

**Earl Haig S.S.  
Parent School Council Meeting  
Meeting Minutes**

<b>Date and Time:</b>	October 13, 2015- 7:30pm to 9:00pm
<b>Location:</b>	EHSS, Cafeteria

#	Topics and Notes
1	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Paul Hollingham and Phi Than welcomed everyone. They announced the agenda as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome and Introduction</li> <li>2. Student's Update-Dexter Storey SAC president</li> <li>3. Principal's Update-Renata Gonsalves</li> <li>4. Ward 12Trustee Update- Alexander Brown</li> </ol> <p><b>Top Tips from Students and Staff</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Dexter Story President of School council will be representing the students of Earl Haig</li> <li>6. Jeanne Chew, ACL of Science</li> <li>7. Mark Webster, CL of English</li> <li>8. Debra Mondrow ACL Literacy</li> <li>9. Andrea Lill, ACL Numeracy</li> <li>10. Phillip Im, CL of Math</li> </ol>
2	<p><b>Student's Update- Dexter Storey</b> SAC announcement are listed on our EHSS webpage. Also a FB page is set up for sharing information. Clubs are a good way to get involved. A general member of a club is a good way to be involved.</p>
3	<p><b>Principals Update- Renata Gonsalves</b> Renata welcomed the parents and guardians. She thanked everyone for coming out and participating in their child's school activity.</p> <p><b>EQAO Results:</b> Congratulated the teachers on their job well done in helping improved the EQAO results year over year at EHSS. Renata reviewed the results. Academic: 94% at or above the standard. That represents a 9% above the provincial average and at 12% above the board average. Applied: 72% of students at or above the standard. That's a 38% increase over the past 5 years.</p> <p><b>Mental Health Initiatives:</b> Reviewed the DREAM-Drop everything and move initiative this year. Explained there will be 2 nurses on site to assist.</p> <p><b>Important Dates:</b> <b>Oct 19<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup></b> Calls home. Reviewed the intent of the call home activity to all parents. Teachers will call parents to discuss their child's progress. This is taking place early in the year as its intended to provide feedback early in the school year and give students and parents opportunity to turn things around if necessary. <b>Oct 16<sup>th</sup></b> – Bring Your Kids to Work Day packages will be distributed to Grade 9 students. <b>Oct 21<sup>st</sup></b> GTA University and College fair. 9am-11am in the cafeteria. Grade 12 recommended to</p>

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	<p>attend  <b>Nov 4<sup>th</sup></b> Grad Student Assembly. Gr 12 recommended to attend. Good information on how to apply for University.  <b>Nov 13<sup>th</sup></b> PA Day  <b>Nov 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Report Cards  <b>Nov 26<sup>th</sup></b> Parent/Teacher Interviews. An on line sign up system will be used.</p> <p><b>Renata's tip for success:</b>  Kids need to develop a partnership with their teachers. This allows for better communication and the kids are more comfortable seeking extra help or preparing for exams.</p>
3	<p><b>Ward 12 Trustee Update- Alexander Brown</b>  Mr. Brown explained that the city is conducting a boundary study and potentially changing the boundaries for some schools. More information is available on the TDSB website.</p> <p>Update on negotiations:  Elementary Teachers- Phase 3 of work to rule  CUPE workers-Phase 3 of work to rule  Secondary School Teachers- -The Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) has ratified its agreement with the provincial government. Now the TDSB and OSSTF will work towards a local agreement.</p> <p>For updated Labour Negotiations check the TDSB website: <a href="http://www.tdsb.on.ca/labour">www.tdsb.on.ca/labour</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announced that there will be a communication meeting with John Fillion Oct 14<sup>th</sup> at EHSS. Topic will be the Avondale Public School construction</li> <li>• Announced public meetings to discuss accommodation pressures involving schools in our area (11 schools involved). Purpose was for community input and consultation for long term feasibility #. Specifically for gifted, French and autism programs. Three sessions will be held: Oct. 21 at AY Jackson SS; Oct. 22 at Highland JHS; Oct. 27 at Zion Heights JHS. All sessions begin at 7pm. Announced on Oct 26<sup>th</sup> at Bayview Middle school there will be a Ward forum. The topic is Effective School Councils. All are welcome to attend.</li> <li>• Mr. Brown mentioned he has access to a destreaming report in Grade 9. If the council is interested he agreed to share via the school council.</li> <li>• Reviewed the request to have mandarin courses in the TDSB. Agreed it is a good idea however it would require legislative change.</li> <li>• Mr. Brown announced the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) 9<sup>th</sup> annual conference will be held on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-3:45pm</li> <li>• Mr. Brown also mentioned on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> the Rotman School of Business is hosting a conference by People for Education. There is a \$60 fee.</li> </ul>

