**Earl Haig Secondary Schoolgui**

**Parent School Council General Meeting**

 Meeting Minutes

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| Date and Time: | Tuesday: Sept 18th, 2018 7:30-9:00pm |
| Location:  | EHSS, Cafeteria |

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| # | **Topics and Notes** |
| 1. | **Welcome and Introduction:** Susan Kenny and Phi Tan welcomed everyone and announced the agenda as follows:* 1. Welcome and Introductions
	2. School Council Annual Report - Susan & Phi
	3. Introduction of the 2018-19 School Council Executive
	4. Principal’s Update & Introduction of Vice Principal’s – Renata Gonsalves
	5. Student Activity Council Update –SAC President, Michael Samoilov
	6. Time Management Tips
	7. Adjournment
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| 2.  | **Phi Than and Susan Kenny: Annual Report****Reviewed the highlights of last years Council activity*** As advisory body to school administration with 18 voting members and several volunteers the year included Ward 12 forum, traffic, SAC, Educating for Excellence, Subcommittee for Equity, and hosting monthly meetings.
* Enhancing Equity Task Force activity and role council played in having the specialized program removed from the recommendations. Phi reviewed the E4E sub committee and activities.
* Pedestrian safety update and the new stop sign installed at Kenneth at school entrance. Reviewed the plan for a new crosswalk/light at Doris
* Monthly parent meetings included November university & college report
* Teacher appreciation treats in October and breakfast in February
* We appreciate parents support
* Thanks to Phi for her leadership as her term is complete
* Thank you Helen, Renata, and Phi for running parent council election
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| 3.  | **Susan Kenny: New council*** Susan Kenny (Co-chair) and Chandra Kumar (Co-Chair)
* Amy Charette (Secretary)
* Jay Kang (Vice Chair, Claude Watson)
* Sheri Kermani (Vice Chair, Collegiate)
* Ali Naqvi (Treasurer)
* Daniel Gogek (Ward Rep)
* Members at Large: Pankhuri Chaturuedi; Paul Desiri; Tina Elahipanah; Marina Matskevitch; Farzana Haque; Kevin Hon; Wen Jie Li; Anahita Momlazian; Peggy Paradongambros; Kenda Bassam; Sukham Sahni; Albert Wong; Shirin Yazdanpanah

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| 4.  | **Principal’s Update – Renata Gonsalves****Enhancing Pathways:*** Reviewed the Grade 9 census results collected by the TDSB. Survey was intended to understand how to improve the Grade 9 experience coming into the school. As a result, they are trying to create more opportunities for the students to make connections and feel more comfortable. For example:
	+ Guidance spending more time in the classroom to meet students
	+ Expanding the tutoring and after school programs

The intention is to eliminate some of the stresses they may have about approaching an adult to seek help – a caring adult.* There are 6 guidance councillors at EHSS. Renata stressed that the guidance dept is open to both students and parents. In addition, EHSS has settlement workers to assist students and can provide help in 3 languages: Korean, Cantonese and Farsi.

**School Walk out this Friday*** Renata reviewed the “system wide” walk out across the entire TDSB. The purpose of the walk out is to protect and bring attention to 2 issues: The new Sex Ed curriculum and the handling of the indigenous education support.
* Renata explained this is a board wide walk out but to ensure the event was carried out in a respectful and organized manner, the administration met with the students and devised a plan. The agreement was they would walk out from 1:00pm-2:00pm. Students would be required to notify their teachers if they wished to participate. Teachers were assigned to monitor the students during the walk out. If any student wished to stay in the school they could do so. Suggested we check #walkout on social media or Google Friday walk out for additional information.
* Announced new staff this year:
	+ ACL for Mathematics: Christina Chen
	+ ACL for Health: Christine Scholer
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| 5. | **SAC President: Michael Samoliov*** Michael reviewed his plans for the year. Emphasized he will try to have improved communication with the students and provide opportunities for students to talk to SAC directly. For example, there will be a suggestion envelope for students to drop off ideas and suggestions, Instragram account and a Facebook page.

Up and coming events:* Orange shirt day/week to support the residential schools. He is planning to have events all during the week rather than just one day**.**
* Clubs fair
* Grade 9 & 10 assembly

Time management tips – take breaks* Take breaks
* Remove distractions
* Designated workroom
* Just start as early as possible
* Check Linked in profiles of people you admire – what traits do they have and what did they do

**Vyoma Fadia:** School community and club community* Make a schedule that works for you
* Plan out the week hourly
* Do something early so not showing stress later
* Split hard things into parts like hours vs days
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| 6. | * Renata introduced the Vice Principals and each offered some Time Management tips
	+ A-F Mr. Griesz- Absent
	+ G-Le: Mr Sukhram
		- Good rest – you have diminishing returns after 30 minutes of studying
		- Nov 29 – parent teacher interviews. An email must be filed as sign-ups online.
	+ Li-R: Mr. Burns
		- Make full use of the agenda books
		- No such thing as a ‘no homework’ evening – use it to be ahead on projects tests and be more prepared
		- Next week is Grade 9 curriculum night
	+ S-Z: Ms Colavita
		- Always plan ahead
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| 7. | **Time Management:*** **Guidance: Christine Zaghikian**
* 6 guidance counselors based on last name of student
* In guidance office Carrie Leung is the OA. Also 3 settlement workers, social worker, psychologist.
* Goals for grade 9. Pass all courses.
* Outreach to students – peer support, welcome mentors, LC luck
* Make time for sleep, rest, family
* Balancing is important
* Take care of yourself – mental wellness
* Guidance info available in a lot of methods: News bulletin, Website, Morning announcements, Guidance Facebook. Guidance twitter.
* Remind 101 app is available to help organize deadlines, courses, tests

**Presentation material on most subjects can be found on the EHSS website under the Parent Council Tab-** (**http://www.earlhaig.ca/council/index.php)** |
| 8. | Next Meeting Date: October 16, 2018 7:30-9:00pm |
| 9.  | Total Attendance: ? |
| 10. | Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm |

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