

**Minutes for 1st School Council meeting  
Tuesday October 27, 2020**

**Erindale Secondary School  
School Council Meeting**

Date: October 27, 2020

Time: 7pm

Attendees: Parents

Melanie Nicholson, Nathalie Laliberte, Faten Salloum, Amina Danial,  
Jan Rodman, Mona Bali, Shondie MacKenzie, Joanne Eng, Carole  
MacDonald

Staff

Sandra Trupp, Judy Pollard, Tonya Lesaux, Sharmeen Kashif

**Agenda**

1. **Welcome by Judy Pollard, Vice-Principal**
2. **What is school council? Roles and responsibilities**
  - Presented Slide show: roles and responsibilities of council
3. **Introduction of Council Nominees**
  - Presentation of parents who sent in their names forward
4. **Structure of our Council – Roles**

**Parent Council Roles established**

**Co Chair: Melanie and Nathalie**

**Vice-Chair: Jan**

**Secretary: Amina**

**Treasurer: Faten**

**Member at large: Mona**

**5. Principal's Report – Sandra Trupp**

Video link for the Director's message didn't play sound: Sandra reviewed the message from the Director (how are our systems; white supremacy etc. how does that play into the education that we have now, privilege etc.)

ESS is organizing itself to line up with all of initiatives from the Ministry and the Board, Anti-Black Racism, Mental Health and Wellness, Support for parents, Engage math (math is going to be de-streamed next year), EML (encompassed 21st century learning) looking at the use of resources, books, people....layering above all is equity and access.

For example: looking at the books and resources in the languages department, when we teach other Courses is the equity (who are we using as examples, who are we talking about, do we favour one group over the other i.e. girls vs boys and tracking that data

### **Staffing:**

- Reorganizing after Quad 1 for Quad 2 thru 4, online students (180) will be returning to their home schools and taken out for ...adding 11 sections into our school. We will be hiring a construction teacher and some LTOs to cover another retirement and a teacher who is unable to come to school but needs someone for the inclusion kids. Will be moving from every other day. Teachers will be teaching everyday to the students in front of them as well as the other cohort as well as the students online. IB teachers are already doing that. It will continue to be a learning experience for those who are learning it. The structure of the day is the same except that the asynchronous learning will be a study period. Teachers will be teaching in person every day and then synchronous in the afternoon.
- Some questions about how new Quad schedules (there are 3 teachers assigned to home in the school, they will only be online) Those students' families will be notified if they are registered to be in person but their teacher is only teaching online.

(Parents showed frustration with the new quad schedule with many questions.)

Parents are struggling with communication with teachers, internet issues with the school etc.

Sandra: Math learned in a quad is different from math learned in a semester. Teachers know they have to work on filling the gaps later. There will be no exams. To staff what are the essential key skills that they need for the next level, and how will the student's show you.

- Parental concern with lack of exams for grade 12 students in preparing them for University entrance.

Melanie: How are we going to access extra supports for students that are struggling, parents may not pop into a meeting?

Sandra: Maybe a message for parent of how to access, Michelle Bollinger just ran a workshop for parents, will talk to her about

- Commencement video should be released last week of November

Melanie: Are there awards?

Sandra: Yes, but not sure of how they are being distributed.

**6. Student Groups (BIAS & MSA) - Report from Teachers & Students**  
**Tonya Lesaux & Sharmeen Khashif**

- Basmala (Co-President of MSA) has been helping out with MSA at Erindale since middle school because of older sister, grateful for the space and the club
- Dima (VP of MSA\_, has been involved as an executive since last year and has been enjoying the experience
- Tonya relayed message from Student Rep Siham (was at work and left message regarding personal participation in school life, and things that need improving i.e. Guidance counsellor access and time - feels rushed when choosing courses and limited choice, also expressed need for afterschool study activity programs like Merge at Sheridan)

**7. Public Question Period**

- Questions about music trip refunds, Sandra is working on it, there are cheques in the mail for 40%, still waiting for the other amount. Recognizes frustration of parents. Melanie pointed out that the Insurance company is not a member of Better Business Bureau and questions how they were chosen by the Board.
- Midterm reports were not followed by Parent Teacher night. Jan was concerned about access to teachers, and that some parents may need help in this regard.
- Concerns over student experience and lack of Clubs running this year. Discussed ways to promote existing Clubs. Tonya pointed out that the teacher workload with the new quadmester could impact the running of Clubs for teachers.

**8. Other business**

Next meeting: November 17th