**Earl Haig Secondary School**

**School Council General Meeting**

 Meeting Minutes

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| Date and Time: | Tuesday: October 16th, 2018 7:30-9:00pm |
| Location:  | EHSS, Cafeteria |

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| # | **Topics and Notes** |
| 1. | **Christine Zaghikian** The Peer Tutoring team introduced themselves and explained the concept. Encouraged all students to take advantage of this great support at the School. It is a win-win as students tutors get volunteer hours and Earl Haig students get support.Grace Li – President; Ahmed Abbas - Vice President; Yana Sadeghi - Senior Coordinator ; Jasper Jian - Senior Coordinator; Shiraz Masliah - Media Master; Mehrsa Feizi - Junior Coordinator; Serena Zheng - Junior Coordinator; Tony Wang - Training Coordinator; Iris Lako - Junior Training CoordinatorShared a YouTube video “Time management and SM” with the audience. Main theme of the video is to work backwards from the deadline and plan your time accordingly. |
| 2.  | **Mark Webster (CL) - English**Read fiction. Be resilient. Be organized. Integrity. Put effort in BEFORE handing in assignment – easier to get it done on-time than it is to make up for a late.**Jeanne Chew (ACL) - Science**Ms. Chew passed around a handout “Tips for Success - Science”. Ms. Chew went through each slide of the handout. In addition, she emphasized that students cannot learn the material the night before a test/exam. Students are expected to learn and adapt to 8 different courses and 8 different teachers’ organizational styles.Another source is Physicshelp.ca which is a site managed by Earl Haig |
| 3.  | **SAC President: Michael Samoliov**Michael shared his view of success tips from a student’s perspective.* Making connections and friends in classes to help each other with homework, peer reviews, etc. (making a ‘group chat’ with students from certain classes to facilitate sharing of ideas and homework assistance).
* Building a good relationship with teachers
* Going to class to do the best you could do
* Joining clubs to surround yourself with mostly high achievers and people who want to do their best. The earlier you get involved the better it is as you build relationships with these students.
* Leaders Collective is a great way to get involved or any other club.

**Ivy Deng (VP SAC)**  shared her success tips with the following:* Balance your health and your school work
* Do not stay up late as your body will not be ready to learn the next day and do its best
* Working hard does not mean sleeping late
* Healthy human equals success
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| 4.  | **Christine Scholler (CL) & Christina Chang (ACL) – Mathematics**Ms. Scholler and Ms. Chang shared a handout “Tips for Success in Math” and presented the slides to the audience. The theme of the presentation was to ask questions right away when encountering difficulties in an area to minimize risk of falling behind. When approaching the teacher for further help, be prepared with a sample question to demonstrate which area you are having difficulties with so that teacher can better help you.  |
| 5. | **Renata Gonsalves – Principal’s Update**Ms. Gonsalves indicated she was proud to work with the staff and students who had just presented.* New partnership with North York General Hospital with a social worker who is an expert in adolescent addiction
* Next week – teachers will reach out to parents if students are struggling – be proactive now and make a plan for success
* The partnership between students and teachers is crucial. Students should welcome rich feedback especially when highlighting areas of improvement. Students should be encouraged to solicit feedback from teachers and checking in on whether they are on the right track when completing an assignment or project. It is healthy to know the structure of what is needed on an assignment.

**Michael Griesz – VP’s Update*** Parents will have access to a Parent Kit for conversations to have regarding cannabis legalization.
* The school is looking into whether they can offer intramurals at lunch for students to partake in.

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| 6. | A question was raised by a parent on whether the mathematics tests are standardized amongst classes and Mr. Griesz and Ms. Scholler indicated that the math team has monthly evaluation conversations to ensure standard testing. However quizzes are prepared at the teacher’s discretion. |
| 7. | **Susan and Chandra - Co-Chairs**The co-chairs reminded parents that the Pancake Breakfast for United Way is scheduled for October 31st. All parents are welcome to attend.  |
| 8. | Next Meeting Date: November 13, 2018 7:00-9:00pm |
| 9.  | Total Attendance: 60 |
| 10. | Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm |

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