**Earl Haig Secondary School**

**School Council General Meeting**

Meeting Minutes

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| Date and Time: | Tuesday: January 15th, 2018 7:00-8:35pm |
| Location: | EHSS, Cafeteria |

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| # | **Topics and Notes** |
| 1. | **Susan Kenny - Co-Chairs**  Welcome |
| 2. | **Renata Gonsalves – Principal’s Update**   * Fundraising request for the support of a student Emma battling cancer. * An additional evening of one-act will be hosted to enable another fund-raising event and art auction. * Semi-formal on Thursday from 6 to 11 at the Warehouse, Downsview Park * My BluePrint is open for course selection from Jan 28th and closes Feb 11th * Verification information will be sent home on Feb 21st to ensure courses selected match intended – must return by Feb 28th * Parent teacher interviews on Feb 14th and website 2 weeks prior for appointments |
| 3. | **SAC President: Michael Samoliov (by proxy)**   * Since last meeting – spirit week, non GTA college and university, holiday sweater and spirit day, photo booth, music showcase, and SOPS assembly * Hosted a volleyball tournament and senior Boys baseketball tournament * Lunchtime theater starting Jan 16-23rd * Piano night at 6pm. Students writing submissions. * Successful Earl Haig alumni show * SAC is talking with peer tutoring to bring more English tutors |
| 4. | **Course Selection: Christine Zaghikian**   * Class visits for all grades taking place. Notes will be on parent council website. * Once press submit – no changes. * OEN, DOB, grade, school name, Authentication code: earlhaig * Guidance will be at the library over lunch. If need more indepth discussion – make an appointment. * Course information is on the TDSB document called Choices online. Keep in mind that not all courses are available at all schools. * Each student has different plans for post-secondary so you want to consider your path and ensure your strengths and passions are captured. * Consider having enough to graduate vs enough for a college or university program. * Going to grade 10 – 3 electives to explore, 5 mandatory choices * Grade 11 – take 8 courses (could have 1 spare but best to pick 8 to start) – English and math are required. Do pre-courses for Grade 12 & post-secondary plans. * Grade 12 – 2 spares allowed but all students should start with 8 – English is required. Keep end goal in mind. * CW students – 3 arts electives - 9 courses each year. Cannot opt out of CW program and stay at EH. |
| 5. | **Details from Curriculum leaders**  **Dance, Music, Drama: Tara Lee-Blight**  All courses including technique, history, health, choreography, and performance.  Ballet comprehensive and Modern. Jazz is in grade 11 & 12 – hip hop, musical theatre, and street.  Many guest artists. Curriculum is designed to be fun, confidence, self-esteem, meet new people, and improve health. End of year show provide a performance opportunity.  Music: Band, Strings and Vocal. Starting in grade 10 – guitar and keyboard. If they want to switch streams – have them speak to the teacher. Ideally for each grade, the student took a course the year before.  Drama: Courses offered for drama, play-writing. One-act festival. For more information, can contact drama: Laura Nienhuis  **Visual Arts: Nazy Sakhavarz**  Students part of visual arts courses or in the senior grades some electives focus on developing portfolios for post-secondary opportunities (starting in grade 11).  General electives – drawing, painting, printmaking, mixed media, and art history – each grade.  Focus electives – Photography – dark room, digital, fine arts, commercial, art history  Painting – grade 11 and 12 – acrylics, watercolours, mixed media, etc.  Life drawing – live nude model, anatomy, studio course – all work in class  **Physical Education: Janice Leung**  ParticipACTION – score of D+ - only 13% of high school students report getting 60 minutes of physical activity each day. Teens walk less. Lots of sitting.  Mental health and well-being facts show 20% of youth aged 13-18 live with a mental health issue and physical activity can be beneficial. Ask yourself - will your kids get the recommended amount of physical activity if they do not take Phys Ed class.  