

# EARL HAIG SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

September 29, 2021 - Meeting held via Zoom Videoconference

## ATTENDEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Name	Role	In Attendance
<b>Polly Vandenberg</b>	Chair	Y
<b>Shannon Butcher</b>	Past Chair	Y
<b>Nicole Lambe</b>	Co-Treasurer & Fundraising Committee	Y
<b>Stephanie Little</b>	Co-Treasurer	Y
<b>Cleo Buster</b>	Co-Secretary	Y
<b>Jen Wilkinson</b>	Co-Secretary	Y
<b>Michelle Loney</b>	Communications Committee	
<b>Karen Simpson</b>	Communications Committee	Y
<b>Kate Raven</b>	Communications Committee	Y
<b>Madelaine Hamilton</b>	Communications Committee	Y
<b>Rosalyn Wise</b>	Ward 16 Council Representative	
<b>Nupur Deonarine</b>	Co-Advocacy Lead	Y
<b>Dara Rawlins</b>	Co-Advocacy Lead	Y
<b>Pilar Hernandez</b>	Nutrition Coordinator	Y
<b>Claire Sibonney</b>	Nutrition Coordinator	
<b>Josh Grossman</b>	Fundraising Committee	Y
<b>GRADE REPS</b>		
<b>Michael Duffy</b>	Kindergarten Rep	
<b>Kristen Currie</b>	Primary Rep	Y
<b>TBD</b>	Junior Rep	
<b>Lorraine Godwin</b>	Intermediate Rep	
<b>Sherry Lin</b>	French Rep	Y
<b>Jennifer Barnes</b>	Virtual Rep	Y
<b>SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION</b>	Principal Eleni Burke-Tsakmakas VP Jackilyn Wallace	Y

## MEMBERS AT LARGE

Name	In Attendance
Amanda Cormier	
Tanya Mustachi	Y
<b>SCHOOL COMMUNITY</b>	
Alice lilwall	Y
Alicia Neufeld & Alex Andrews	Y
Charlotte Chevallier	Y
Chris and Cristina Fowler	Y
Flynn Paquin	Y
Helen Schneider	Y
	Y
Janet Farrell	
Jen Haynes	Y
Jenn Bottoms	Y
Keith GOULD	Y
Kenton Vaughan	Y
Lauren Craig-Welk	Y
Leigh Lahti	Y
Liza Luu	Y
Lydia Bracht	Y
madelaine Hamilton	Y
Matt Tulk	Y
Nancy Lor	Y
Rae Madge	Y
Rob Taylor	Y
Robyn Citizen	Y
Susan Ly	Y
	Y
Tricia shaw	

## AGENDA ITEMS

### 1. Welcome Remarks, Introductions, and Land Acknowledgement

- .1 First meeting of the year
- .2 Introductions

### 2. Principle Update

- .1 Jackilyn Wallace – New VP
- .2 Welcome back - Stay safe
- .3 Construction Update
  - Front steps done
  - Heating conversion is still in progress but ETA on completion should be done by Oct 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Covid Doors & Accessible still in progress
  - Playroom is now open and passed the final inspection!
- .4 Re-organization
  - Exp. Date is Oct 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Don't have much information
  - Board will also be giving a library infusion funds - \$4K
- .5 Curriculum night
  - After the Oct 12<sup>th</sup> date to ensure parents will meet with the longer-term update
  - Will be virtual
- .6 Weekly Newsletter
  - Need to spread the word on the newsletter
  - Need to find ways to get parents/care givers to read
- .7 Cohorts and Zones
  - Maps are around the school
  - Will start the rotation
- .8 Devices
  - Permission forms sent out (Click Form)
  - Grade 5 and up
  - Teachers will determine how the devices are used throughout the classroom or at home
- .5 Position of Responsibility Updates
  - Lydia Bracht – Equity Chair
    - o Grade specific books have been shared
    - o Met with Parent Equity group and central team and working on revamping a shorten equity goal
      - In what ways might we centre the voices and experiences of students who identify as racialized, Black and Indigenous to enhance experiences of belonging and academic achievement at Earl Haig?
    - o Meeting with Freedom school
  - Rob Taylor – Wellbeing Chair
    - o New focus for the year
    - o Revamp code of conduct with student voices
    - o We had extra recess equipment from last year. Each group has a kit
    - o New playground space has been created
    - o Fitness Fridays
      - Terry Fox Walk
    - o Outdoor Pilot Program – starts Oct 4<sup>th</sup>
      - 2 classes have picked and will reviewed to spread to more classes
      - Leveraging the community spaces
    - o Sports – Currently no sports between schools – working in cohorts
      - Intermural for 7 & 8
  - Charlotte – Special Education Chair – Not Present for update

