

# EARL HAIG SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

October 22, 2019

## ATTENDEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE			MEMBERS AT LARGE	
Name	Role	In Attendance	Name	In Attendance
Shannon Butcher	Chair	Y	Jen Barnes	Y
Barb Bower	Past Chair	Y	Sally Jacquart	Y
Nicole Lambe	Co-Treasurer		Tanya Mustachi	Y
Stephanie Little	Co-Treasurer	Y	Anita Tsang	Y
Cleo Buster	Secretary	Y		
Michelle Loney	e-Communications	Y		
Karen Simpson	e-Communications	Y		
Polly VandenBerg	Fundraising Coordinator	Y		
Rosalyn Wise	Ward 16 Council Co-Representative			
Sarah Buski	Ward 16 Council Co-Representative	Y		
Nupur Deonarine	Advocacy Lead	N		
Pilar Hernandez	Nutrition Coordinator	Y		
Jo Anne Gould	Technology Officer	N		
SCHOOL	Principal Jonathan Root	Y		
ADMINISTRATION	VP Richard Ng	Y		
	Robert Taylor			

**OTHER ATTENDEES** Lori Zuppinger, Diana Sousa, Erica Lord, Rebecca Lam

## AGENDA ITEMS

### 1. New Business

- .1 Making school info. more bilingual
  - .1 Adding more French on the blog / event posters
  - .2 There are a bunch of people that can translate
  - .3 Mr. Root noted that maybe posters could be translated as part of a school activity
  - .4 Cheryl is happy to help facilitate but cannot do the translation
  - .5 Positive response by all
- .2 School Photo Company
  - .1 Shannon noted that multiple parents had expressed they were not happy with the school photos this year. Many of the parents at the meeting agreed with this statement.
  - .2 Mr. Root is happy to try another company
  - .3 Several parents noted that the Earl Haig Day Care always has really nice photos and to see what company they use.
  - .4 School Photo Retakes will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- .3 Lost and Found
  - .1 Some parents have expressed concerns that things that are labeled are being donated
  - .2 Mr. Root noted that at the beginning of every month, the items in the lost and found will be put on the floor in the school hallway for people to claim. Whatever is not claimed after a certain time, will be donated to charity
  - .3 If parents would like to come in and sort/organize the lost and found, they are more than welcome to do so
  - .4 Someone asked if a lost and found reminder can come out on a digital media post
- .4 K-12 Tech Grants
  - .1 Tanya looked quickly into what grants are available
  - .2 Need to know exactly what we want to fund
  - .3 Example: Best Buy has a grant – Due in Spring – Last year there were 300 applications and only 12 schools received grants, so very competitive

## 2. Upcoming Events

- .1 Pumpkin Patch
  - .1 Friday – help needed manning the table
  - .2 Do we have coffee supplies? Hilary will make the coffee.
  - .3 Bake Sale is cash only
- .2 Pizza Lunch
  - .1 First lunch was in October – The MunchaLunch online system was used for the first time. All seemed to go well. (\$700)
  - .2 A larger number of orders have been made for the next pizza lunch dates in November and December.
  - .3 Ordering closes 2 days before the pizza lunch
  - .4 Volunteers needed for Fridays – The organizers would like to reach out earlier to students for their help.
- .3 Caregiver Information Night (Series)- Possible Subjects
  - .1 *Raising Sexually Healthy Children*
    - .1 Public Health Nurse -We have a nurse Jennifer Katz, a parent at Earl Haig, who is interested in presenting this talk. Andrea to coordinate with Mr. Root regarding a date. All in agreement to do it soon/ select a date in November.
  - .2 Mental Health
  - .3 Anti Bullying
  - .4 Parenting Challenges
  - .5 Transition to High School
  - .6 General Comments:
    - .1 Look at combining with Earl Beatty for one of the talks
    - .2 Previously given talks: Teaching Math, Resilience, Facebook...
    - .3 Childcare is provided for these events
- .4 Online Safety/Security - Paul Davis – \$1,200 in school portion and parent portion
- .5 Movie Night - Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> of December
  - .1 The license we had expired last year. We used to share it with the school, cost of it not known? Did the school pay for it? School is supposed to have a license to show movies during the day (\$600?) Can't charge for the kids to come so we have sold pizza, popcorn, raffle
  - .2 Can we use MunchaLunch platform to pre-order the pizza/popcorn?
  - .3 Sally is organizing the raffle: (It is Sally's Birthday on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>)
  - .4 Movie Night Date is in School Calendar for Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> of December

## 3. Financial Report

- .1 Money for Pizza lunch
- .2 Money for Pumpkin Patch
- .3 Have the teachers asked for money for "Scientists in the School"?
- .4 Free Organization called SCI-High – UofT trained students that do the presentations
  - .1 Experiment with grade 7/8's because they have used the other group for multiple years
  - .2 Shannon to send link/info. to Ms. Wheeler – and she will share it with the other teaching staff to get feedback.
- .5 Criteria – does everyone benefit from the activities that we fund as a council.
- .6 Currently we give teachers \$100/class so that they can choose what they want to spend it on each year
- .7 PlayEH
  - .1 Money given over to construction. No news as of when construction will start, hoping for Spring 2020
  - .2 Shannon would like to have real information to give before sharing it with the greater parent community
  - .3 PlayEH committee has left over money and is wondering if it can also go to PlayEH project
- .8 New Picnic Tables
  - .1 Shannon asked about purchasing another picnic table for the playground: \$1500+tax for a picnic table, the idea would be to buy one more.
  - .2 Hilary did the ordering for previous picnic tables and can look up where she ordered them from and how much they were.
  - .3 Company was Henderson Play Group Ordered in 2016 for \$722.07/each and then parents could put them together.
- .9 Recess Activity Kits
  - .1 Shannon asked if the council would be interested in funding for new kits of balls and skipping ropes (\$200 per kit) Junior and Intermediate.

