**Clinton Junior Public School**

**School Council Minutes**

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| **Meeting Date** | November 15, 2021 | |
| **Start/End Time** | 17:00 – 19:00 | |
| **Minutes Approved** | Yes | |
| **Attendees – Elected and Appointed Members** | Co-Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Communications Officer, Secretary, | |
| **Attendees** | Parents / Guardians | 2 |
| **Attendees – Staff & Administration** | Principal, Vice-Principal, Teacher Rep (all classes) | |
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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. Co-Chair: Further inquiries to be made on Flip Give app 2. Secretary: Research survey options 3. Admin / Chairs: Follow up with respect to Bullying 4. Principal: To create budget allocation by Nov 25th and present to Council 5. Council: To consider dog poop prevention signs | |

*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.*

**1. Intro and Welcome**

Chair welcomes all and outlines the agenda.

* Wish list submission primary focus of the meeting
* Thanks expressed to admin and teachers for start of the school year. Significant effort goes into
* Fundraising:
  + Excellent result from the fundraising, with target of $10,000 greatly exceeded which will enable funding of the Wish List.
  + Flip Give app 🡪 Co-Chair
    - Enables people to purchase goods and services through the app, and then an amount is donated through the application
    - Can be personalized for a specific drive. So for example, it can be micro targeted donations to a particular group.
    - There are bonus figures for signing up to the app.
    - There are minimum withdrawals for first withdrawal, and then none going forward.
    - Given the time of year it might be a good time of year to send an invitation to parents and guardians about it’s use.
    - General agreement that the app provides a good resource, Co-Chair to make further inquiries for setup.
    - General agreement to pool all funds rather than divide them between who donated them.
* Parent Survey:
  + Parent survey last undertaken in 2019.
  + Council has prepared another survey for distribution in the next few weeks.
  + Mental health and well being questions – ought there been more focus on this?
    - Perhaps consider a couple of questions on this issue, including materials and support for parents looking for answers to their questions
  + Timing for release: Research best times for release of the survey. Identify close date and reminder.
  + Look into survey options that are free of charge.
* Kindergarten class size issues
  + Some parents reached out and Public Health Nurse got involved to assist, but ultimately were advised this was a Ministry issue
* Behaviour / Bullying at School
  + There has been an increase of complaints about this issue. Co-Chair asks what is being done by admin on this front.
  + Principal: to be addressed in Principal’s report

**Treasurer Report:**

* Donations were $13,730
* $14,000 in bank with another $10,000 in bank with TDSB, leaving $24k.
* Buffer should be left at about $5000.

**ArtSmart**

* Fundraising efforts acknowledged and appreciated
* Foregoing a background on Friends of Clinton, and instead focusing on what is being done this year.
* Funded historically partially by Council between $3000 – $ 3500. Typically, $8000 is spent per year on the program, though last year the entire program was not provided.
* ArtSmart rep’s child is undertaking beta program of modules delivered through classrooms.
* Longer term program is graffiti art program at the school.
* Positive news: As a charity with an endowment that is growing due to previous year’s investments. The capital is not touched, though dividends are sometimes tapped for larger programs.
* If there are any ideas about support please have them come forward to any ArtSmart representative.
* Hoping to have six modules available
* Chair: what is anticipated budget this year?
  + Due to limited programming this year, likely to spend between $6000 – $8000 this year.
  + Largest concern this year is to ensure there is money in future years.
* Modules can be reused over future years, and not just this year when in person
* Teacher Rep: Will funds be set aside for art kits purchases for kids?
  + There have not been requests for these, but great to hear they are well received. Would like to consider in the context of available budget.

