form) will be provided at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and all parents/guardians in attendance may vote during the AGM on **Tuesday, October 20, 2020** at 7:30 p.m. via a virtual ZOOM meeting. If the School Council Executive members are acclaimed, the members will be introduced at the AGM. Due to the current restrictions on social gatherings, all council meetings will be held virtually via ZOOM

This year’s meetings will be held on the following dates:

1. Annual General Meeting, October 20th , 2020
2. November 10th, 2020
3. January 12th, 2020
4. February 9th, 2021
5. April 13th, 2021
6. May 11th, 2021
7. June 8th, 2021(School Council Executive meeting only, no General meeting)

\*\* School Council members must attend a minimum of 5 of the above meetings

School Council meetings are typically on the second Tuesday of the month (with exceptions for religious holidays and special events). The School Council Executive members will meet on those days from 6:00-7:25 p.m. followed by the General Meeting from 7:30-9:00 p.m. General Meetings are open to all Earl Haig parents, guardians, students, and staff. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend to receive updates about Earl Haig; the Toronto District School Board; and educational topics of value. The General Meetings are organized by the School Council’s Executive members.

For more information about School Council, see its Constitution on the Parent link of the school website. Should you have any other questions, please contact this school the Co-Chairs or the Principal:

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Yours truly,

Ricky, Susan and Susan

**Earl Haig S.S. 2020-2021 Executive School Council Parent/Guardian Nomination Form:**

<https://forms.gle/RC4m9L6JWPDkhbGF8>