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**Tips for Success**

**Jeanne Chew, ACL of Science**

- Ms Chew reviewed a check list to help students rate their behavior and identify areas for improvement.
- She mentioned a few websites that are helpful such as google classroom, D2L and remind 101.
- She suggested kids ask for feedback on their work or performance. She strongly recommended students when doing homework they do it for understanding.
- Recommended students utilize resources they have in their text book. For example the text books will generally have the answers in the back. She suggested students do the unassigned questions in addition to assigned work as not all questions will be assigned as homework.
- Recommended extra workbooks-for example chemistry in Gr11/12. There is an extra cost associated with the books.
- Recommended to do supplementary problems.
- Recommend to ask the teacher for help if needed.
- Recommend to utilize resources like Youtube, Bozeman science, Khan academy, etc
- Participate in science fairs or clubs whenever possible.

**Mark Webster, CL of English:**

- Best students use their agenda. Reviewed the EHSS student agenda and its features and recommended it be used as much as possible to stay organized and on task
- Students need to be assertive about their learning. Most assignments have a rubric. Recommend to under the criteria for success.
- Best students show up on time
- Best students arrive with the necessary tools
- Recommend to use the library
- Students need to read and write.

**Debra Mondrow ACL Literacy:**

- Expressed the importance of communication
- Check the Earl Haig.ca website.
- Check club boards
- Expressed that students must present notes after an absence. Strongly recommends that absences be communicated beforehand whenever possible. Email or phone the teacher if necessary.
- Recommends a class buddy to know what was missed and what to expect upon your return.
- Mentioned the OSSLT is Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016. Students must be present on this date so no medical appointments or planned trips.

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	<p><b>Andrea Lill, ACL Numeracy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Talked about the importance of having a positive attitude toward math</li> <li>- Walked through some suggestions on how to approach a math problem. Ask questions: Have you read the problem? Do you know what's being asked?</li> <li>- Ask yourself What should the answer look like? Is the answer reasonable?</li> <li>- Mentioned the EQAO exam is June 10<sup>th</sup> and counts for 10% of your final mark. All Gr 9 students will take the test.</li> </ul> <p><b>Phillip Im, CL of Math:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reviewed the importance of being able to problem solve and not just carry out the mechanics of math</li> <li>- Recommend when helping your child with math to help them think through the problem rather than help with the answer. This will help them persist through a problem rather than give up because its different from the last..</li> <li>- Emphasized the importance of a student self managing and persisting through a problem</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>Closing Comments:- Paul and Phi</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Phi shared her tip for success: The most important job of parents is to provide a safe and harmonious home environment for their child(ren). A safe and respectful home will allow students to execute on what is taught by our excellent teachers.</li> <li>2. Paul shared his tip for success. The importance of communication and taking the time to listen to your child. In our busy lives we sometimes do not always take the time to listen to what is happening in their lives and therefore are not always aware of what they may be struggling with.</li> <li>3. Next meeting is Nov 10<sup>th</sup> the College and University Night.</li> </ol> <p>Paul thanked all speakers and teachers for their contribution. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm</p>

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