**Clinton Junior Public School**

**School Council Minutes**

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| **Meeting Date** | January 10, 2022 | |
| **Start/End Time** | 18:00 – 19:30 | |
| **Minutes Approved** |  | |
| **Attendees – Elected and Appointed Members** | Co-Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Communications Officer, Secretary, | |
| **Attendees** | Parents / Guardians | 9 |
| **Attendees – Staff & Administration** | Principal, Vice-Principal | |
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| **Upcoming Events and Meetings** | |
| 2020-21 School Council Meetings | Come to School Council meetings to:   * Improve the education experience of our school's children * Provide input and enhance school system accountability * Learn more about what's going on |
| **2020-21 School Council Events** | Itinerary to be determined and distributed via Council website and email communications |
| **Action Items** | |
| 1. Council / Parents / Guardians: Consider means of promoting attendances at Council meetings 2. Council:    1. Consider promotion of FlipGive at key buying moments of the year 3. Parents / Guardians:    1. Advise if there is interest in participating in school website upgrades    2. Grade 6 Students: Middle school open houses upcoming for Sept 2022 registration 4. Admin:    1. Review whether school can accept outdoor activity donations    2. Confirm that all morality lights operational. Review upgrades to signage for dog poop on grounds.    3. Discuss the following topics with teachers:       1. Harmonizing online teaching platforms       2. Feasibility of one-on-one time with students 5. Communications Officer: Promotion of Anti-Bullying Presentation on January 19, 2022 6. Advocacy Items:    1. Supervision hiring and anti-bullying support    2. Sufficiency of caretaking at school, especially re ice / snow 7. Secretary: Create action item list from 2021 survey | |

*We acknowledge we are hosted on the land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, The Haundenosaunee, the Chippewa, and the Wendat Peoples. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples.*

**Intro and Welcome**

Co-Chair welcomes all, outlines the agenda and introduces Principal Dan Taylor. Council introduces themselves.

Motion to Pass Minutes dated 15 November 2022: Co-Chair

Second: Co-Chair

Passed

**Principal’s Introduction:**

* Thanks expressed to all attendees.
* Introduction of professional and personal experiences, including 15 years of administration at TDSB through four schools. Significant experience with intensive support programs (ISPs)
* Believer of strong community within an elementary school:
  + Specializations occurs later on, and exposure should be broad in the formative years
  + Highly values arts, athletics, clubs and co-curriculum and other experiences and engagements
  + Given the current situation will endeavour to provide these experiences to the greatest extent possible
* Will look at a keyless FOB system to enable teachers to enter the school. Some other technological upgrades are being considered.
* If virtual is to continue, then will look to purge outdated items stored at the school to open up more space.
* Worked at another school for four years with current VP
* SECRETARY CONNECTION PROBLEM FOR TWO MINUTES
* 37 devices have been picked up to date and others are available if necessary
* Will be looking to add new resources:
  + Math, language and French programs
  + Hopefully as early as next week
* Communications:
  + Will continue weekly email communications from administration
  + Communications meeting to occur tomorrow to upgrade school website to facilitate communication on various fronts. This will include link to Twitter account.
  + Looking to simply the website address to simplify access.
  + Co-Chair: if there is interest in assisting upgrades with the website process please advise
* Grade 6 Parents: Open house season for middle and upper schools. Most of registration are due by early Feb, therefore should start to consider this for Sept 2022.
* Back to school: No official word with respect to return date. Administration is not told anything prior to public statements by Province.
* Questions:
  + JK parent:
    - Concern expressed with respect to why there are not more parents / guardians participating in Council meetings.
      * Co-Chair: It has been difficult with respect to covid to have people come online more than already occurring. Consider options and advise Council on new ideas.
      * Important to speak with other parents / guardians to spread word about Council and its activities.
      * Another option on this is parent rep for each class, which used to be in place. Comment that this was a teacher led initiative, and some teachers did not want a rep.
    - Question about why hard copy materials were not provided prior to break? Are there are other means to keep children engaged?
      * Principal: TDSB has printing services but requires a booklet for production. This is one option for Clinton to consider and admin is considering these options.
      * Also there were only a few days advance notice ahead of virtual school, which did not leave sufficient time to prepare for this.
* Co-Chair requests that Q&A take place at end of agenda.

