**Clinton Junior Public School**

**School Council Minutes**

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| **Meeting Date** | February 28, 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 | 5 |
| **Attendees – Staff & Administration** | Principal, Vice-Principal, Teacher Rep (x1) | |
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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. Add Teacher Rep to be added to mailing list | |

*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 10 January 2022: Co-Chair

Second: Co-Chair

Passed

**Co-Chair Report:**

* Promotion of Counsel for new membership.
  + One idea was through parent representatives in each classroom. Co-Chair spoke with Principal who is positive on the idea.
  + May have in person meeting at next Council meeting (offsite) to promote attendance.
* Dog poop issue
  + Principal 🡪 sweeping the grounds to start the day (on first round of bags)
  + VP 🡪 sweeping grounds during lunch time
  + Morality lights on the side of the building are working properly
  + Facilities team is coming on Wednesday to coordinate those who are not always present to look after the school
* Donations
  + Significant sleds / spades etc were donated for kids play
* Anti Bullying Session
  + Children’s presentation was very well received by the kids. The adult version was less interesting.
* Community support fund
  + Three families have received $200 support cards for food
* By-law updates
  + Majority of items (80%) are required to be accepted and the balance are optional
  + TDSB has since retracted draft by-laws as there were errors. Draft by-laws therefore to be presented during next meeting.
* Caretaking
  + Soap dispensers, litter, mud / slush and other similar issues identified by the community, and request that there is more attention put to it. Question about whether anything could be done by parents by elevate any issue to request additional support.
  + Principal: To be brought up with Facilities during meeting later this week. However, there is better cleanliness in Clinton than other schools (seconded by VP and Teacher Rep). There is one caretaker through the majority of the day, with another sometimes coming later in the afternoon.
  + Potential additional item is to bring in additional assistance to clear out what is no longer required at the facility.
* Book Exchange
  + Potential to run exchange in the springtime in an effort for community engagement.
  + Principal: starting to have more openness (ex lost and found) with general trend moving in that direction, so likely this will occur.
  + Co-Chair 🡪 Can we assume this may take place in the spring for planning purposes?
    - Principal – Likely will know by end of March break so plan at that time.
  + Co-Chair 🡪 Preference for weekends vs weekdays? To discuss preference.
  + Comm Officer 🡪 should look at Bike to School day

**Treasurer Report:**

* No funds have been in / out since last meeting
* There has been very little spending ($6000, which includes the $300 / teacher) from the Wish List, and question why that has occurred
  + Teacher Rep:
    - Apx $6000 has been spent on UDL (wobble chairs, cushions etc).
    - Cost sharing to book dance company, which is in the process of being booked
    - Teachers are aware of availability of funds for their spending. Most use individual budget money and then seek contribution once school funds have been expended.
  + VP: Spoke with Jr Rep:
    - Drama and dance performances and science presentation are in the works for the spring. Moccasin Initiative is being organized
    - There is awareness and much is being looked at in the spring
* Grad Planning – There is $450 allocated and to determine whether in person events can proceed. To make decision on how this is to be allocated.

**ArtSmart / Friends of Clinton**

* Online modules will continue. To continue with restrictions are in place. Will revisit program for next year down the road with more clarity on restrictions.
* Looking at outdoor art project for next year.
* Teachers are encouraged to submit requests for ArtSmart supplies for those who want it.
  + Teacher Rep was unaware of this and therefore good to know.
* ArtSmart traditionally does something for grad project.
* Working on online art night before the end of year.

**Principal’s Report:**

* There has been focus on fun at the school
  + Winter Olympics was a very great event organized by Teacher.
* Twitter account now has 70 followers to keep the community up to date
  + Account 🡪 @ClintonStreetPS
* Some of the older children have taken leadership role in helping organize events (artwork / displays)
* Covid Safety:
  + Vaccine Clinic: Nothing booked at the school at this time. They are located in those neighbourhoods with lower vaccination rates.
  + Masks are continuing to be distributed along with all other protocols in place. Extra masks are available if required for students.
  + Protocol changes are being announced to public at same time as TDSB
* EQAO will hold a spring assessment for Grade 3 and 6 students (math and language) to take place online. Generally takes place in late spring with results issued in the fall (though it may be faster online). This is the first time it has taken place online.
* School Budget
  + Typically there is rollover of funds from unspent funds in previous years.
  + $70k in current school budget accounts. Due to covid restricting excursions and other similar costs.
  + There have been funds spent since start of 2022 with library, facilities (furniture, tactile) expenditures.
  + POR are becoming versed in the program for expenditures
  + Likely will have apx $40k for rollover into next year, given expenditures in the summer. Though depending on how much opens up there may be additional expenditures.
* Library – Question whether this can start to be used starting in the spring. This will be addressed with Facilities.
* Occasional Teachers – Difficult to find teachers serving this purpose.
  + With the absence of Occasional Teachers, there has been strain on prep time. Therefore endeavoured to pay back teachers for that time.
  + Teacher has been permanently assigned to 302, which will provide stability for that classroom.
* General optimism about post March break school and 2022 / 2023 school year.
* VP:
  + Enjoying seeing the children contributing to the entranceway and benefitting the community. Birthday board and superhero displays as other examples.
  + Black History Month – There was great work to encourage education about the purpose of Black History Month
  + 100 Days Project as another standout project that has brought an uplift to the school
  + Ukraine Conflict 🡪 There has been space provided to educate children about what is occurring with respect to conflict. Respecting the delicacy about the topic given that there are many families in the community from different backgrounds, but there must be discussion about the conflict.
    - Teach Rep 🡪 is there any means of promoting Red Cross donations?
      * Principal – there may be a wider TDSB initiative on this front.
* School Communication
  + Twitter discussed above
  + Website upgrades upcoming, discussions are ongoing.

**Concluding Discussion**

* How much Covid-19 has occurred within the school community?
  + 3 families since January 2022
  + Rapid testing kits have been distributed when a child goes home ill during the day
* Student Council
  + Involved with student leadership pieces currently.
  + Would like to have that running down the road, especially for the older grades.

Meeting Adjourns 7:30 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:, April 4, 2022 at 6:00pm - VIRTUAL**