

Earl Haig P.S. School Advisory Council
Town Hall Meeting
May 15, 2024

ATTENDEES

Name	Role	In Attendance In Person (IP), Online (OL)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
Danielle Rombough	Co-Chair	IP
Tanya Mustachi	Co-Chair	IP
Madelaine Hamilton	Treasurer	OL
Daniel Segal	Treasurer	IP
Cleo Buster	Secretary	IP
Polly Vandenberg	Secretary	IP
Robyn Vanpee	Fundraising Lead	IP
Zoe Lamothe	Fundraising Lead/ Communications Lead	IP
Heather Cockburn	Ward 16 Council Rep	
Kelly Antoine	Communications Lead	
Pilar Hernandez	Nutrition Coordinator	
VOTING MEMBERS		
Jennifer Scott	Member-at-large	
Lucy Saunders	Member-at-large	IP
Evelyn Paraschos	Member-at-large	
Shannon Butcher	Member-at-large	
Charlotte Chevallier	Member-at-large	IP
Barbara Bower	Member-at-large	
Derwin Remedios	Member-at-large	
Angeles Reyes Corona	Member-at-large	
SCHOOL STAFF		
Aileen Burke-Tsakmakas	Principal	

Amanda Anderson	Vice Principal	IP
Rob Taylor	POR Wellness	
Lydia Bracht	POR Equity	
Kelly Ritsakis	POR Achievement	
Agapi Zegas		
Zainab G. Abbas		
SCHOOL COMMUNITY		
Krista Marinuzzi		IP
Flynn Paquin		IP
COMMUNITY MEMBERS		
N/A		

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Welcome remarks and Land Acknowledgement** (Danielle Rombough)
Danielle Rombough opened the meeting with the Land Acknowledgement. Attendees were reminded to sign the chat for attendance record-keeping.
2. **Planning for 2024-2025**
A reminder that as the school year is coming to an end, parents and guardians are encouraged to think about joining the SAC next year, and what roles they may want to fill. You can find more information at <https://earlhaigschoolcouncil.com/school-council/>.

Elections will be held near the end of September 2024.
3. **SAC Update** (Tanya Mustachi, Danielle Rombough, Robyn Vanpee)
 - 3.1. **PlayEH**
We have an allocation of about \$3,000 for the remainder of the PlayEH fundraising. This is left over from the acknowledgement poster. Ms. Bracht worked with the Student Council to find out what the older students would best enjoy; students have decided on a bench to use for socializing. Ms. Bracht has sent SAC choices from TDSB vendors. Danielle and Tanya will distribute this list to Council. They range from plain wood picnic tables to something that is more durable and sturdier. They just received the information and will send it to Council. Tanya and Danielle will discuss with Facilities to determine the rules around placement and spacing.
 - 3.2. **Tents**
Last week at our planning meeting, we approved \$800 for three sun/water resistant tents for SAC and school events. Rob Taylor would like us to also fundraise for a larger, branded tent for things like track events. This is a larger budget, and we will work towards this in the future.
 - 3.3. **Fundraising**
There is a Pizza Lunch on May 23rd - we do need a few more volunteers from

11:00 - 1:00 on that date. The orders are currently live on School Cash Online and will close Monday at noon (even though it is a holiday).

3.4. **Spring Fair**

- **VOLUNTEERS:** We have more than 100 parent volunteers, but several for a short period of time, and more for set-up and tear-down.

We will also need a lot of help when the grade 3-8 students come back from the Jays game field trip. It is unfortunate that they are both on the same date, but there was no other choice as the Fair was already set and ready to go and the Jays game had one date option; however there are some benefits, including that this allows for an emptier school for set-up and a calmer time for the very small kids.

- **DONATIONS:** SAC is requesting more jars for the Spring Fair. This is a popular station. Jars are usually filled with small games, toys, stickers, etc, and are usually pasta-sauce size.

There is one more donation drop-off day tomorrow. Tanya will need some help unloading her car after drop-off. Books are no longer needed, but we do require more Tuck Shop items and jars. If you cannot make it to this donation drop-off time, there is a donation bin in the front office.

If you have pledged items to Danielle for the Silent Auction or Raffle, please bring it to her by Friday.

- **SET-UP:** There will be a variety of food this year: hot dog, hamburger, samosas, pizza. Plus some snack tables. We will try to separate foods around the grounds to manage the lines.

Coffee, musical cakes, and the raffle will be in the gyms. Cotton candy & hot dogs will be in the cafeteria. The art auction will be in the music room, with possible overflow into the hallway.

Tickets will be available for pre-sale as well as on-site. \$1 = 1 ticket. Tickets will be handed out on Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as at the Fair. Raffle tickets will also be available at the ticket tables (one in the gym and one outside). Tanya will share a "menu" of activities with ticket costs so that parents can decide how much they want to buy.

- 3.5. **100th Anniversary** (Robyn): This event is coming together, but we really need more volunteers. We particularly need help with the food and displays. We will have the slide show, time capsules, old items found in the basement, old slide projectors. We need help assembling, preparing, and on the day-of. There will be a scavenger hunt, and there is a possibility of getting Spirit Wear orders re-opened for the event. Robyn and Ms. Anderson will discuss this with Ms. Burke-Tsakmakas.

We will try to communicate more about the event (what, when, etc). We will also poster the neighbourhood with Fair and 100th Anniversary facebook group.

We can also look at advertising in the Beach Metro News. We will have a lot of advertising at the School Fair.

We need at least 20 volunteers for the 100th Anniversary. Cara will ask again for volunteers. We have several Monarch Park SS students volunteering for the fair and we can also have HS students for the 100th Anniversary.

4. **School Update** (Amanda Anderson)

We have the 1st Track & Field meeting tomorrow. The J-I concert is on the 30th. Next week, the grade 6s are travelling to Kearney. Grade 5 Farewell and Grade 8 Grad are coming up.

Follow-up to the technology discussion from last month. There is an extension you can add to your child's ChromeBook at home; it is called blocksi.net, and it will block certain sites and filter YouTube videos and what sites you want to filter you. There is also a school-wide extension that schools can purchase, which they will look at for next year.

Community Question: Many years ago, there was the wooden butterfly project. They are looking unkempt now, and it may be a good idea to refresh them next year. Ms Anderson will find out if this is a project that some teachers may want to take this on for next year.

The butterfly garden project: this was a grant originally, we stopped getting the grants, some community members took over the gardens, and Leah Leon is currently leading the Eco Schools initiatives and is currently working on this with donations and volunteers.

5. **Important upcoming dates**

- Pizza Lunch - May 23rd
- Spring Fair - June 6th 3:30 pm - 7:00 pm
- 100th Anniversary Celebration - June 19th 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Adjournment

Upcoming SAC Meetings:

- Tuesday, June 11th @ 7:00 pm - Town Hall (School update) - In-person at school