

St. Thomas High School Governing Board

Thursday November 21, 2024 via Zoom

DRAFT VERSION

1. Call to Order, land acknowledgement *Called to order at 7:03 pm*

In order to show our deep respect for the land on which our school stands, we would like to acknowledge that Lester B Pearson School Board and St Thomas High School are located on the unceded territory of the Kanien'keha:ka People. The Lester B. Pearson School Board and St Thomas community honours, recognizes and respects the Kanien'keha:ka People as the traditional stewards of the lands and waters on which we meet today and recognizes that this land has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations. We also acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and commit to informing ourselves about this truth to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation.

2. Announcement of the Alternates for the meeting (if applicable)

- *Claudia and Tony are voting members.*
- *No Public*

3. Introduction of public (if applicable)

4. Approval of the Agenda

- *Motion Robert, seconded Melanie*

5. Approval of previous meeting minutes

a. Meeting of October 24, 2024

- *Correction: minutes of Sept. 18th were tabled*
- *Correction: Corinne Guy replaced*

*Motion: Lars, Seconded by Tony
All in favor.*

6. New Business

a. Educational Project Action Plan

Discussion:

FYI not for approval.

The Educational project committee has come up with 3 orientations

1. Student Engagement

- Literacy screening for grade 7 students. Select students will receive intensive intervention*
- GRIT program; reintegration for students who are missing significant class time*
- Professional development on critical thinking classrooms*

2. *Academic Integrity*

- a. *Each subject and grade level will complete a task*
- b. *Development of AI action plan*

3. *Social and Emotional Learning*

- a. *Professional development sessions focused on various aspects of Social Emotional Learning.*
- b. *Professional development on parental engagement*
- c. *Partners in learning- community development sessions involving parents from St. Thomas and St. John Fisher*

Question about the GRIT program. Is it a St. Thomas initiative? How does it compare to TLC at Horizon?

Answer: Goal is to develop relationships with students at their own school.

Question re: AI. Is there any plan on educating students on how to recognize the fake news?

Answer: No plan yet.

b. *December exam schedule*

FYI- Presented and shared with the board

c. *Field trips and Schedule Changes (standing item)*

- *Music elementary school visits*
 - *Ratified vote: All in favor*
- *Rosemount Career center*
 - *Motion to approve: Robert; Seconded: Tony- All in favor.*
- *Italy/France 2025-2026*
 - *Motion to approve Lars; Seconded Loretta - All in favor*
- *Germany Alps 2025- 2026*
 - *Motion to approve: Mark; Second:ed Robert -All in favor*
- *Disney 2025-2026*
 - *Motion to approve:Loretta Seconded: Mark- All in favor*

d. *Initial Budget 2024-2025*

- *Budget was presented*
- *Motion to adopt: Lars; Seconded: Loretta. Budget adopted*

7. *Reports*

a. *Commissioners Report*

- *Alison Saunders absent*

b. *Student Life*

- *Food and Sock Drive*
- *Grad Senior sunset*
- *White Knight Dance, theme week and holiday activities*
- *Game Room set up*

- *New Council members have been selected*
- c. Faculty School Improvement and IB
- *Entrance exams on Nov. 15 and 16. Just under 420*
 - *Design students have visited elementary schools to show case their videogames*
 - *Personal project showcase Monday Nov. 25th*
 - *Grade 8 students have started their interdisciplinary project- business project in support of Haiti partage*
 - *Program development plan focus is on academic integrity*
- d. Administration and School
- *Principal's report to be sent*
- e. Parent Representative (LBPSB PC)
- *No report*
- f. SNAC
- *Report (attached)*
- g. Home and School
- *Last Day to purchase Mocktail/ Cocktail. Doing well so far.*
 - *Thank you to staff for support*
 - *Dec. 2- Dec. 16th Baskets*
 - *1000\$ donated to Music was used to buy an instrument*

Other Business

7. Public Question Period

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 Robert; Seconded Tony

Other Business/Varia

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