

Earl Haig S.S.
Parent School Council Meeting – April 12, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Date and Time:	April 12 th , 2016-7:30-9:00
Location:	EHSS, Cafeteria

#	Topics and Notes
1	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Phi Than & Paul Hollingham welcomed everyone and announced the agenda as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introduction • Student’s Update – Dexter Storey, President, Student Activity Council • Principal’s Update - Renata Gonsalves, Principal • School Trustee Update – Alexander Brown (Ward 12– Willowdale)-Cancelled unable to attend • DrEAM Initiative – Thenuja Kirupamoorthy – Nurse Candidate • Summer Opportunities Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ins and outs of summer school • How to get help looking for summer jobs • Local courses and courses abroad for credit • Other opportunities for career development, government programs. • Volunteering and courses for fun and knowledge <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CL of Guidance, Earl Haig S.S. - Christine Zaghikian • Lattitude Global Volunteering – Ronna Stulberg • Edutravel – Nancy Nightingale • AYJGlobal – Lianne Wun, Julie Zhou • Trinity Theatre's (summer leadership lab program) – Sandra Crockard • Parks and Recreation (City of Toronto) - Marlon Greene <p>Phi introduced the 3 settlement workers at the school and thanked them for their ongoing activity.</p>
2	<p>Student’s Update- Dexter Storey/Malika Khajeh</p> <p>Last Month recap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EHAC Buyout- end of year banquet • Fashion event-Outfits on display in the wave gallery. Theme was “Pretty in Pink” • OSSLT- Gr 10 • Gritaly- 15 students went to Greece and Italy • Dream Initiative (Tues/Thurs). Ryerson University students came to school to teach. It was a big success • World Vision event called Hungry free. A 30Hr famine with sleepover with a fast in the day and donation are made. <p>April/May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi cultural week-starts with a assembly with dancing and singing and a lunch. • SAC elections – must submit application by Thursday April 14 in the SAC office.

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3	<p>Principals Update- Renata Gonsalves</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New nutrition program called the breakfast club. Review there are a variety of choices. Currently it's funded by the ministry but the hope is for it to be fully self sustained next year. She is encouraging the kids to participate 2. Literary test will be written by all Gr 10 students. Results will be sent out in June prior to summer break. E-mail will be sent and asking that you provide your e-mail if you have not done so. 3. Parent Teacher interviews- Recommends if you are unable to make it out at this time it's not the only opportunity to speak with teachers. Encouraged parents to contact teachers directly. Reviewed that there is still 30% remaining in the school year and there's time for students to make a difference. She explained it's important for the Gr12 students to keep going as Universities have been known to withdrawal acceptance when final marks are submitted. 4. May 4th Half day of school. Gr 11/12 English Summative. Gr 9/10 do not have to come in the morning but there are afternoon classes. 5. April 15th, 2016- PA Day. 6. Summer Opportunities Fair on April 27th. 3 Areas of focus: Volunteering, Employment and Travel.
3	<p>Ward Update Alexander Brown was unable to attend due to a conflict.</p> <p>Phi Updated the following events on behalf of the Ward:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PIAC event: Parents as Partners. Full day event April 16th 8-4:30 at the Direct Energy Center. Need to register and more information on the TDSB website. Child care available. 2. Ward Mtg- Special Education. Thursday April 28th 7-9PM at Drewy Secondary School. Open to all parents. For more information you can contact alex.brown.on.ca
4	<p>DREAM Initiative</p> <p>Ryerson Nursing students explained their DREAM initiative (Drop Everything and Move). It was a school wide activity on March 10th. Purpose was to get kids moving and for them to realize it does not take much. They did high intensity exercises for 15 minutes. Phys Ed choose the exercise and 2100 students all did it at the same time. They requested parents to push their kids to continue the activity. This will be an annual event and information on the TDSB website.</p>
5	<p>Summer Opportunities Program</p> <p>The following speakers reviewed their programs for summer opportunities. Hand outs and displays were available for more information:</p> <p>CL of Guidance, Earl Haig S.S. - Christine Zaghikian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer school is available. All information on the school website and parent council website. • May 2nd Till June 29th is registration however she cautioned that June 29th is the last day staff is in the building and guidance must approve so do not leave till the last minute. • 1st session July 5th – July 29th

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed details of attendance requirement and requirements to attend-see website for more information. • E-Learning registration begins March 29th • Offered in July and August • There is no class time. She does not recommend both in class and e-learning for students. • E-learning courses must have a face to face final exam. Do not sign up if planning to travel and cannot make the final. • Summer school not recommended for Gr 9/10. Volunteering is a better option. • Gr 11/12 maybe OK to do. <p>Latitude Global Volunteering – Ronna Stulberg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed highlights of their program • Recommended it for kids wanting to take a gap year. • Discussed benefits of the program • See website for more information <p>Edutrans – Nancy Nightingale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program has many partners. • It's a TDSB credit course and its an exciting experience • It has an education focus. • Civics and Careers Spirits of America, Dreamin' California, French Connection and Canadian History- A few areas their program covers. <p>AYJGlobal – Lianne Wun, Julie Zhou</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed highlights of their program • Recommended for students who may have contacts in other countries or can speak another language • See website for more information <p>Trinity Theatre's (summer leadership lab program) – Sandra Crockard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program is set in Toronto • It's an Arts based program • Students get to create and for example can make their own TED talk • See website for more information <p>Parks and Recreation (City of Toronto) - Marlon Greene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed highlights of the program. • Helps to teach kids life skills and leadership • See website for more information
6	<p>Closing Comments:- Phi/Paul</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next Mtg. May 10th, 2016 – Exam Prep - thanked all speakers and teachers for their contribution. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

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