- .2 Grade 6 students are chosen to bring them out and bring them back in
- .3 Shannon motioned for vote to fund the playground kits. Council voted unanimously to fund the activity kits. The sooner the better.
- .4 Class Balls - \$30/ball x 26 class rooms. \$1,500 Max

**.10 PALS**

- .1 PALS is a program where older kids are trained to be “instructors” for the younger kids. The PALS instructors are allowed to take out activity items at recess to teach/play with the younger kids. The instructors are responsible for returning the items back to their storage spots.
- .2 A teacher has to take on the responsibility to teach/train the older kids that want to be “instructors”.
- .3 Cost for the PALS program not known. Mr. Root/Richard will look into and come back with costs and more info.

**4. Technology**

- .1 What is our fundraising goal?
- .2 Could be multiple, smaller goals, can purchase items as we raise money. Don’t have to wait to reach a huge goal.
- .3 Donors need to know where their money is going
- .4 Poster could show how much needed to purchase each item
  - .1 SMART boards - example of tech that might be helpful
- .5 Parents/Caregivers need to know where we are missing tech and how tech. devices are used in the classroom
- .6 Is there a model school in Toronto that we can use as a precedent?

**5. Fundraising**

- .1 Polly gave report on current fundraising events:
  - .1 Principal for the day – raffle
  - .2 Pizza Lunch
  - .3 Freezie Fridays in spring –starting in May
  - .4 Dance-a-thon – will send forms home before the Christmas break
  - .5 Bottle Drive - might not be able to do this again, Shannon to confirm
  - .6 Bake sales – Pumpkin Patch is one example
- .2 Possible new events:
  - .1 Monthly Popcorn –could be done at Recess?
  - .2 SpiritWare –
  - .3 Tech Focus – We should try to know what we need/want before Christmas.

**6. Advocacy Report** – Nupur was out sick

**7. Communication Report** – Karen gave report:

- .1 Starting to get out the Survey Reports

**8. Tech Stuff** – JoAnne away

**9. Other**

- .1 Storage Room needs to be organized and cleaned. Need several volunteers to do this.
- .2 Classroom Reps
  - .1 60% of classes have rep. who can then speak to the grade reps.
  - .2 Several parents noted that they were unclear what the class reps are supposed to be doing exactly

**10. PRINCIPAL AND TEACHER REMARKS**

**.1 Main Entryway to School**

- .1 Mr. Root noted they are refinishing the East wall at the main entrance stairs, where the “wall of fame” used to be. The idea is to use this new wall space for something inviting: art, rotating displays, the PlayEH fundraising poster? Maybe the School Council can help decide what should go here.
  - .1 There is an opportunity to include other languages that are prominent in the school population here

**.2 Job Action**

- .1 Should not affect the fundraising events by council
- .2 Mr. Root will communicate what he knows, when he knows it

.3 French Immersion - Mr. Root just found out Sunday night that he can hire the new French Immersion teacher through the end of June – this was recently in the news

### **.3 Facility and Building Improvements**

- .1 New stairs will be completely demolished and replaced in June 2020
- .2 Parent asked if stairwell banister in Senior section had been fixed. Mr. Root confirmed it had.
- .3 Parent noted that - Upstairs locks are all broken in the girls washrooms
- .4 New lower railings installed throughout the school recently
- .5 Gender fluid washrooms - (not clear if these already exist or they are going to exist?)
- .6 French Immersion currently goes up to grade 4 and will be adding grade 5 for 2020-2021

### **.4 Potential things for School Council to Fund:**

- .1 Tech – Mr. Root and Richard will provide specific lists for each classroom
- .2 Paint supplies – opportunities to beautify the school. Possible locations:
  - .1 Risers of the Front Stairs
  - .2 Columns in GF hallway
  - .3 Playground Art
- .3 Projectors, speakers, tablets, other technology

### **.4 Miscellaneous**

- .1 Mr. Root noted the school budget was cut by \$8/student
- .2 Kindergarten Concert 6:30pm Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>
- .3 Grade 1-4 Concert is at Monarch Park this year
- .4 May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> – Spring Concert at Monarch Park
- .5 Mr. Root will take pumpkins to both of the principals that said o.k. to run bake sales at their events
- .6 Mr. Root noted a student would like to use the popcorn machine for their own class fundraising for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade school trip, Council agreed this was fine.
- .7 Grade 8 trip in the works, TBD

### **.5 Student Academic Testing Report – Richard presented the results**

- .1 Are the overall results available for parents to review somewhere?

### **.6 School Improvement Plan - Ms. Wheeler spoke about this**

- .1 There are 3 representatives:
  - .1 Mathematics and Language
  - .2 Wellbeing – self regulation, Stuart Chamber
  - .3 (???) Missed third subject area)

## **Hilary and Lori adjourn**

*Minutes prepared by Cleo Buster*

**Upcoming Meetings:** Wednesday, November 20th, 2019 (Final meeting in 2019)

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