Courses available are: PPL – healthy active living – typical phys ed class with a bit of everything  PAF – Personal fitness (grade 10 female only, grade 11 M/F)– yoga, weight training, crossfit, etc  PAL – large group games – ball sports  PAI – small group games – racquet sports  PSK – kinesiology – not an active course  **Business/co-op: Michael Canzi**  Business skills, analytical skills, life skills. A lot of flexibility as a student can start any grade.  Grade 9 – Information Comm. Tech in business  Grade 10 – intro to business  Grade 11 – Accounting, marketing, entrepreneurship, information & comm.tech  Grade 12 – Accounting (must take grade 11 first), international business, financial securities, business leadership, sports & ent. Marketing  Why taking business studies? Real world experiential learning. Experienced teachers. School work efficiency. Career opportunities. Discussion of business issues that affect our daily lives. Build financial literacy. Immersion in current events and trends in business. Real computer usage and application. Increase your success in post-secondary education.  Co-op education. Opportunity to get experiential learning outside of the classroom. Opportunity to develop essential skills and habits required for success in any workplace environment.  Placements are in education, health care, arts related, law related, culinary arts, business, retail, computers, legal, etc.  Co-op can be any grade 11 or 12 student. In September they are prepared for expectations in a professional work environment. Students then spend the rest of the year with the job placement. One Wednesday a month – the share their experiences. The co-op supervisor visits on a regular basis.  2 or 4 credit options. 2 credit option means 2 mornings a week or 2 afternoons a week. Day 1/3 or Day 2/4. A 4 option credit would be every morning or every afternoon or 2 days a week.  Apprenticeship training – OYAP program.  **English/ESL: Mark Webster**  English is the only compulsory course students are required to take from grade 9 to 12. English helps prepare students to thrive at university. Taking at Earl Haig will help prepare the students.  Literacy is an open course targeted to ESL students  Studies in Media is an open course in Grade 11 or 12 – focused on analyzing media instead of novels  Writers Craft – very popular elective with students – grade 12  Studies in Literature – grade 12 – novels  An enriched course in grade 9 to 11 requires the student has a high degree of motivation, and a genuine interest in the subject area. Should be willing to contribute positively in a productive environment. They will compete in the Poetry-in-Voice and Pierre Burton Writing contest.  **Science: Jeanne Chew**  3 Science credits required - multiple pathways. Hand-out provided  Grade 10 options – Science at Academic, Applied/Essential, ESL, or Enriched  Grade 10 enriched must have 85% in Grade 9 and aptitude for science  Grade 10 applied  Grade 11 university level – Physics, Chemistry, Biology  Grade 12 university level – Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Earth & Space  College options include Biology 11 college, Chemistry 12 college, or Physics 11 college  Social Science: Brian Clarke  Grade 10 – academic history or applied history; or ESL history; and Civics & Careers  Grade 11 – Geography – travel and tourism  History – world history to the end of the 15th century or American history  History - Genocide: Historical and contemporary implications  Introduction to Canadian Law  Introduction to Anthropology, Psychology & Sociology  World Religions  Grade 12 – Geography – Canadian and world issues or The environment & resource mgmt.  History – the west and the world; Canadian Identify and culture  Law – Canadian & international law (grade 11 is not pre-req)  Politics - Canadian & World politics  **Mathematics: Christine Scholler**  Grade 10 – enriched, academic, applied, locally developed  Grade 11 – enriched, academic, applied, locally developed  Grade 12 – University level has multiple university level – depends on university plans on which ones to take – calculus and vectors, advanced functions, data management  If students want to take advanced functions and calculus and vectors – they must select APCALC so both are set sequentially  College – foundation for college math  Math for work and every day life |
| 6. | **Susan and Chandra - Co-Chairs**  Thank you to all who attended and to the staff who provided such valuable information. |
| 7. | Next Meeting Date: February 12th, 2018 7:30-9:00pm |
|  | Total Attendance: 120 |
|  | Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm |

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