

# EARL HAIG SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES -DRAFT

Wednesday June 20, 2018

## ATTENDEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE			MEMBERS AT LARGE	
Name	Role	In Attendance	Name	In Attendance
Barb Bower	Co-Chair	Y	Jen Barnes	Y
Andrea Szego	Co-Chair	Y	Paul Cairns	Y
Hilary Gray	Past Chair	Y	Stephanie Chan	N
Nicole Lambe	Co-Treasurer	Y	Nupur Deonarine	Y
Stephanie Little	Co-Treasurer	Y	Carmina Scott	Y
Jo Anne Gould	Secretary	Y	Rayna Shienfield	Y
Michelle Loney	e-Communications Lead	Y	Lori Zuppinger	N
Tamara Bassilios	e-Communications	Y		
Andrew Simpson	e-Communications	Y		
Karen Simpson	e-Communications	Y		
Stephanie Cerutti	Ward 16 Council Co-Representative	N		
Sarah Farrell	Ward 16 Council Co-Representative	N		
Allison Howell Quinton	Ward 16 Council Co-Representative	N		
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	Principal Andrew McLachlan VP Richard Ng			
OTHER ATTENDEES	Michelle Aarts, Keith Gould, Tracey Pirso, Jenn Haines			

## AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Opening Remarks:** Andrea Szego
- 2. Call to Order:** Andrea Szego
- 3. Acceptance of the Agenda**
- 4. Acceptance of the minutes from the April 2018 meeting**
- 5. Guest Speaker Michelle Aarts, Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (also running for School Trustee this year)**
  - 12 advisory committees at TDSB
  - PIAC all parent-driven, all representatives are parents
  - 2 reps/ward, ideally 44 members
  - PIAC advocates for parent involvement in education system
    - advocates to board on behalf of parents and families
    - for more communication and access to resources
    - PIAC has worked on website to make TDSB info easier to find (TDSB website has been hard to navigate)
    - advocated for and had approved that TDSB add "parent tab" to their website to make it easier to navigate
  - this ward is missing parents; trying to drum it up
  - launching "welcome back" pack for councils in the fall
  - PIAC gets most of its work done in working groups (mostly done via teleconference)
  - 3rd Tuesday of every month at board office for main meetings - open to all
  - looking to use webcast features board is currently installing
  - usually hold parents' conference in fall, School Council appreciation dinner in February
  - involved in TSDB's big parenting conference in April
  - Sheila Cary-Meagher holds the election for PIAC members from the ward
  - just issued new templates for bylaws and new toolkit for councils
  - Facebook page for this ward
  - Wards can join together their PRO grants... Ward 10 just did fantastic futures website. up to \$30K for ward-wide grant. Our ward has never had one

- PIAC funds fall conference from regional PRO grant
- Toronto Ward 16 Facebook group; calendar can be used by all councils
- would like to see more networking within the ward on a parent-level (principals already networking)
- time requirement is must make monthly meetings, and join 1 working group

## COUNCIL ITEMS

### 6. Upcoming Events

- Grade 8 Grad Tues. June 26, 1-3pm
  - there is a surplus of volunteers!!!
- Wed. June 27 - coffee and baked goods for teachers, 8-11am
  - try to cover dietary restrictions

### 7. September Election

- Subcommittee formed for next election
  - would like to be more formal next year
- forms should be in welcome package sent out in September
- ask nominees to email intent as well as return form
- 2 weeks of notice required; will post now, elections will happen end of first meeting
- Maybe more educational materials required about roles
- We should elect to general council, then roles are decided amongst council; not directly elected
- Soft date of Wed., Sept. 26 for first meeting
- nomination forms, role descriptions will go out first week with kids - Andrea will not run again

