

## ATTENDEES

Name	Role	In Attendance
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
Rachel Parker	Co-Chair	Y
Kelly Antoine	Co-Chair	Y
Madelaine Hamilton	Treasurer	Y
Daniel Segal	Treasurer	Y
Cleo Buster	Secretary	N
Heather Cockburn	Advocacy	Y
Zoe Lamothe	Fundraising Lead	Y
Melissa De Moya	Fundraising Lead	Y
Steve Gimza	Ward 16 Council Rep	N
Breanne Gimza	Communications Lead	Y
Pilar Hernandez	Nutrition Coordinator	Y
VOTING MEMBERS		
Sabena Brannan	Member-at-large	Y
Shannon Butcher	Member-at-large	Y
Charlotte Chevallier	Member-at-large	Y
Victor Kis	Member-at-large	N
Danielle Rombough	Member-at-large	Y
Lucy Saunders	Member-at-large	N
Polly Vandenberg	Member-at-large	N
Robyn Vanpee	Member-at-large	Y
SCHOOL STAFF		
Aileen Burke-Tsakmakas	Principal	N
Amanda Anderson	Vice Principal	Y
Rob Taylor		N
Lydia Bracht		N
Kelly Ritsakis		Y
Agapi Zegas		N

Mike Alexopoulos		N
Poli Karanis		Y
<b>SCHOOL COMMUNITY</b>		
Mahnoor Rizwan		Y
Melissa Frost		Y
Flynn Paquin		Y

## AGENDA ITEMS

### Welcome remarks and Land Acknowledgement (Kelly)

*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. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting:

- Motion to Approve January 14th. minutes supported by Dan Segal and seconded by Zoe Lamothe.

#### 2. Safe & Caring Schools Update (Heather)

- PALS has been kicked off, Need for parent volunteers
- Engaging some of the student teachers in the initiative
- There have been questions about the S&C Schools Committee, what is their mission?
- The goal of the committee is to implement one program per year (this year that is PALS)
- As for right now, no more meetings for S&C Schools Co unless specific needs arise

#### 3. Fundraising event proposals (Rachel / Zoe)

- Parent social: Several options discussed:
  - How do people feel about pushing a parent social event into the Fall for more of a social event, back-to-school meet and greet
  - It would require some summer work, small group from this school year would need to be part of organizing it
  - Focus is on community building, how do we get more parents involved, more active in the school community, current group isn't representative of the full school community; join as the school community, engage, connect
  - Option #1: Fall fundraising event, tied to community building
  - Option #2: In April or May Extend a SAC meeting to make it a more social event. Offer pizza/global potluck, babysitting, admin would invite some families personally, follow with a council meeting

#### 4. Spring Fair update (Danielle)

- Confirm June 5th date has been booked – Admin to confirm
- Danielle will be contacting all leads from last year this week

- Getting initial plans going, starting on sponsorship, will begin work on activities after March break
- Looking for leaders for the bigger initiatives:
  - Volunteer coordination
  - Food
  - Rides & Activities
  - Sponsorship
  - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Breanne)
- Reminder that we need lots of engagement:
  - Lead an area
  - Lead a booth or activity
  - Volunteer the day of or during the week
  - Zoe recommended reaching out to Monarch Park Collegiate for volunteers sooner than last year since it's hard to secure volunteers

5. **Financial Update** (Dan, Madelaine)

- As of Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> closing balance was \$42K
- Delayed reconciliation with the SCO Pizza money
- Cheques in transit \$15K
- Allocations (Classroom Funds, Play EH)
- Currently have **\$17K** remaining to be allocated

6. **Votes**

- Graduating students:
  - Traditionally \$20/student Grade 8 (41 students), Grade 5 FI (19 students) = Total \$1,200
  - Proposing increase to \$25/student = \$1,500
  - Goes toward farewell party, cupcakes, merchandise
  - Confirming no one is opposed

**Vote passed \$1,500: \$1,025 Grade 8 & \$475 Grade 5**

- Purchasing virtual conference subscription for SAC
  - Since we are using a free Google Meet tool, it's limited to 1 hour and meetings have been limited.
  - At the last meeting, the Admin update was very important but it meant that we didn't have an opportunity to discuss parent issues and discussion points or take many questions.
  - Generally feeling is that the meetings should stay at 1 hour
  - **Admin will review online subscription options for SAC, and if required the Admin can share their Teams account for a longer meeting**

7. **Admin Update:** (Amanda)

- Report cards – Being shared on February 12<sup>th</sup>
- Performance/grades
  - In the Fall report card is noted as progressing “With Difficulty”, “Well” or “Very Well”
  - In the Spring report card students in Grade 1-6 will get a grade, in Grade 7-8 will get a % grade
- Leveraging the parent/teacher relationship
- Building an inclusive school community
- Homework resources available will be included in the next newsletter
  - Paper Tutoring Services
  - TVO Learn Mathify
  - Resources for Families in French Programs
  - TDSB Resources for Families
  - Content will be shared in the newsletter

8. **Other Business:**

1. Question: Is there a spirit wear company who offers rainbow designs or more inclusive designs?
  - It's difficult to find vendors who will use SCO, limited by TDSB vendors
  - Consider as option for SAC to own so they could take their own payment (through Square) for future discussion
2. Parent Interest Survey (Rachel, Kelly) – To be discussed next meeting

**9. Schedule:**

- Next meeting time will revert back to 6:30pm, virtual only
- If you wish to ask your questions in advance or have topics to add to the agenda, please send them by email to [earlhaigschoolcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:earlhaigschoolcouncil@gmail.com).

**10. Adjournment:**

Minutes prepared by Danielle Rombough & Cleo Buster

**Next Meeting: March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6:30pm – Virtual Only**

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