**Co-Chair Report:**

* Wish List meeting took place last Council meeting, with decisions articulated in 15 Nov 2021 minutes.
* Bullying and anti-social behaviour was discussed as significant point of discussion:
  + Vice Principal: Caring and safe school committee is now up and running. Parents have volunteered to participate in the committee.
    - At first meeting, ideas were discussed regarding how to improve supervision in schoolyard.
    - Other items were discussed to improve engagement of students, and orders have been placed for some items, and others are on back order.
    - Co-Chair: Can Council assist with this to purchase items, or do they need to be sourced from TDSB approved places. Can items be donated?
      * School would need to consider the items and also consider how the delivery was affected. To discuss with Principal about potential donations.
  + Lunchtime Supervision: Status of two new hires?
    - Principal: There has been one new hire for lunchtime supervision. One remains in process. It is very common that lunchroom supervisors don’t show up, so this is quite a frequent issue.
  + Anti-Bullying Presentation: Wednesday January 19, 2022 (evening)
    - This is taking place in the near future. Ensure that this is distributed to parents early on to promote attendance by both parents and students.
  + Parent Question: Are there any Board or Ministry action items for advocacy on the bullying front?
    - Principal undertakes to ensure hires are made expeditiously, and will push within the system to advocate for this.
    - Follow up: Perhaps one item for new Ward Rep ought to include this item.
* New Business:
  + Dog Poop
    - Municipality will not come onto the school grounds to ticket for this item.
    - Council encourages ideas for requiring responsible pet ownership
      * Signage promoting cleanup from TDSB
      * More dogs around these days, and therefore school fields become target areas
      * May add retrieval to caretaker responsibilities
      * Question about whether the field can be lit. Principal to look into this with the Board, and ensuring that ‘morality lights’ are all operational

**ArtSmart / Friends of Clinton**

* Representative from ArtSmart introduces themself.
* History of ArtSmart including registration status and foundation.
* Please see Sept 2022 Minutes for full summary.
* This year there is virtual programming for first time, with modules now operating.
* Grade 6 project occurs each year
* Future project 🡪 looking for outdoor program following end of the pandemic
* Encourage individuals to join and participate at ArtSmart

**Treasurer Report:**

* Came into the year with $10,000 in the bank. Fundraiser occurred in the fall, with $14,000 raised.
* Allocated $18,000 to Wish List, $5000 of that has been spent to date.
* This will leave us with $5000 - $6000 in the bank for next year.
* Overview of the various fundraising activities that occur each year, including biweekly pizza lunches. With the pandemic this has died up.
* Co-Chair provides overview of FlipGive and means of providing funding to Council, including promoting the application at key buying moments of the year.

**Survey Overview:**

* Overview of results provided by Secretary, see Schedule A for summary.
* Action item: Secretary to create action items stemming from the survey. Survey results to be posted to the website for general review.

**Administration Q&A:**

* Parent: what is being discussed about vaccines in schools for children?
  + This would be a Ministry of Education decision. All information is being received at the same time as it was provided to the public.
* Co-Chair: Why are there multiple virtual platforms being provided?
  + There are three accepted platforms, and all of them are used.
  + Secretary: This results in parents having to assist the children in logging back and forth between various platforms, which is an unnecessary distraction for all.
  + Another option is to have the teachers provide an overview of their expectations in person to person.
  + Principal: to discuss with VP and teachers.
* Co-Chair: Is there an opportunity for one on one time with their teachers during the course of their day?
  + Admin: to review with teachers. Result of one on one is less time with balance of class, so there are trades offs.
* Parents: Quantity of Support Staff / Caretakers
  + There has been no increase / decrease in support during the pandemic
  + This is potentially another advocacy item
* Gym classes / individual attention
  + Vice Principal: Teachers are making their decisions based on group decisions and there are only so many minutes in the day. No language specifically mandating individual time.
  + Admin will stress importance of this.
* Student Council – to be discussed next meeting.

**Concluding Discussion**

Meeting Adjourns 7:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: February 28, 2022 at 6:00pm - VIRTUAL**