

**Clinton Junior Public School
School Council Minutes**

Meeting Date	June 23, 2021	
Start/End Time	18:00 – 19:30	
Minutes Approved		
Attendees – Elected and Appointed Members	Co-Chair, Co-Chair, Communications Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, Ward Rep	
Attendees	Parents / Guardians	2
Attendees – Staff & Administration	Principal, Vice-Principal, Teacher Rep	

Upcoming Events and Meetings	
<u>2020-21 School Council Meetings</u>	<p>Come to School Council meetings to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	
Action Items	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Principal / Council: Arrange for back-to-school committee in August 2021 2. All: Consider Council fund raising activities for 2021 – 2022 school year 3. All: Consider speaker topic for 2021 – 2022 Council meetings 4. Principal / Council: Consider recruiting methods for next year's Council. Principal to include mention in Staying Connected email. 5. Ward Rep (and any other): Consider advocacy efforts against hybrid / fractured model of learning 6. Council: Consider options for air quality testing for next school year 7. Co-Chair: To circulate virtual thank you card for staff appreciation 	

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

1. Intro and Welcome

Co-Chair welcomes all and outlines the agenda.

- Introductions
- Agenda
 - Co-chair report
 - Wish List status
 - Guest speaker plans for next year
 - Recruitment of new Council members for next year

2. Approve Last Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of March 10, 2021 Minutes

Motion: Co-Chair

Seconded: Parent

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3. Co-Chair's Report

Co-Chair delivers Report:

- Year in Review:
 - Endeavoured for work to have school open safely at outset
 - Otherwise, quiet year with respect to Council
 - Changes on Council will occur next year
 - ArtSmart participated to create avatar group photo for grad students
- Focus for next year
 - How to safely reopen next year. Keep committees open for those who wish to participate.
 - Safety packs → whether those need to be amended and / or produced next year
 - Possibility to have another meeting closer to September on this issue
 - New students will be joining including new JKs
 - Kits should be put together for at least with them
- Guest speakers for next year. Issues to consider:
 - Anti-racism
 - Mental health
 - Other potential topics to be brought forward
- Recruiting for Council next year
 - Thank you to current Co-Chair for assistance with Council for four years of assistance
 - Thank you to Ward Rep for year's work
 - Target for new parents at KD level
 - Any other ideas to be brought to Council

- Job descriptions posted on website for commitment level
- Principal: to put forward mention in Stay Connected email
- Council Handbook
 - Co-Chair has disseminated information for future Councils to use as guidepost
 - Any edits or comments to be brought forward
- Dates:
 - End of School date → to clarify actual end date of school
 - Start of next school year → commencing on a Thursday next year
- Hybrid Learning – Co-Chair
 - Hybrid learning involves offering both virtual and in person learning with same teacher for both groups.
 - Creates substantial problems from an attention standpoint.
 - Teachers Union is opposed to the proposal
 - Principal: doubtful that hybrid model will be implemented. Survey to be given to parents in August for intention next year.
 - Various models will apply for each learning network, students in that LC etc.
 - Decisions will then be made based on those factors above
 - Unlikely that teachers will teach with hybrid, and more likely that some schools will provide one while other schools provide another model
 - Remote learning in this instance will be more local than existing system
 - Co-Chair there is a twitter storm to advocate against the proposal
 - Principal:
 - Ministry of Education has cut funding for remote learning, which forces decision between “in person” or “remote” learning
 - Majority of children at Clinton came to school this year (304 of 309) [**CONFIRM NUMBERS**], with additional people coming at switch time
 - Teachers Rep:
 - Peel had stated that they were going to entertain hybrid and then revoked after parent involvement
 - Treasurer:
 - Look at language of the survey and send out explanation
 - Potential for targeted advocacy
 - Number of schools to come together for this issue
 - Trustees
 - Director
 - Regroup on this issue in the next couple of weeks

4. Treasurer’s Report

- Treasurer provides
 - Cash on hand: \$12,601.60
 - Next year funding: apx between \$8 - \$11k
 - Should consider fund raising efforts given that next year will have limited opportunities for traditional fund raising
 - Parent: Big Ask → request for donations from parents at the outset of each year

- Co-Chair: concern that there is conflict with ArtSmart but there might be ways to get around this
 - Traditional fundraising might not have huge return and simplest may be easiest way for fundraising
 - Pizza Lunches – should consider ways that this can be accommodated within covid requirements
 - Packaged donations / field trips / bids etc → good alternatives for **online auction** that have large impact
- Wish list:
 - Approximately \$3k not paid out for wish list
 - Artsmart: did not obtain their \$1500 allocated during Wish List. Email to be sent to requesting if they want the funds.
 - Fundraising: See above

5. **Ward Report**

Co-Chair delivers Ward report.

