

EARL HAIG SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

November 18, 2020 - Meeting held via Zoom Videoconference

ATTENDEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Name	Role	In Attendance
Illy Vandenberg	Chair	Y
Shannon Butcher	1st Chair	Y
Nicole Lambe	1st-Treasurer & Fundraising Committee	Y
Stephanie Little	2nd-Treasurer	Y
Bob Buster	2nd-Secretary	Y
John Wilkinson	3rd-Secretary	Y
Michelle Loney	Communications Committee	Y
Sharen Simpson	Communications Committee	Y
Debra Raven	Communications Committee	Y
Madela Hamilton	Communications Committee	Y
Rosalyn Wise	Ward 16 Council Co Representative	Y
Nupur Deonarine	Ward 16 Council Co-Representative	Y
David ?	Technology Officer	
Nupur Deonarine	1st-Advocacy Lead	Y
Debra Rawlins	2nd-Advocacy Lead	Y
Mark Hernandez	1st-Admission Coordinator	Y
Michelle Sibonney	2nd-Admission Coordinator	Y
Josh Grossman	1st-Fundraising Committee	Y
GRADE REPS		
Michael Duffy	Kindergarten Rep	
Kirsten Currie	Primary Rep	Y
Jennifer Haynes	Junior Rep	
Lorraine Godwin	Intermediate Rep	
Sherry Lin	Senior Rep	Y
Jennifer Barnes	1st-School Rep	Y
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	Principal Allan Liz Landry	Y

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Name	In Attendance
Wanda Cormier	Y
Tanya Mustachi	Y
SCHOOL COMMUNITY	
Michael Duffy	Y
Nikki Logan	Y
Claire Zaya	Y
Susan Ly	Y
Lydia Bracht	Y
Matthew Tulk	Y
Sarah Gallagher	Y
Emma Fox	Y
John Katz	Y
Alita Tsang	Y
Anton Vaughan	Y
Colleen Kozicki	Y
Debra Cohen	Y
Michelle Haynes	Y
Mantha Ambrozy	Y
Bob Taylor	Y
Alena Gowans	Y
John Schneider	Y
Shirianne Adykenmir	Y
Lucy Lee	Y
John Schneider	Y
Keith Gould	Y

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcoming Remarks and Introductions

2. Staff Updates – Lydia/Rob

.1 Idea to reallocate some of the TechEH money left over to COVID-related needs. Virtual vote was not working so we will come back to this vote at the next meeting. IS there an amount we want to re-direct?

.2 Anti-Racism Training/Support:

- Finding staff in each division to learn from the coaches
- Coaches providing resources, book clubs
- Nupur & Dara are connected and having one conversation with coaches and staff
- Awaiting TDSB approvals on parent survey

.2 Recess Kits:

- Kits are now available to all classes and are labelled
- Some items are still arriving due to back order
- Request for new items for Kindergarten – Hula hoops – Need budget approved
- There is some items available to refill for the junior grades.
- May need to revisit for more budget once wear and tear of the winters has taken its toll

.3 Spirit Wear

- Exploring an online sale of spirit wear for the student “Rock the jersey”
- New logo designs and colours. Rob to share with Polly.
- Timing – New Year
- Currently no fundraising component is included. Nicole/Stephanie – suggested added a component through the supplier.
 - o Option 1 – Round up the price – Need to determine if we want to do this based on the current climate with Covid
 - o Option 2 – Offer the purchase an option to round their total to donate to the school

3. Principal & Vice Principal Remarks – Principal Allan

- 15 years experience – Currently retired
- Day 8 at Earl Haig
- Progress Reports sent home today
- Interviews will be very important given the current environment and needs to be a continuous conversation
- P.A. Day Friday
- Enrollment – 545 Students
- Virtual Enrollment – 113 Students
- Class Sizes between 10 to 24
- School Statement of Needs due Dec 4 – Polly, Dara and Nupur currently working through the details
- Fundraising this year will not be the same as previous years due to COVID 19.
 - Do not want to put additional pressure on families
 - Do not believe this is a board directive but will confirm
- Water Fill stations – Need to follow up on the status and if we can fundraise for more stations
- Hepa Units – 16 units - Need to follow up on the status

4. Treasurer Report – Stephanie/Nicole

.1 \$13,717.27 – Balance remaining

- TechEH \$10,000 remaining
- Currently must spend \$13K in a 2-year period by June 2021
 - o Need to follow up with the board if there will be an extension based on covid.

- o Need to confirm if we can move to the capital account?
- Need to review 2021 budget and scrub out items that we will not be able to execute
 - o EX Scientist in the school. Can this be moved to online?

