

Forest Hill Junior & Senior Public School (FHPS) SAC Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 6:30 pm
Online Zoom meeting (due to COVID-19 restrictions)

Attendees: Adam Thompson (Principal), Denyse Stewart (Vice-Principal), Jordan Applebaum (Vice-Principal), Naz Yeganeh (Chair), Kurt Monteiro (Vice-Chair), Amit Goel (Co-Treasurer), Kathyryne Ma (Co-Treasurer), Laura Henry-Weir (Secretary), Lisa Cohen (Community Rep), Andrea Turner-Sack (VM), Jacky Wang, Jessica Ungerman, Ethan Grober, Dana Rosenblatt, An West (VM), Kris G., Michael Caplan, Amy Piccinni, Song Wang, Jani Loots, Jenny Lewis (VM), Leah Roth (VM), Dea Golemi, Nelisha Andrews, Brenda Perras-Winter (VM), Ana Shahini, Risa Greenspoon (VM), Josephine, Chantell Gignac, Ania Janik, Deb Baumgarten, Jessica Bookman, Desmond Rowley, Barbara Courssaris

1. General Welcome and Approval of February 2022 Minutes (SAC Chairs)

- Laura approved minutes, seconded by Kurt and Lisa

2. Principal's & Vice Principal's Reports (Adam Thompson, Denyse Stewart & Jordan Applebaum)

- Staffing Updates:
 - Welcome David Solnicki, currently covering Ms. Lafranier's Gr6 Gifted class
 - Welcome Khushbu Masrani, currently covering Ms. Gamliel's Gr7 Gifted class
- Adam reviewed the staffing model options and decisions for 2022/23, based on current enrollment projections
- COVID procedures:
 - Administration is continuing to send daily case reports to all families
 - Rapid test kits are still available, can be picked up from the office
 - Short-term virtual learning has ended. If you would like to switch to virtual, please contact administration to discuss your options
- Virtual Talent Show: The deadline for submissions has been extended until May 18th. Submissions can be made using FlipGrid and all approved submissions will be shown in classes.
- Ms. Lim-Wong (Gr 7/8 Virtual) collected names of Gr7/8 students who would like to participate in the Waterloo Math Gauss contest which will be held virtually on May 18th. Mr. Cabacungan is also offering this program to his Gr.5 Gifted class.
- April 28th is Holocaust Remembrance Day. Gr6-8 students will be invited to attend a special presentation by a grandparent of Forest Hill students who was a child of the Holocaust. Other classes and ages will be offered other learning opportunities to observe this important day.
- In an upcoming Friday update, parents will receive a link to a Google Form to provide input on Class Placements for next year. Although you can't request specific teachers, input is welcome on friends, classroom environment and teaching styles that should be considered
- EQAO testing is back for Gr3 and Gr6 and will be done live between June 7-10 (only for inperson classes). Changes have been made to improve accessibility including use of computers, access to resources like dictionaries and glossaries, etc.

- Grade 8 Graduation Day Trip to Blue Mountain is coming up June 8th. The cost is \$150 + insurance. The school is offering support for anyone in need of financial assistance.
- Grade 8 Graduation ceremony will take place on Forest Hill Collegiate on June 23rd.
- Denyse shared a special video presentation in which students shared their favourite things about being a part of the Young Black Leaders club and their future hopes for club.
- Jordan shared that there is a Scholastic Book Fair coming up the week of May 9th and that parent volunteers are still needed to run the event. To volunteer, reach out to our librarian at aly.gulamhusein@tdsb.on.ca
- Sports teams currently underway include Intermediate Girls & Boys Basketball, Junior Boys Basketball, Junior Boys Soccer and All-gender Junior & Intermediate Badminton.
- Final season (May/June) sports will include Junior Boys & Girls Slo-pitch, Intermediate Boys Slo-Pitch, Grade 4-8 Track & Field, Junior & Intermediate All-gender Ultimate Frisbee. There might be after school soccer as well.
- With support from student leaders, Mme. Pryde and Ms. Karalis are running dance club for Gr.4 students and Mr. Telford is running an art club for students in Gr.3-5

3. Treasurer's Update (Amit Goel)

- Home & School Education Fund: \$2,473
- School Council Account: \$76,285

4. SAC Committee Updates

- SAC Chair Naz is seeking suggestions on how to get more parent engagement in SAC meetings. Feedback included:
 - 6:30 PM is difficult for some families, too early and conflicts with dinner/bedtime rush
 - Some parents don't realize it's a meeting for all parents (not just for voting members)
 - Leverage the class parents to share communication from SAC and drive more engagement
 - Survey parents on important decisions to collect feedback outside of the official meetings
 - Consider in-person meetings with a virtual option to help people meet each other and build relationships
 - SAC participation in welcoming new families to Gifted or French programs might help people to feel more comfortable getting involved
 - SAC introduction in person on Curriculum night, especially for class groups that include a number of families that are new to FHPS
- Auditorium restoration project - Leah Roth
 - Vendor quotes have been updated, costs have increased by about 25% since 2018. Chairs alone will cost approximately \$330k
 - Exploring fundraising options and connecting with TDSB re: donors
 - Looking for volunteer to lead this project going forward, reach out to Leah for details on the project (email leahhroth@hotmail.com)
- FHPS Clothing - Jessica Bookman
 - Looking into making graduation lawn signs available for purchase on the site
 - Website will be shut down by the end of May for the year, start back up in September

- Graduation Committee - Risa Greenspoon, Jessica Bookman & Leah Roth
 - Grads going to Blue Mountain on June 8th
 - Grad ceremony will be June 23rd outdoors in the courtyard at Forest Hill Collegiate and will include a dessert table with refreshments after the ceremony
 - Selfie cutouts and banners for photo ops will be setup

5. Additional Items and Closing Remarks

- Naz moved to adjourn, Kurt seconded.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM

Final SAC Meeting date of the year:

Wednesday, June 8 @ 6:30