

Eastview Parent Council

Date: September 29th, 2022 at 6:00pm

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Introductions and Welcomes
3. Student Representative Report

Unable to make it tonight

4. Staff Report

*Clubs and teams getting started up. Lots of activities. If there is a student who wants to get involved there is football, flag football, volleyball, soccer, golf, tennis, choir, production team, karaoke club, boys hockey, lacrosse, student government, games club, chess club, e-sports club, equality team (GSA) swim team, DECA club and art team and eco team plus more. Great time to get involved.

*Students now doing morning announcements. Great way to set the tone with music to welcome kids, and then two students now do announcements. It's been fun to hear. Announcements are on the Roar board by the elevator to list the announcements they can check.

*Birthdays are announced in mornings if kids are okay with it.

*ESSAA are looking for students to score, time keep and help at games. Peter Kalbfleisch is the teacher in charge.

*Staff meetings and assemblies are in person again

*First week had grade assemblies to overview rules and expectations and anything pertinent to each grade. Grade 9 fun days planned. College and University assemblies just happened.

*Guidance does workshops and provides supports through process.

*Terry Fox bowl period 3 and 4 – Football took on Barrie North. \$2 to get out of class and see the games. All money went to Terry Fox.

*Haunted House being planned in future.

*Grade 9 de-streamed English is in full swing. Started diagnostic testing and have started first big assignment is launched.

*IEP students should receive them digitally this year

*Community Service requirements back up to 40 hours

*OSSLT is now restored as a graduation requirement and will be written in the fall and the spring

*Multi day and international field trips are back up and running again.

*Lots of things for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – faith room for students, grad coaches 2SLGBTQ+, Black grad coach, social worker in the school in the school, CMHA worker coming in as well.

*National Truth and Reconciliation week culminating tomorrow. Orange shirts provided to staff and Indigenous resources to be used in classrooms. Asking teachers to integrate in classes to increase knowledge.

*Ms. MacMillan is running the Equality club (past GSA)

*Holy Days of recognition and planning more consciously

*Professional Development – Racism and equity in assessment and IEPs. Looking at safety and belonging in minority groups to improve the sense of safety and belonging for our student groups. Affinity groups starting up.

*SCAA website will go through sports and which are running in which season.

5. Principal's Report

*Grade assemblies where we talked about programming. Grade 12s need 40 hours of community service and OSSLT

*OSSLT for grade 10 and 11 have two chances to write in November and April. Need to successfully complete for graduation. Can look in student portal where timetables are to see if they have passed or not. Write in grade 10 and re-write in 11 if need to. Larger pocket of students wrote last year because the year before the students didn't write because of lockdown. Planning will happen around this and preparation will be available to get ready. Assesses reading and writing at the end of grade 9.

*Grade 9 does EQAO January and June. All do it.

*Full on with fall sports. First Terry Fox Bowl raised a little over 1700 for Terry Fox. Had an issue with refs and timing, but it was positive to see. Leadership class moved the half time show to pre-game show. All were really positive and everyone stayed. People have missed having this opportunity in the last couple of years. Players like the idea of the buy-out.

*PD Day on Monday. Equity and assessment and looking at ways to assess and broaden our methods. Move away from traditional tests and allow students to share their best method of learning. Equity Diversity and Inclusion. Making sure we are inclusive of all and build out program to include identities in the classes.

*All grade nine classes are common curriculum. Last year was only math. Now English, Math, Science, French. At the end of grade 9 they can make the choice about which pathway they want to follow. Looking at what the gaps are in learning and how to bridge those. Student Success team is looking at rolling out lessons on targeting skills for students to help them be successful moving forward. Will come into classes and support teachers with lessons.

*Two new services Itinerant Grad Coaches 2SLGBTQ+ and for Black students. 23% of our students identified as one of these groups in the student census. Supports students with their graduation plan. Both have a social work background so can connect to services. Already very busy and students are connecting with them right away. Academic planning, how to deal with peer conflicts, trouble with teachers, etc.

*Parent/Teacher conference night happening on October 13th. Newsletter coming out outlining events. Online booking tool for arranging times. Click on a link, find the teacher and book online. Printout calendar to phone to have for the day of the interviews. Also on website. Interviews will be in person.

*Newsletter being sent out to keep up communication and let parent community know what is going on in the school.

*School calendar. Gone away from exam days. One of 9 school boards that have updated the assessment policy. Don't get a chance to get feedback on learning after an exam. Now have the opportunity for feedback after they have done the final assessments. Will still have final assessments but will be broken into different parts. Moving away from the traditional and then giving students a chance for feedback and then to improve. Last three days will be a chance to come in to finish up expectations to help get the credit and to improve learning. If they didn't do well on something they can redo it. Teachers will suggest to those they are really concerned about and others will choose to come in on their own.

*Talking to principal at Barrie North and asking parents what their thoughts are – Graduation Ceremonies – everything is on a very short timeline and working to get diplomas printed. Limits things for students if they are behind. Thoughts on a graduation ceremony in the middle of June and then give out certificates etc. later in the month. Some students have mental health issues, others need longer to get things done. This way they can all cross the stage with their friends. Have booked two dates just in case. In favour of allowing everyone to cross.

*Have tutors back in the schools now. Come in to support students in classes. Lots of students coming from University and College last year. Right now we have three – they are going into classes that are in need. Funded until the end of December and hoping to continue beyond that. After school, teachers can run tutoring sessions to support students in their subjects. Some have taken that opportunity.

6. Discussion re: Possible Scholarship Night (as in previous years).

In the past there was a scholarship night. Would like to have it run again. Will look into getting contact and making arrangements. Hybrid model – recording for those who want to see it later. Wanting it to be hosted in the fall.

7. Presentation from G12 student Cara Lintack, re: Native plant/Pollinator Garden

Shared plans for garden, timelines and reasoning for the garden. To be located under the electronic sign at the front of the school.

Received a \$500 grant for Learning for Sustainable future Grant. All costs have been fit into this budget. [@ess.ecoteam](#) on Instagram.

Perhaps support from others to help until the grant comes in if approved. School will pitch in with getting it started.

8. New Business; added Discussion

*Accessibility issues are also addressed as part of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Health care classes were in wheelchairs and then reported back about the barriers. We look for barriers all the time and look for ways to overcome them. Rely on parents to let us know if there is a disability at play and then identify barriers as we look at the system. If it is pointed out we work on it.

*Field trips will be back on the agenda now that things are back to normal. One day trips are starting up. Still some hesitation on international trips. All need to be curricular in basis. Won't likely happen until spring (10-month approval process). Open for everything now. Teams will compete at OFSSAA if they make it. Don't envision changes to this this year.

*University fair is back on. Will the school be sending kids this year?

*School dances and semi-formal – will they be happening. Yes. Working with student government to get things going.

*Will there be larger fundraisers other than Terry Fox – Christmas Cheer, Autism Awareness, etc. Leadership class usually runs the events around these.

*Will someone come to parent night and recruit?

Need to think about what to do for the PRO Grant in the new year.

9. Next meeting: 17 November 2022 at **7pm**