

EARL HAIG SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

September 26, 2023
Earl Haig Public School

ATTENDEES

Name	Role	In Attendance
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
Danielle Rombough	Co-Chair	Y
Tanya Mustachi	Co-Chair	N
Madelaine Hamilton	Treasurer	Y
Daniel Segal	Treasurer	N
Cleo Buster	Secretary	Y
Polly Vandenberg	Secretary	Y
Robyn Vanpee	Fundraising Lead	Y
Zoe Lamothe	Fundraising Lead	Y
Heather Cockburn	Ward 16 Council Rep	Y
Zoe Lamothe	Communications Lead	Y
Kelly Antoine	Communications Lead	Y
Pilar Hernandez	Nutrition Coordinator	Y
VOTING MEMBERS		
Jennifer Scott	Member-at-large	Y
Lucy Saunders	Member-at-large	Y
Evelyn Paraschos	Member-at-large	Y
Shannon Butcher	Member-at-large	Y
Charlotte Chevallier	Member-at-large	Y
Jen Barnes	Member-at-large	N
Derwin Remedios	Member-at-large	Y
Angeles Reyes Corona	Member-at-large	Y

SCHOOL STAFF		
Aileen Burke-Tsakmakas	Principal	Y
Jennifer McColl	Vice Principal	Y
Rob Taylor		Y
Lydia Bracht		Y
Kelly Ritsakis		Y
Agapi Zegas		N
Charlotte Wheeler		N
SCHOOL COMMUNITY		
Anna Green		Y
Susan Ly		Y
Melanie Galbrand-Chen		Y
Wyatt Wong		Y
Clair Sibonney		Y
Flynn Paquin		Y
Karen Simpson		Y
Loretta Lau		Y
Loretta Lau		Y
Colm Prunty		Y
Laura Vresk		Y
Jade Woodruffe		Y
COMMUNITY MEMBERS		
Sabat	Traffic Safety Committee	N

41 Attendees on Zoom

AGENDA ITEMS

Welcome remarks and Land Acknowledgement (Danielle Rombough)

We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples.

Nous reconnaissons que nous sommes accueillis sur les terres des Mississaugas des Anichinabés, de la Confédération Haudenosaunee et du Wendat. Nous voulons également reconnaître la pérennité de la présence des Premières Nations, des Métis et des Inuit.

1. School Update (Earl Haig staff and administration) - Eleni Burke-Tsakmakas

1. Earl Haig lost the full-time VP role. We only have a .5 VP role for the 2023-2024 year. However, the VP will be in the building all day, working with IEP education. EH did get .5 guidance position.
2. The proposed EH Staffing model was approved.
3. EH just received 3.5 new teachers. They are in the process of interviewing for the new teachers and have to hire by Friday.
 - 3.1. As a result of the new teacher allocation they will be creating 3 new classes: A 4th Kindergarten with 15 students and no ECE, a 2/3 and a 4/5. The school has to let families know by Friday. EH could have declined the additional teachers but smaller classes are better and so they decided to accept them and will find the space in the building for the new classes. One class will be in half the library, one class will go in the music room and Ms. Whaley will lose her music space. They have requested a portable, which is supposed to take 3 months to be delivered. The principal noted that there was a lot of late enrolment, more than anticipated.
4. The principal noted to please read the newsletter that is sent out every week. Many of the questions parents/caregivers have are answered in the newsletter.
5. The budget arrives in October. The Principal then hopes to meet with the SAC and relay some of the items that the school staff would like help fundraising for.
6. The Principal had a call with FTL today to get additional painting and repairs completed. Used 100th year Anniversary as a reason to get new mats in the gym. The gym mats were noted as a safety issue. *These mats were already funded by SAC (approval LY) so while it should be a safety issue, they were already confirmed. Repainting the gym to be completed before mats are installed. The Superintendent came out to look at it and Earl Haig was told they should be updated quickly. \

Upcoming Events:

1. Terry Fox Walk – Morning of Thursday, September 28th.
2. Friday – Truth and Reconciliation / Orange shirt day – The school will be holding 2 different assemblies for the older/younger kids.
3. Curriculum Night – Thursday, October 5th
4. Planning Halloween Dance-a-thon for October 31st.
 - 4.1.1. Ms. Zegas is working on this. The fundraiser will help to fund field trips and school events.
 - 4.1.2. Doing a raffle. A few prizes for the various age groups. Pledge form will go out next week. Looking for items to be donated that students can win with their tickets. Can collect cash from friends and family. But can't take it to school – parents need to translate that into donations on the Cash on-line website.

- 4.1.3. Donations – please either drop them off at the school office or email any of the teachers on this call.
- 4.1.4. To make it more equitable for all students every student will get tickets in order to enter into a donation box to win a prize.
- 4.1.5. Junior / Intermediate / Senior – pizza party for the class could be one of the prizes

Ms. Ritsakis: POR – Chair in Achievement

1. Teaches grade 5/6 class
2. Working on Basic Assessments and getting to know our students
3. Teachers have been doing reading and writing assessments with students
4. Continuing with JUMP Math this year. This program started last year.
5. A bunch of the EH staff attended training sessions for Jump Math over the summer. October 19th - EH will be hosting a Family Math night event to give parents a better understanding of what Jump Math is and what it looks like in the classrooms.

