

Earl Haig S.S. Parent School Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Date and Time:	January 12, 2016- 7:30pm to 9:00pm
Location:	EHSS, Cafeteria

#	Topics and Notes
1	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Paul Hollingham and Phi Than welcomed everyone. They announced the agenda as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome and Introduction 2. SAC Update-Dexter Storey SAC president 3. Principal's Update-Renata Gonsalves 4. Core Subjects and Guidance Presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance-Christine Zaghikian, Curriculum Leader • English- Mark Webster, Curriculum Leader • Science-Leslie Fradkin, Assistance Curriculum Leader Biology • Co-op- Danny Hadida, ACL-Cooperative Education and Careers • Mathematics- Philip Im, Curriculum Leader
2	<p>Student's Update- Dexter Storey/Malika Khajeh</p> <p>Activity update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 AXE play • Staff vs. Students hockey game. \$500 raised for athletics council • ESL Competition- 2 students were chosen to compete at the board level • Lit Switch- Eco council activity to exchange used books • School show- Stage door • Semi formal – Feb 21st and the theme is Under the Stars • One Match imitative Collaboration with Canadian blood services to allow students to volunteer to provide a swab sample and donate stem cells if asked. Explained this was a partnership with many public schools and is only open to Gr 12 students. • Update on Earl Haig website on Student life to keep students informed and improve school spirit.
3	<p>Principals Update- Renata Gonsalves</p> <p>Renata welcomed the parents and guardians. She thanked everyone for coming out and participating in their child's school activity.</p> <p>Renata introduced the new VP, Stewart Burns. Mr. Burns addressed the parent body with a brief introduction of his past experience at Northern Secondary School and Dr. Norman Bethune.</p> <p>Renata reviewed some of the main points of course selection with all parents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explained the link to staff and resources and the importance's of ensuring what's submitted on the website is accurate. • Explained Guidance Councilors will visit the classroom but also recommended an appointment with the guidance councilor if additional questions need answering. • Reviewed the http://www.myblueprint.ca/ website and explained it will open on Jan 25th

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	<p>till Feb 8th.</p> <p>One Match</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reviewed the One Match initiative. This is the 1st time Earl Haig has participated in this activity. The event will take place on Jan 22nd and your son or daughter must be 17 years of age to participate. Renata explained additional information is available on the commitment if anyone decides to proceed. Explained the swab itself is easy however the donation process is involved.
3	<p>Course Selection</p> <p>Phi introduced the staff as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Guidance-Christine Zaghikian, Curriculum LeaderEnglish- Mark Webster, Curriculum LeaderScience-Leslie Fradkin, Assistance Curriculum Leader BiologyCo-op- Danny Hadida, ACL-Cooperative Education and CareersMathematics- Philip Im, Curriculum Leader <p>Guidance-Christine Zaghikian, Curriculum Leader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reviewed the process of course selectionReviewed the importance of course selection for your child and the link to school resource planningReviewed the location of the websiteRecommended all parents/students to start selection ASAP to ensure they get the courses they want.Explained the website opens on Jan 25th and parents/students are able to play around with the available courses but after selections are submitted it cannot be changes.Feb 11th verification forms will be printed. Students are able to make corrections and return the forms by Feb 16thExplained parents must sign the forms.Reviewed the requirements for post secondary acceptance and how course selection will impact options.Suggested grade 9-11 be used as discovery time for students to try different courses and Gr 12 courses are most important for post secondary.Reviewed the base requirements for each grade:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gr 10: 8 courses, 5 compulsory and 3 electivesGr 11: 8 courses, 2 compulsory and 6 electivesGr 12: 8 courses 2 spares, 1 English compulsory and 7 electives.Recommended that students not attend summer school to try and get ahead as the methods are not always the best and students will struggle later on.Explained Claude Watson students cannot switch in Gr 12 or must leave the program unless they live in the area. <p>English- Mark Webster, Curriculum Leader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Reviewed the compulsory English courses from Gr 9-12. Explained via a flow chart how the selection works (hand out provided).Explained the enriched English program and its requirements. Students must have a

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	<p style="text-align: center;">recommendation from a teacher and parents consent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Explained Gr 12 students have the option to take colonial English <p>Science-Leslie Fradkin, Assistance Curriculum Leader Biology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewed the options for students to take academic/applied courses in the science pathways. ○ Explained the pathway in Gr 10 vs. Gr 9. ○ Brian Clark reviewed the Social Science pathways and the Gr 10 compulsory requirement. The pathway is complex and directed everyone to the online site for more information. <p>Co-op- Danny Hadida, ACL-Cooperative Education and Careers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewed the Co op program (Teaching, culinary arts, law, trades, etc) ○ Reviewed the ELOY year (Experimental learning Opt. Year). This is an additional year in school and gives students the opportunity to work in the real world at a job they may be interested in. ○ Showed actual examples of students from Earl Haig in the program. <p>Mathematics- Philip Im, Curriculum Leader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewed the 3 levels of math (Academic/Applied/Enriched). ○ Reviewed the requirements for the enriched program ○ Reviewed the university requirements and how it related to the different streams (handout provided).
5	<p>Closing Comments:- Paul</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Next Mtg. is Feb 2nd – 1st Tuesday in February 2. Agenda is Elective course selection and a Social Media workshop. <p>Paul thanked all speakers and teachers for their contribution. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm</p>

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