### 8. September Fundraisers

- apples? toilet paper?
- maybe sponsor x-country kids as fundraiser?
- EH t-shirts/hoodies? get colour approval from Mr. Taylor
- selling food before curriculum night - pre-register for pizza electronically?
- Mabel's/Oliver's Labels?
- Andrea will organize a pre-curriculum night meal, but nothing else (will advise if help wanted)
- coordinator for pumpkin patch required
- welcome back coffee
- vast majority at meeting indicated they would by tshirts
- hat production lead time was 4-6 weeks
- start collecting clothing orders on curriculum night - let people know ahead of time so they can be prepared to buy
- people respond better when they know exactly how the funds will be spent
- Stephanie will investigate shirts

### 9. Post-Mortem on the Year

- fewer events, but bigger -- ie Pumpkin Patch, cupcakes, festival, Hullabaloo
- Which was better? More small events or less bigger ones?
- smaller events require smaller committees; more smaller events may attract more new volunteers
- 3 movie nights were done 2 years ago - do movie nights during standard time so it's dark at night
- our events should build community
- Could we assign events to grade groups? So to target more parents
- we need to find a way to attract more volunteers and especially engage parents of older students
- 20% of the volunteers do 80% of the work
- cautioning towards divisive groupings (by grades)
- tie event to funds for their group; so junior movie night funds would support grade 8 grad
- parent fatigue by the time kids are in older grades
- think about it over the summer
- Many parents are in 2-working parents families, etc.. Physically can not volunteer

## 10. Playground

- meeting again Friday
- the possibility of an addition has stalled plans
- Mr. McLachlan is leaving, what is he leaving behind for new admin?
- if we're not going to do the work due to uncertainties, we shouldn't launch a big fundraiser
- we should still be able to do the work along Curry Ave.; can't imagine any addition would affect that
- maybe we split the process into smaller bites so we can work around the uncertainties
- Mr. McLachlan isn't told about planning decisions; planning department works with census data, etc.. He doesn't believe there will be more than 4 portables.
- field refurbishment is on agenda
- playground organization committee is open to new members

## 11. Health and Wellness

- the anxiety workshop held over 2 days and one evening was well received. Evening program biggest success. Daytime student programs were bigger success with older kids than k-level kids
- PRO grant for next year on building resilience. Arts Express contacted again; same kids/adult programming

## 12. Treasurer's Report - Stephanie Little

- busiest report of the year
- congrats to Hillary for biggest fair yet; most volunteers ever for fair
  - less donations came in; could have made more if there was more to buy
- made \$800 +\$150 from rentals
- \$1,210 from Marlies tickets; earmarked for music department

## 13. Communications - Karen Simpson

- send stuff whenever you have it; we're not on/aware of all the committees

## 14. Principal/Teacher Remarks

### Mr. McLachlan

- final report! Thanks everyone! Heartening to see core group come out regularly
- Jump Rope for Heart raised \$12,000! Goal was 3K or 8K, can't remember. 1K came back to school; will probably go to playground
- Kindergarten open house was held; bags were distributed, costs school money
- volunteer tea; more student volunteer servers than volunteer recipients
  - bad timing, late invites, if morning event, volunteers could go to work late, maybe a recognition instead of a tea
- platinum eco audit happened; haven't received accreditation yet
- students are showing a greater amount of care for school; reporting issues
- 2 classrooms will be painted over summer
- big hole in boys washroom to move new boiler piece in that wouldn't fit through doors
- will move to gas-fired boilers rather than steam plant; steam plant requires specialist caretaker
- got portable drawings; will make pinwheel arrangement -- they will step on baseball diamond
- one LTO and permanent teacher left to hire
- Tuesday grad, Wednesday reports, Thursday last day of school
- teacher assignments will be announced with reports
- Pride Flag up since June 1; board-wide, distributed to all schools, mini pride display in garden
- Rainbow Club arranging an assembly, but likely will happen next year
- Track and Field was great; in process of purchasing boring stuff and ipads and computers and furniture for growing/changing student population
- 26 grade 8 grads; Danforth Bowl opening just for them
- farewell gift presented to Andy

## Meeting adjourned

*Minutes prepared by Jo Anne Gould*