Lydia Bracht: Equity Chair and Librarian

1. .5 Resource Role and .5 Library Role
2. Speech and Language Consultant worked with the Kindergarten Teachers last year
3. Assessments for students that are on IEP's or students that have been flagged as needing extra support
4. Library – construction is almost finished. Library services team is taking the next 3 days to unpack books in time for a new class to go in there.
5. There is office space in library where Lydia works. The new class will use half the library and then while the class is out for gym or music other students will be able to come in and access the library and take out books.
6. Black Children's knowledge Centre. Challenging to find a way to pay them, as they are not an approved TDSB partner. First workshop will be tied in with staff meeting on November 1st. Parent – Educator Engagement Session for understanding racism. Parents/Caregivers will be invited to that. Event will take place at 4-6pm bc it is a school run event.
7. 3 more Sessions throughout the year both with just staff and then parents.
8. Popcorn fundraiser – starting early this year – Popcorn distributed by Thursday. First fundraiser going to support the library. The next ones will likely go to supporting grade trips/events.

Rob Taylor: Well-being Chair

1. Sports/ Mental Health and Wellness
2. Cross Country Team 189 at the first practice – down to about 150 students. One of the largest teams in Toronto.
3. October 11th first race to be held at Sunnybrook Park
4. Grade 3 - 8 will move on to the next race on Oct. 17th, if they qualify
5. 3 Buses booked cost is about \$1,000 – we will be putting a cash online donation for the bus bc they can't ask for money for sports.
6. New this year - there will be bibs – has a chip timer \$2.50/per student/per race
7. Board and Ball: 2 Teams - Grade 5 and Grade 8
8. Soccer: 2 Teams, 4 Coaches - Grade 6 co-ed Team & Grade 8 co-ed Team, lots of tournament action next week

9. House League – Grade 2/3 with Ms. M. (retired teacher that comes in to volunteer)
 - 100 students enrolled so far. Takes place on Mondays and Tuesdays

Health and Wellness

1. Ms. Wallace started the school's team -called Unbreakable – going to do it again this year, Earl Haig Team is on the flyer. 5k that goes along Lakeshore, parents and students run together.
 - 1.1. Trying to book tickets for our junior and intermediate students to go watch the Raptors 905 team play downtown.
2. Future asks – Need money to get playground equipment going again. Mr. Taylor will give the SAC a budget at the next meeting.
3. Grade 8 Trip and the Bus – Feb. already booked going to Pine Camp again
4. Track – Shannon noted that parents are not allowed to donate to getting the track updated.
 - 4.1. Seeding it didn't work bc we have nearly 700 kids and need to use the track and field.

2. Nutrition Program - Pilar

1. Update on lunch program – it has not started yet, due to staff issues. Hoping it is going to happen sometime in October
2. Serves snack to the kindergarten classes, serves hot lunch to grades 1-8
3. Donation based - \$1.00/day for snack and \$3.50/day for the hot lunch
4. We used to serve 200 kids at end of year they were serving around 400 kids
5. Need more volunteers to help serve lunch, 11am-1pm, ideally could have 1 parent or volunteer every day, but if you can do just an hour, that would be great. Even just 1 day every 2 weeks would be great.
6. Sign-up sheet is in the newsletter. They will set a schedule in October.
7. Have to do a Police check to be able to volunteer.

3. Financial Update – (Danielle gave update)

1. A few checks from June were cashed from Grade 5 farewell
2. Balance was \$25,000.00 at end of last year
3. Allocations already made:
 - 3.1. Gym matts
 - 3.2. Grade 8 Event
 - 3.3. Grade 5 French Event
 - 3.4. Allocated Money for Teachers \$3,000
4. \$10,000 still left in the account after all the allocations
5. \$18,000 brought in from the Spring Fair 2023

4. SAC Elections –

1. Need to confirm Members of Council based on the nomination forms.
2. Member at Large – 16 people that want to be voting members, but can have up to 18 members.
3. Madelaine put a motion forward to cap it at 20 the night of the SAC elections. Claire seconded the motion.

4.1 Members at Large are as follows:

Member at Large: Jennifer Scott
Member At Large: Lucy Saunders
Member At Large: Evelyn Paraschos
Member At Large: Shannon Butcher
Member At Large: Charlotte Chevallier
Member At Large: Jen Barnes
Member At Large: Derwin Remedios
Member At Large: Angeles Reyes Corona

4.2 Council Members are as follows:

Co-Chair: Danielle Rombough & Tanya Mustachi

Co-Secretary: Cleo Buster & Polly Vendenberg

Co-Treasurer: Madelaine Hamilton & Dan Segal

Nutrition Lead: Pilar Hernandez

Communication Lead: Zoe Lamothe & Kelly Antoine

Fundraising Lead: Robyn Vanpee and Zoe Lamothe

- (fundraising things we have done in past years: Pumpkin Patch, Freezie Fridays, Bake Sales, Pizza Lunches)
- Tanya has offered to lead the spring fair again this year.

Ward Representative: Heather Cockburn

- (EH is in Ward 16 but sometimes Ward 15 has overlapping /items of interest, as they are the neighbouring ward.)

Past Roles in Previous Years:

- Advocacy Lead: vacant
- Safety Committee: vacant

Question about Class Reps:

- Could we reinstate this again this year? Claire volunteered to help. What would be the responsibilities for these Reps. Jennifer (VP) noted that parents could help with fundraising.

5. Next SAC Meeting:

- Rotate 1 month on a Tuesday / 1 month on a Wednesday
- In person every other month
- Offered childcare in the past at the school

6. Other: Question about whether Ukulele club will be happening again this year? The school hasn't confirmed whether it will be starting, although the permit was approved. More information to follow.

5.1 Comments:

- **SAC needs to update our website** – www.earlhaigschoolcouncil.com.
 - o We post our minutes there and other announcements. Cleo volunteered to help post SAC minutes and other info. on the website if someone can provide the password. Zoe said we could connect.

- **School Messenger App** – can download on your phone, get all emails, easy to report absences, etc.

7. Adjournment

- Robyn motioned to adjourn the meeting. Madelaine seconded.

Minutes prepared by Cleo Buster

Next Meeting is on October 21st, 2023 Virtual mtg.

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