

EARL HAIG SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

November 17, 2021 - Meeting held via Zoom Videoconference

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Name	Role	In Attendance
Polly Vandenberg	Co-Chair	Y
Nupur Deonarine	Co-Chair	N
Shannon Butcher	Past Chair	Y
Nicole Lambe	Treasurer	N
Daniel Segal	Treasurer	N
Cleo Buster	Secretary	Y
Madelaine Hamilton	Secretary	Y
Karen Simpson	Communications Lead	Y
Lauren Craig Welk	Communications Lead	Y
Rosalyn Wise	Ward 16 Council Representative	Y
Madelaine Hamilton	Ward 16 Council Representative	Y
Nupur Deonarine	Advocacy Lead	Y
Dara Rawlins	Advocacy Lead	Y
Madelaine Hamilton	Advocacy Lead	Y
Tanya Mustachi	Fundraising Lead	Y
Jennifer Wilkenson	Fundraising Lead	Y
Pilar Hernandez	Nutrition Coordinator	Y
GRADE REPS		
Shannon Butcher	Kindergarten Rep	Y
Jennifer Wilkinson	Primary Rep	Y
Jennifer Haynes	Junior Rep	Y
Stephanie Little	Intermediate Rep	Y
Amanda Cormier	French Rep	Y
TBD	Virtual Rep	
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	Principal Aileen Burke-Tsakmakas	Y
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	Vice Principal Jackilyn Wallace	Y
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	Lydia Bracht	Y
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION	Rob Taylor	Y

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Name	In Attendance
Sherry Lin	Y
Claire Zaya	Y
Kristen Currie	Y
SCHOOL COMMUNITY	
Jen Buchanan	Y
Helen Schneider	Y
Kenton Vaughan	Y
Keith Gould	Y
Jenn Bottoms	Y

ATTENDEES (xx attendees noted on Zoom)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Welcoming Remarks and Land Acknowledgement

.1 We are now allowed to record the meetings so that parents/caregivers that cannot attend can listen to the meeting afterwards.

2. School Update – Eleni Burke-Tsakmakas

1. Report Cards went home today, parent teacher interviews this week
2. Library Resources in to sort out old material from an equity lens, opening up the space, make it more user friendly, reviewing where there are gaps in the collection,
3. Outdoor Learning Continues: working with three of our teachers, that will then serve as instructors for the rest of the school/staff
4. Facilities update: Accessibility project will be finished by December. Will involve some renovation to the upstairs bathroom. Repairs to washroom doors will hopefully happen at the same time as the accessibility updates.
5. Heating project is almost finished.
6. Trees: Two trees lost that were surrounded by pavement. Two new trees were replanted but not in the same place. School is also slotted to receive 7 more trees planted this year
7. Playground is now complete. Filling up the wood chips. Tether ball has been purchased to put on the pavement. Working on getting games in all the various zones so that there are activities to keep kids engaged in all the “zones”

Other Updates - Jackilyn Wallace

1. Reminder to please stay **outside** the gate during pick up and drop off
2. Have now received most of our tech devices back that were loaned to other schools during the beginning of the pandemic. They are still trickling in slowly.
3. Special education – meeting took place on the 15th another meeting is on the 29th , Nov 19 is the last day of cognitive testing for the grade 3s
4. School Improvement plan: takes the format of 3 goals: Equity, Achievement, Well-being. Do have all the goals set out. But always happy to get feedback and suggestions. Very similar to last year, with a few minor changes to wording. Maybe next time we could leave some time to discuss.

Staff Equity Update – Lydia Bracht

1. Teacher training is happening next week (half day) - Dr. Ghody Muhammad – using framework and 5 categories from her book: Identity, Skills, Criticality, Intellectualism, and Joy
- Proudest Blue book that is being used as a way to explore the 5 categories
2. Trying to connect more with the school community around the Equity goals that are being worked on in the classroom, teachers will be sharing what they are working on with their students in the classroom with parents.

3. Treasury Update – No Treasurers at the meeting tonight /Polly reviewed

- No changes since last month
- \$9, 464.00 Balance
- Vote for \$100 teacher gifts to use in their classrooms: passed unanimously
- Vote for \$20/ per graduating student 36 Grade 8 and 24 for grade 5 French (± \$1,200): passed unanimously

4. Clothing Library – Tanya

1. Polly and Tanya – went through all the existing clothing. Good amount of clothing. Only two things we are low on: waterproof gloves and neck warmers.
2. Clothing is arranged in bins on lower level in the cafeteria area. It is open and ready to be used.

5. Fundraising - Tanya

3. Mabel's Labels – all set up: <https://mabelslabels.ca>
4. Gift card fundraising – FlipGive: <https://www.flipgive.ca>
5. Water bottle program:
6. Spiritware:
7. Planning to make up little postcards that explain all 4 ways to contribute to the school community. The news can go out with the newsletter, social media, etc.
8. Fundraising goal for this year would be to cover the \$100/ teacher, so that we could move forward with voting for this and not be concerned it will deplete the current SAC funds.
9. Spring Fundraising – online Auction is one idea, we have done this before
10. Will come to next month's meeting with two or three big ideas: Council vote on which one we should move forward with.

6. Lost and Found - Polly

1. Table outside for parents to sort through - did this last year
2. Plan for two weeks from now and will advertise through all the various channels
3. 1 session before school and 1 after school
4. Polly will connect with parents who volunteered to help with this

7. Lunch

- Parent question: How many supervisors are there per classroom? It is currently not one to one but the school is doing there best to get a close as possible to one to one ratio.
- Parent noted that their child got in trouble the other day for talking during lunch but that it seems difficult to expect a group of grade3/4 children not to talk, if they are not being supervised 100%. Last year they played pod casts during lunch, which seemed to work well. This year it seems like they are watching TV, not as good.
- Each classroom handles lunch differently. It is up to the teacher for each class.

8. Masks

1. There are thousands of masks available at the school. These are provided by the TDSB. There are some that are preferred and are not always available. Types of masks, 4 sizes of masks. Disposable masks.
2. Which types of masks are the ones that are available: all black masks not all the same types of the masks.
3. Back-up masks – they are not medical grade. Just masks.

9. Vaccine for Ages 5-11

1. Parent Question: Is there any direction from the TDSB on what the message will be to parents and the school community about the vaccine for ages 5-11
2. Recommendation to watch the webinar on the new vaccine by Michael Garron Hospital
3. Principals meet with MGH weekly – MGH gives info to spread widely in newsletter

4. Thorncliffe site will run as a Clinic

10. Meeting Dates to vote on:

December 14th

April 26th - approved by council vote

11. PIAC

- Workshop this year is Nov. 27th-28th 10:30am -3:30pm This year will be about Bridging the gap in our schools between mental health, parent engagement, and school councils
Register here: <https://www.torontopiacc.com/index.html>
- PO grants – Deadline for the grant is Dec. 3rd, we applied last year and received one, which covered our guest speakers last year. Are we going to apply for again this year?

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Next Meeting is on November 17, 2021

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