**Principal’s Report**

* Budget
  + This year in person enrollment: 352 (2020 at 312)
  + This year’s budget is $56,113 baseline (last year $50,882).
  + Carry over money 🡪 money will be available for carry over
  + On Nov 30th Clinton will be given carry over funds from previous year. Therefore, for this year budget is $108,152.
  + Good position for budget.
  + Admin meeting with teachers to discuss priorities for budget.
    - Some items are fixed and others float, and the latter will be the focus of the upcoming meeting.
      * $433 will be for Council – assist in offsetting costs (example: admin costs)
      * $500 in addition to this amount (engagement money)
    - Historically there has been a focus on:
      * Technology 🡪 with result that technology (computers, projections, etc) now in each classroom equally across all grades.
      * Universal design for learning 🡪 sensory tools and other items as example
      * Flexible seating for students 🡪 wobble seats, flexible cushions etc.
    - Admin to create breakdown of budget spend before Nov 25th. To connect back with Council afterwards.
    - Survey – Perhaps include questions relating to identification of priorities for investments in programs, schoolyard etc.
  + Co-Chair 🡪 Can school budget cover shortfalls on budget?
    - Principal: historically there have been contributions from admin to Counsel, so this will be considered in context of Wish List meeting
* School Improvement Plan
  + Background on purpose of SIP.
  + Focus of SIP is:
    - Achievement
    - Well-being
    - Equity
    - Indigenous education
* Bullying
  + There are several students returning to school with significant “heaviness”. Clinton has many special education classes, and sometimes this also brings challenges.
  + Influx of anxiety in children, especially over the last couple of years, for various reasons.
  + Staff / Admin have endeavoured to support both sides
  + Current week is Bullying Prevention Week, and teachers are bringing this into the classrooms for educational purposes
  + Co-Chair 🡪 Question what tangible things that admin is doing to address this issue:
    - Teacher Rep: there has been specific education programs from teachers
    - Communication Officer: What is being considered with respect to the victims of bullying?
    - Admin: Work is taking place behind the scenes with the families involved. Also involving school social worker being involved.
    - **SECRETARY LOST INTERNET CONNECTION FOR BRIEF PERIOD**
  + Co-Chair 🡪 How does school keep track of incidences to track stats?
    - Principal: There is online reporting and tracking mechanism, including tracking by attendances at the office. There are common elements and threads for those who engage in this behaviour. There has been an increase in conflicts amongst children since return to school across the TDSB.
  + Parent: What specifically can be done now and here with respect to bullying?
    - At any given time there are six classes in the yard, resulting in about 110 children in school yard at any given time.
    - Can carry over funds be allocated for additional support work?
    - Principal: No – because this is a staffing issue which is outside of the school. However, there are two gaps in current staffing for lunch support, which is being addressed currently.
    - General concern expressed with respect to amount of supervision over children
    - This should be an advocacy issue from the parents, as well as through the admin.
    - Chair: When can admin ask for further support, and how does TDSB provide this support?
      * There is a formula that is used by the Board, which is why advocacy might assist on this front.
    - Parent: What is the formulae for this process?
      * The issue is with hiring, with people who are otherwise options but otherwise are not taking the job.
    - Advocacy 🡪 Group to be formed on this issue to address advocacy on this topic.
    - Teacher Rep: Many students who commit acts of bullying have underlying issues, but because of additional regulation problems it is difficult to oversee them.
  + Equity: Clinton is bringing in a support person in January and focus on equity work though Staff
* Vaccine Rollout
  + All Staff are required to be vaccinated at this point, and all communication is issued through the TDSB and not through admin. Unknown whether this will impact any of Clinton Staff.
  + Currently all Staff have attended following the Nov 12th deadline. Drop dead date of Nov 25th – all must get vaccinated.
  + Chair: Is there any plan for backfilling in the event that a teacher does not attend following the deadline. Principal: Unknown.
  + Parent: Clinton will not qualify as a vaccine school as it only goes to Grade 6.
* Dog Poop
  + Principal is in the process of placing signs to prevent dogs from pooping in the school yard
  + Poster campaign could be launched by School Council

**Motion to Approve 29 Sept 2021 Minutes: Chair**

**Seconded and Passed**

**2. Review and Discussion of Wish List Items**

* See Appendix

**3. Concluding Discussion**

* None

Meeting Adjourns 8:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: November 8, 2021 at 6:00pm - VIRTUAL**

**SCHEDULE A: WISH LIST**

**See Separate Excel Document**