### 3. Treasurer Update (Nicole Lambe)

- .1 Balance - \$9,340.64
- .2 Spending/Balance Comments

- Biggest spends are around grade items and teacher support
- Credit from Scientists in the school
- \$48 to be released back from planned spend from grade last year

#### 4. Role on Council

- .1 Chair
- .2 Treasurer
- .3 Secretary
- .4 Communications
- .5 Fundraising
- .6 Nutrition Program
- .7 Ward Rep
- .8 Community Rep
- .9 Grade Reps
- .10 Advocacy Reps
- .11 Members at large
  - Have been made up of team or individuals. Please submit your interest or nominate someone through the following link - [Earl Haig Public School SAC Nomination Form \(google.com\)](#)

#### 5. 2021 – 2022 Goals

- .1 Passed goals – Playground, Tech, Equity, Freedom School
- .2 Goal ideas from the group – community building at the school, student reps on the Parent Council, more transparency for the council (overarching goal for council to strive to be even more transparent and accountable as a council by adopting by laws, posting agenda in advance. agenda minutes, consider recording Council meetings on zoom for parents who might miss meetings)
- .3 Ask of the school/teachers – where could they use our support?
- .4 please reach out to Polly with any idea @ school council email address earlhaigschoolcouncil@gmail.com

#### 6. Update on Bylaws

- .1 Led by Madeline Hamilton to create new draft
  - Will be reviewed and put out for community consultation
  - Update from PIAC - there will be some more information coming in November: "O'Reg.612/00, s.15 requires that all School Councils have By-laws. To ensure alignment of bylaws to the Regulations and Board policies, the Board has collaborated with the Parent Involvement Advisory Committee and parents/caregivers in revising the Boards ByLaws template. This template will be shared with all schools and Councils for adoption at Council in November 2021. We recognize that there are Councils who have bylaws, others who have been working diligently to draft them and those who have yet to do so. To honour this variance, Councils will be asked to adopt the template with the mandatory sections approved by the Ministry and the Board. Councils will have the opportunity to include all non-mandatd sections"
- .2 If anyone would like to be a part of the review - please reach out to Polly with any idea @ school council email address earlhaigschoolcouncil@gmail.com

#### 7. Questions –

- .1 Rapid Test for Kids
  - Asymptomatic rapid cases
  - 22% of kids signed up
  - Sign up here - [www.earlhaigtesting.org](http://www.earlhaigtesting.org)
  - Get tested once a week.
  - Reporting on positive cases per week
  - For anyone in the east end of Toronto, MPP Rima Berns-McGown will be reading the petition (to pressure the government to make rapid tests available to all unvaccinated kids) into the Ontario Legislature next week. We've been gathering signatures online, but we need physical signatures for her to table (Legislature won't accept electronic). If anyone is able, would be great if you could help gather some physical signatures, and drop off at her office (1821 Danforth) before end of day Friday. Printable document attached. Her office has a slot for after-hours drop-offs too.
  - this is the electronic version you can print and sign.
  - <https://community.sumofus.org/petition/15d9fdd0-e507-49f9-9e41-8d36b85a04fe/?source=copy&fbclid=IwAR3P6X18CXTK24byjFSY8JnZ-VwV4S-B57FSNZLb6cUNu1y3SOjevcolku8>

.2 School Lunchroom

- Currently not being used

.3 Library

- Currently not being used

.4 Winter Clothing Library

- Currently not being used
- If anyone would like to be a part of the program - please reach out to Polly with any idea @ school council email address earlhaigschoolcouncil@gmail.com

.5 Thanksgiving and giving back

- the gift card program was run through the office. the office admin received the names and pilar and i just worked with the student foundation to get the \$\$ and gift cards and the gift cards go directly to the parents

.6 Online Students

- How do we connect the online and in person students?

## 8. Council Meeting Dates – Polly

.1 The remaining Meeting dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, October 19
- Wednesday, November 17
- Tuesday, December 14 or 21 (TBD)
- Wednesday, January 19
- Tuesday, February 15
- Wednesday, March 23 (16 is March Break)
- Tuesday, April 19 or 26 (18 is Easter)
- Wednesday, May 18
- Tuesday, June 21 (school ends June 30)

Motion for meeting to adjourn.

## 9. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Jen Wilkinson

**Next Meeting is Tuesday October 19, 2021 - 7:00pm- 8:30pm**

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