- No substantial updates from the meeting

6. **Principal's Report**

- Appreciation expressed to the community for work put into the and community
- Appreciation to the Council for work put into keeping the school going
 - Started off with the fanny packs to allow backup for the system to have in place
 - Support with outdoor learning – storage, equipment, etc
 - Teacher appreciation
 - Water bottles
 - Special thanks to the Co-Chairs for their work during entire school year
 - Grad photo
- Appreciation to the teachers
- Staffing updates
 - Identifies several specific teachers who are retiring, undergoing leave or moving to various other schools
 - As a result of vacancies, there are placements that have been provided to Clinton. Once that is complete then may commence interviews.
 - Currently several placements who will join at various levels of the school, who may be permanent or not
 - There continues to be a primary division position outstanding and can't yet interview due to processes. Being posted currently for Grade 1 / 2 split.
- Report cards: Issued to all parents on June 24 or 25
 - Room for next year will be mentioned, but not the identity of the teacher. If changes are required, then school will communicate that to parents.
- Returning to school

- Anticipate that there will be very little information communicated prior to August.
- Parents will be involved in the planning process once that is issued.
- Survey to be issued to parents and guardians about how to plan for next year. Delivery to be issued in August.
- Graduation
 - There has been a lot of back and forth about the procedures
 - What will occur now is one by one filtering through the school, with teacher, admin present with balloons, and signs for welcoming. Package then to be issued to each grad (t-shirts, grad photo etc).
- Maintenance projects:
 - Hepa filters arrived one week prior to shut down. They are delivered and installed in classrooms now, with plugs. Purchased only for classrooms. No other considerations for air quality.
 - Co-Chair: could the Principal use funds for upgrading air quality. Outstanding whether rollover funds will be available.
 - HVAC system recently subject to upgrades. Will custodians continue to start up prior to start of school. These decisions are all made through TDSB decisions, through BAS system controlled by the Board.
 - Air quality testing → will this occur? Unknown if this will occur.
 - Co-Chair advocates for testing to occur next year.
 - Overhang area being redone
- Outdoor learning
 - Teacher Rep: contacted TDSB who has mill that provides wood. Possibility to obtain more in the future.
 - Other than this there are no changes to the TDSB policies in existence
 - At a school level there is commitment to continue priority for outdoor learning, which may continue next year
- Reopening video for next year
 - Update for next year may be very helpful for new and continuing students on this front

7. Other Business

- Teacher end of year appreciation possibilities
 - Group virtual thank you card to be circulated by Co-Chair. Link sent out for contribution.
 - Teacher Rep: Perhaps postpone the appreciation for the fall? September 2 and 3...
- Parent: what is average turnover (departure) of teachers per annum
 - Principal: not aware of the statistic
 - How many departures were there from last year?
 - Not many. But in previous years there were departure of several teachers on an annual basis.
 - At Clinton specifically the stats seem to be low relative to other schools
- No information with respect to Principal and Vice-Principal status next year
 - VP: expresses appreciation for role this year
- Co-Chair: are teachers aware of their class assignments
 - Yes, however due to the changes that can occur nothing is concrete until the start of the school year
- Parent: Re gifted program → what came of the review of the program
 - How the stream into the gifted program has been up in the air for several years, but runs under 'Intensive Support Program', which houses many other programs. Board was looking at this

structure and whether to re-jig the programs. Nothing has moved since committees several years ago.

- Return to school
 - Co-Chair: Parent preference to have kids taught by vaccinated teachers, which may not be an issue at Clinton. This may become a bigger issue in August.
 - Question has been posed to Superintendent whether we have the right to know vaccination status. Answer is confidentiality, and likely will not have right to ask or have that question answered.

Meeting Adjourns 7:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING: August 2021 [?]

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