.2 Grade 8 & 5 Grads

- Budget normally \$20/student
- Need to budget Grade 8 and new Grade 5 French Grades
- 55 Total (39 Grade 8 & 15 Grade 5 & 10 virtual)
- Voted on \$1,500 spend – 19 in favour in the comments – Motion passed
- Hilary Gray organizing a sweatshirt for all grade on top of celebration
 - o Sherry Lin to connect with parent in the class to coordinate with new Grade 5 grads

5. **Fundraising** – Nicole/Josh & Polly

.1 Spirit Wear – Round up or Donate. Will work with Rob to coordinate

.2 Fund Script – Online gift card purchase.

- School receives a portion of the purchase from everyday purchases
- Work with the communication team to get out the message

.3 Online Dance Party

- Live streaming event
- Community event for the students with limited fundraising
- Free to join
- Potential add ons for purchase – Songs, Pizza supplier (linked to fund script?)
- Budget – Need to determine the amount we are willing to spend on an online event with limited fundraising
 - o Current quote was \$2,500
 - o Lots of conversation around where or not this is too high. Lots of comments that would prefer to see it around \$1,000 to \$1,500
 - o Team to get more quotes to determine the market
 - o Is there a way to reduce the budget?
 - o Need to review 2021 budget and scrub out items that we will not be able to execute – EX Scientist in the school
- Need to consider security from “Zoom Bombers” – Inga Breede has some potential students that could support
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6. **Outdoor Learning Update** – Susan/Tanya

.1 Clothing Drive

- Event went well
 - o A lot of support for bigger kids.
 - o Current items have been kept aside for a week and sorted with gloves. Will be dropped off at the school.
 - Space in the music room
- Will be running a second event
 - o Will offer to come pick up as well as drop off

7. **Parent Council Update** – Polly

.1 2020 Grade 8 Grad Fundraising

- Confirmed the amount was \$1,538.31
- Working with the students to determine on a charity (Lead Hope Emery)

.2 Sit-Upons

- Need volunteers to create more with Ms. Diaz
- Madelaine, Susan and Rosalyn
- Email Polly if you are able to help

.3 Pollinate TO Grant

- \$5K Grant for creating a pollinator habitat
- Deadline – Jan 8, 20221
- Does it require a lot of maintenance?
 - o In the past has been maintained by one class
- Will it add on to the current garden near Kindergarten or a new space?
- Allergen Concern?
- Over 500 applicants in previous submissions
- Team – Kristen, Cleo and Dara

8. **Virtual School Update** – Jennifer Barnes

.1 Facebook Page – 24 members

- Communication team to help promote

.2 Jan Return

- What will happen if kids return? What tools and processes will be in place to help them integrate back into the school with the new structure?
- Ms. Allan – will review with staff.
- Ideas
 - o Buddy Program
 - o Welcome meeting/group

.3 French Immersion

- Not all students online are getting a full French curriculum due to staffing issues
- What is the plan to help them get caught up with their peers?
- Ms. Allan to follow up.
 - o Comment that it is an on-going issue to staff virtual and French

9. **Advocacy Update** – Nupur /Dara

.1 Survey for parents/caregivers at EH to fill out

- Awaiting TDSB approval on the survey
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.2 Support for Community, Parents and Staff – Equity & Anti-Oppression

- Karen and Stephanie offered to join the next meeting
- Review how they can support our community, parents, and teachers
- Both the council and staff have reached out therefore we can all meet as one group
- Need to assign more time for this topic in the next meeting. Need 25 minutes
 - o Motion passed through comments to add 25 minutes to the next meeting for Karen and Stephanie

.3 Statement of Needs – Due Dec 6, 2020

- Goes to superintendent
- Dara and Nupur have started
- Working through a plan to get input from all parents – online survey for quick feedback
- What would we like to see in a principal? What does the school need?
 - o Communication
 - o French
 - o Traits
 - o Experience – K-8
- Try to engage with Victoria Park as they have been a lot of work into the plan. Could we leverage?
- Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC)
 - o <http://www.torontopiac.com/index.html>
 - o Open conference – online – if anyone is interested in attending

10. **FIRST Program – Keith Gould**

.1 FIRST program – STEM program for different age ranges

- Was run as an afterschool program in 2019/2020 school year

- Program is offering grants for this school year
- Proposing Kindergarten & Grade 1-3 Kits
- Pricing for all Kindergarten classes (\$550) and 1 Grade 1 and 3 class kit (\$1,680)
- Voted on \$2,230 for 2021/22 school year – Vote passed in the comments

11. Questions –

- .1 Class Photos Update
 - No Current updates
- .1 Holiday Concert – Virtual
 - Is this possible

Motion for meeting to adjourn.

12. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Jen Wilkinson

Next Meeting is Tuesday, December 15, 2020 - 7:00pm- 8:30pm

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