

**Attendance:** Marios Tenentes (principal), Angela Bernard (chair), Pat Tan-Sew (vice-chair), André (student rep), Ameera Rushdi, Carol Anne Riethmacher, Emma (student rep), Ferdie Umali, John Sew, Marie-Hélène Frion, Nadia Heyd, Tracy Petrou, Ms Magson (teacher), Siona and Sara (Character Ed reps)

1) **Call to Order, Welcome, Motion to pass Apr 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Minutes:** Minutes of last meeting approved.

2) **Character Education - Ms Magson, Siona, Sara**

1. **Laurier Locker Goals:** 12 Character Ed leaders attended a *Crime Stoppers Symposium*; Inspired by a presenter's personal goal setting experiences, the team is developing a new initiative: *Laurier Locker Goals*. Studies show that with goals written down and visible, people are more likely to achieve them; Postcard sized magnets with *Sir W.L.C.I.* at the top and *Every Day Matters* (Siona's slogan) at the bottom will be distributed in the fall; students will be encouraged to set positive goals, write them down on the magnet, post them in their locker during a short in class workshop by Character Ed leaders; periodic 'goal checking' will ensue; this initiative is in line with SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time Based) with highest level of goal achievement when held accountable for them; setting goals is particularly good for young people because it results in less negative involvement and outcomes; *Parent:* suggested to post comments on how students are meeting their goal(s) on Laurier Blog...

3) **Student Report - Emma, André**

1. **SAC Elections:** Rashdi the new president; 3 student reps per grade; reps will be able to do more and participate more in all the activities; quite a few returning students, therefore a lot of experience
2. **SAC Carnival** tomorrow; in the back field; with inflatables, obstacle courses, bungee runs, photo booth, dunk tank (featuring Mr. Tenentes & Emma); 2 hour lunch; bring sunscreen
3. **Laurier Sports:** Girls' lacrosse; Boys soccer; Girls Waterpolo (semifinalists); Rugby (Jr Boys semifinalists); Baseball, Cricket
4. **Me2We:** fundraisers to help build a school in rural China: bake sale; basket ball game Laurier team vs teachers; car detailing; possible fun run
5. **Mental Health and Bullying seminar:** Youth Embracing Sexuality – particular focus on Bullying LGBTQ and Mental Health
6. **Music Showcase:** two weeks ago
7. **Dance and Drama Showcase:** last week
8. **Dance Conference** in Ottawa: 6 students, 2 teachers, one weekend; participated in classes with master choreographers
9. **Prom:** June 1<sup>st</sup> at Atlantis; Prom committee is selling lanyards for \$5
10. **Athletic Banquet:** June 9<sup>th</sup>, \$30; need not be involved in athletics to come; Semi-formal event
11. **Silent Days** – Study days before exams
12. **Spirit Days** have finished – superhero, pyjama
13. **Super Council:** Area 3 TDSB; at Cedarbrae; about ½ the volunteers and ½ the performers were Laurier students; proceeds to *Dr. Roz's Healing Centre*
14. **Bike to School week;** students earn tickets when biking in or can purchase tickets; prize is a new bike; lock bikes on bike racks on the west side of the school
15. **Duke of Edinburgh Club:** canoe trip to Algonquin Park this week
16. **Guildwood Days:** Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>; parade closes the street for about 45 minutes; ends at the back of Laurier
17. **Strawberry Festival** at Poplar Rd Jr PS: June 17; may need volunteers
18. **Commencement:** Friday Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (graduation ceremonies for those who completed their High School diploma in 2016)
19. **Kudos** to our **SAC leaders Emma and André:** Mr Tenentes thanked them for their participation and especially for their outstanding leadership role at Laurier. Emma represented Laurier AND Canada in *The International DECA Conference* in Tennessee; André was one of 80 Canadian **finalists** for the Loran Award (find out about the award at <http://loranscholar.ca/apply/> )

