

Earl Haig Secondary School

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: November 10th, 2020 at 8:00pm
98 participants

Location: Online Meeting

Co-chairs welcomed everyone and apologized for the technical issues on the Zoom connection. It will be improved next meeting.

SAC Update

- Jason Wong is new SAC President.
- He is a Grade 11 Music Major in Claude Watson Program.
- His role is to provide updates to the council on student related issues and report primarily on the SAC Elections and Clubs and Councils.
- He can be contacted personally on any student related issues.
- Contact info is Jason.Wong6@student.tdsb.on.ca, @imjasonwong, earlhaigsac.weebly.com
- First ever virtual SAC elections were very successful this year with 800 students voting representing 50% voter turnout.
- Virtual platform saved paper, time and resources-could be used during non COVID time
- SAC has 9 elected positions and another 4 appointed positions.
- Applications for those 4 appointed positions are due November 13.
- SAC governs all 80 clubs and sets initiatives and strategies for student goals.
- Presently, many clubs are running illegally on social media as they normally need teacher supervision and there is no specific online mandate.
- SAC President is working with Yasmin (Club Rep) to develop rules and advise clubs of how to run online.
- All clubs should be up and running by December.
- Highly recommended to join Junior Council to gain experience.
- According to the SAC President, quadmaster system is working well for him which allows him to balance schoolwork and leisure activities.
- Feedback from council parents is that it is difficult to find out about clubs or join clubs as some students are being told that clubs are full or not accepting applications.
- There will be an excel spreadsheet developed with all club contact and applications information.
- Discussion about difficulties in finding out about other activities such as the Canadian Biology Olympia Competition. Ricky to connect with the Science Department and liaise specifically with parents about this concern.

Principal and VP Update:

- Ricky introduced staff participants for this year's council.
- In terms of COVID 19 numbers, there has been 1 staff member in August and 2 students.
- There have been no behavioural issues since September.
- Staff should have been in touch with parents already about students' progress so far.
- Any concerns should be directed to the teacher, VP, guidance and cc'd to Ricky.
- There will be no exams for Quadmasters 1 and 2.
- November 18/19 are credit rescue/recovery days.
- Email sent out today to all parents to review school website for information about these days. These days are for students to work with their teachers on completing work needed to pass their

course. There will be no face to face. All students will be required to check in for attendance purposes on both days for both courses. Lab activities etc. will not take place on November 18/19. Course marks will be composed entirely from course work.

- November 20 is PA Day.
- Reports for Quadmester 1 will be emailed in early December.
- November 23 is the start of Quadmester 2.
- If students are wanting to improve their mark, they should be discussing with their teacher prior to November 18.
- OSSLT is cancelled for this year.

Presentation: Guidance and Quad Tips from Christine Z

- Ricky welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for the patience waiting for the meeting
- In the past few months, students and teachers all did very well at school. Ricky encouraged parents connect with vice principal, teachers and guidance counsellor if they have questions or want a quadmester 1 review
- It will take about one week to set up a virtual class at Earl Haig for Quadmester 2. 184 new students have requested to switch to virtual-these students will be accommodated via online with classes taking place directly at school.
- Over 300 current virtual school students timetables are being checked to ensure they have a timetable for Quadmester 2.
- For grade 12 students, if you didn't complete OSSLT, don't worry, it won't be required. Also, the volunteer time is 20 hours.
- Claude Watson Virtual Open House November 12.
- Over 650 people are interested in attending. There will be 2 sessions at 6 and 7 pm. Fill out an application form on the website to receive a link to open house. Applications due December 11. There will be workshops for candidates on how to apply and send video submissions.
- Earl Haig Virtual Open House December 9.

College and University Application Process

- Christine Zaghikian presented the college and university application process. She is the head guidance at Earl Haig.
- The application process video is available on Earl Haig school guidance instagram @earlhaigguidance
- University application process:
 - PIN is required. This year, the PIN will be mailed to student's home, please check student's home address is correct
 - Application website is www.ouac.on.ca
 - Virtual school will handle virtual students' PIN
- College application process:
 - PIN is not required, application website is www.ontariocolleges.ca
- Please find details in the presentation slide deck
- Q&A
 - Parents posted questions to the Q&A board on Zoom and Christine answered most of them. Please contact your student guidance counsellor if you have any questions.

Closing

- Thank you to Christine for the great presentation on the college and university application process.
- Thank you to all for attending tonight.
- All Parents and Guardians are invited to attend. Please note, our Zoom capability will allow 500 attendees. Again, we apologize for the Zoom technical issues and we will improve at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 12th, 2020 at 7:30pm

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