

EARL HAIG SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES -DRAFT

September 18, 2019

ATTENDEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE			MEMBERS AT LARGE	
Name	Role	In Attendance	Name	In Attendance
Barb Bower	Co-Chair	Y	Jen Barnes	Y
Shannon Butcher	Co-Chair	Y	Nupur Deonarine	Y
Andrea Szego	Past Chair	Y	Pilar Hernandez	
Nicole Lambe	Co-Treasurer	Y	Sally Jacquart	
Stephanie Little	Co-Treasurer		Khanh Le	
Jo Anne Gould	Secretary	Y	Dmitri Melamed	
Michelle Loney	e-Communications	Y	Emma Rohmann	
Karen Simpson	e-Communications	Y	Christopher Vincente	
Melinda McCaffrey	e-Communications			
Susanne Chung-Yee	Ward 16 Council Co-Representative			
Sarah Farrell	Ward 16 Council Co-Representative	Y		
Andrew Simpson	Ward 16 Council Co-Representative			
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	Principal Jonathan Root VP Richard Ng Robert Taylor			

OTHER ATTENDEES Gillian Parekh, Chris Hirst, Tuyan Tran, Cleo Buster, Anita Tsang, Tanya Mustachi, Hin Tang, Lori Zuppinger, Rosalyn Wise, Melinda Fraser, Taessa Chorny, Natalya Colucci, Jade Shulist, Diana Sousa, Polly VandenBerg

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Introductions - Shannon Butcher

- Everyone at meeting invited to introduce themselves

2. Council Elections

- Rundown of positions given; Chair/Co-Chairs, Past Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications, Ward Rep, Member at Large
- Suggestions of new posts to have this year; Nutrition Rep, Advocacy Lead, Grade Reps, Fundraising Lead, CTO, Volunteer Coordinator
 - Suggestion that perhaps Division Reps (kindergarten, primary, junior, etc.,) may work better than specific grades
 - Efforting to re-engage older kids

3. 2019-20 Council (by acclamation)

Chair, Shannon Butcher; Past Chair, Barb Bower; Treasurer, Nicole Lamb; Secretary, Cleo Buster; Nutrition Coordinator, Pilar Hernandez; Advocacy Lead, Nupur Deonarine; Ward Council Reps, Rosalyn Wise and Sarah Buskie; Communications, Michelle Loney and Karen Simpson; Fundraising, Polly VandenBurg; Grade Reps, Hilary Gray, Lori Zuppinger, Jade Shulist, Diana Sousa, Sherry Lin; Tech Support, Jo Anne Gould; Members-at-Large, Tanya Mustachi, Jen Barnes, Anita Tsang, Tuyen Tran

4. Treasurer's Report - Nicole Lamb

- Reminder we rent popcorn machine, tables, tents to supplement our fundraising
- Upcoming Fundraising Events
 - Pumpkin Patch and Bake Sale
 - Curriculum Night and Pizza Fundraiser
- We have a Square credit card device we used at the Festival
- Play EH raised \$81K leaving a \$3,100 surplus
 - Play EH committee will meet next Friday to discuss next steps
- Money has been transferred to construction fund; no update on start date
- More information at next meeting; construction could start as early as spring 2020 or as late as Fall 2020.

5. Parent Survey

- Should we do another? Use last results to drill deeper and get more specific interests
- A more fulsome community survey/census was suggested to get an idea of the communication profiles of our community; languages, access to technology, etc..

6. Fundraising

- P Lay EH gave clarity to donors; better than “school-wide enrichment”
- Other ideas]
 - Playground nature enhancements
 - Grants for trees will be planted October
 - Didn’t get pollinator garden grant from city; will apply again and to David Suzuki program
 - Garden maintenance is hard.... most work needs to be done in summer when staff/students are off
 - Another school’s council paid for part-time gardener for the summer
 - Materials for indoor beautification too.. And artists
- Could we benefit from a grant consultant?
 - TDSB does offer grant seminar and they have someone on staff to help councils
- Volunteers for Pizza night; arrive between 4:45pm and 5:15
- Polly will help with Pizza lunch
- Friday or Monday for event?
 - 13 people available to help on Friday, 10 for Monday
 - Monday could equal more baking donations
 - Nicole can coordinate if Friday; so it’s decided to be Friday

7. Principal’s Report - Mr. Ng

- Great start to year; smooth and great transition thanks to teachers and custodians
- SCAS committee’s new code of conduct was distributed
 - Eagle poster planned
- Drill, allergy, emergency protocols have already been done
- Gratitude circles on Fridays
- Hot lunch started day one
- Boomerang lunch program in place
- Lunch room running smoothly as well.
 - 7 & 8s are helping and there is a new lunchroom supervisor now 5 supervisors instead of 4
- First fundraiser was a student-led fundraiser for Hurricane Dorian victims
- “Fun Fridays” will be fundraising opportunities; wear silly hair, costumes, etc. and bring a toonie for the cause
- Welcome back assemblies were held every day first week
- We have new staff
 - Lydia Bracht, Gr 2; Doug Cepin, Kindergarten; Biljana Vuicjic, 5/6; Brittany Wilson, 1/2; Reem Attia back for 3/4 F.I.
- Facility Improvements
 - Lower railings added for a new student with dwarfism; helps all little kids be safer
 - Front entrance being worked on
 - Will have concrete again, and yellow stripes
 - TV moved; glass case will be used as a rotating classroom showcase
 - Awards have been moved to office; historical pictures will be hung
- Teachers asking for new tech
 - Google survey done by admin
 - New computers
- No pool this year; decision made by Earl Beatty principal and out of our hands
- Sept. 22-27 is book fair week
- Sept. 25 photo day and Curriculum Night 6:30-7:30pm
- Sept. 26 Terry Fox Run
- Sept. 30 Orange Shirt Day

8. Teachers' Report - Rob Taylor

- X-country 186 kids; massive turn out
 - Need parent-support for beach runs
- Girls' Bordenball: 5/6 team, Ms. Bracht has 2 7/8 teams and a competitive team with Mr. Taylor
- We have soccer and boys' volleyball
- Ms. M. running house league
- Sportswear Drive Upcoming
- Ski Trip for Feb/March for grades 5-8
 - Kids' ski skills have improved greatly since EH has been participating
 - Ski Canada has \$35 national pass for 4/5 kids
- Ms. Wheeler and Ms. Gagnon hold Position of Responsibility
 - goal this year is to REALLY improve reading skills
 - Investing in DRA reading program for juniors and intermediates
 - Looking to identify kids who need the most help and give them the most help
 - F.I. not covered with DRA
 - Ms. Callergi is trained in Reading Recovery, but we don't have funding as such
- Demo classroom for teachers with lunchtime best practices sessions

9. Principal Root

- wants to hear from you with any concerns about your child
- prefers phone calls; email too easily lost in the crush

Meeting adjourned

Minutes prepared by Jo Anne Gould

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