4) **Principal's Report – Marios Tenentes**

1. **Laurier Evacuation Plan:** shows marshalling areas; teachers know their responsibilities; students would be evacuated to Jack Miner and/or Maplewood H.S. if necessary
2. **Guild Park and Gardens:** partnership developing between school, community and city to develop the gardens

3. **Carnival:** May 31<sup>st</sup>; during extended 2 hr lunch; students have class before and after
4. **PROM:** at the Atlantis, Wed June 1<sup>st</sup>; heads up for next year: Prom will be at the Guild Inn as that is where Atlantis is moving
5. **Ward Meeting:** June 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30-8:30; at Joseph Brant; new interim Education Director John Malloy will be speaking; information about the decentralization and 4 learning centres
6. **Athletic Banquet:** at Rembrandt Banquet Hall June 9<sup>th</sup>
7. **Commencement:** Friday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup>; a Brightpix photographer will return to take photos
8. **ELECTRONIC Waste Collection:** June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4 PM; in conjunction with *The Church of the Holy Trinity and Ontario Environmental Services* (OES); spread the news; Laurier will receive a bit of \$ per unit weight of e-waste; wipe your data clean; Mr Hirji and his students will go over 3 times a day to stack the items in the bin...
9. **Registration for September:**
  - a. Tues **Aug 30<sup>th</sup>** = Grades **11 and 12**
  - b. Wed **Aug 31<sup>st</sup>** = **Grade 9 only**
  - c. Thurs **Sept 1<sup>st</sup>** = **Grade 10 only**
  - d. **“Cashless” Registration:** Laurier is part of TDSB’s pilot for “cashless” schools; families will be able to pay the \$50 student registration fee prior to registration; students will show their receipt; this avoids students carrying a lot of cash: costs are itemized on the registration form (team costs, club costs, etc); yearbooks have been bulk ordered, cutting the cost to below half
  - e. **Movin’ On Up for Grade 9:** activities/orientation for those entering grade 9 begins **right after registration** (Aug 31)
  - f. **New \$50 IB Registration Fee:** Fees have gone up this year, and in combination with the weak Canadian dollar, this has been a big issue; TDSB’s policy has been not to charge students for the IB program, though most *other* boards require students to pay hundreds or even thousands of dollars to cover IB fees; Laurier will now be levying fees to cover *some of the cost increases* (this year, funds were taken out of the regular school budget to cover the \$20,000 IB deficit); some costs are not fixed, such as photocopying packages, mailing exams/essays to external examiners all over the world, IB University Fair and bus... ; the \$50 IB Registration Fee is in addition to the regular Laurier registration fee, therefore IB students will pay a total of \$100
10. **OSSTF – Secondary Teachers’ Strike continues;** Administration has continued to fill in gaps and gather attendance; Teachers doing minimal on report cards; For Grade 12 students, teachers will enter the marks, as they are needed for university; For Grades 9, 10, 11 – Union has told the teachers not to enter marks for these grades (using Markbook or Trillium); We are awaiting direction from TDSB how to manage this; Last year, as part of the elementary school strike, superintendents went to the schools for the first couple of weeks in the summer to fill in the report cards; parents cannot volunteer; no one is sure what or when the solution will be; Mark Return Day is when teachers can share their mark with each student; encourage students to come with a piece of paper to note down the marks; Parties have not been at the table since before winter break

## 5) Other Business – Angela Bernard

11. In May, TDSB **approved** Laurier **Pool funding for the 2016-2017 school year.** *Toronto Lands Corporation* is looking for a tenant to rent space at the pool to generate revenue to help keep the pool open on a sustainable basis
12. Mr Tenentes and Council thanked Angela Bernard for all her work as *School Council Chair* for the past 3 years. She is retiring due to the fact that her youngest is graduating in June

Meeting **adjourned** at 8:43 pm.

Next meetings October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016; Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016; Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017; April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017; May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017