

**Clinton Junior Public School
School Council Minutes**

Meeting Date	April 30, 2019	
Start/End Time	18:10 – 20:00	
Minutes Approved		
Attendees – Elected and Appointed Members	TK DC SH NL KM	
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Attendees – Staff & Administration	SA PR	

Upcoming Events and Meetings	
<u>2018 – 2019 School Council Meetings</u> May 22, 2019 June 18, 2019	Come to School Council meetings to: <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
2018-2019 School Council Events	May 23, 2019 – Clinton Rocks! II Concert May 26 – June 3 – Online Auction June 13, 2019 – Spring BBQ June 19, 2019 – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
Action Items	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parents/Volunteers must submit receipts for Parent Social or other events as soon as possible after event (within 30 days). 2. Council to post online additional information about how parents or community members can donate to Clinton JPS and how those donations are used. 3. Council to post online and encourage parents to seek out corporate donation programs for those parents employed by companies which may offer these incentives. More info to follow. 4. Council to post results of 2016-2017 TDSB Census to website. 5. Council to post additional information to website regarding TDSB after-school support programs, such as programs operated by Toronto Foundation for Student Success (TDSB charity for food programs) 6. Admin to investigate translation of vital information in initial school year package into relevant languages for school community. 7. School Council exec to investigate pre-fab or other schoolyard items which may be donated to the Schoolyard revitalization project. Investigate partnership with Palmerston Area Residents Association. 	

8. Council will investigate requirements of School Crossing Guards at nearby intersections (refer to School Safety Committee)
9. Council will investigate the Value Village – 'by-the-pound' fundraiser opportunity
10. Council Exec will seek clarity from TDSB on whether funds can be spent to purchase JUMP Math or other supplemental program textbooks

1. Intro and Welcome

Chair TK welcomes all to the meeting and outlines agenda. Tonight's meeting will progress quickly, and will be followed by the Ward 10 meeting (beginning at 7 pm).

2. Treasurer's Report

DC delivers a brief update on financials.

- Quick update from March 2019. Raffle was a success; raised approximately \$2600. Currently Council is short about \$3000 for the Schoolyard Revitalization project. Exec is confident we will make this up with the online auction and future fundraising events.
- Based on current situation and projected earnings from future fundraising, we should end the year 'in the black', with some funds going into 2019-2020 school year.
- Clinton Rocks! tickets now on sale. We have sold a couple hundred dollars worth to-date.
- Two RBC grants have been received in 2019 totalling \$2000. Thanks to parent SJS for organizing.
- Cash flow is itemized on the handout. Future liabilities reflect what we need to pay out still this year.
- Projected overall funds raised by the end of the year are estimated to be about \$55K+. Doubling of pizza days is the largest single contributor to funds raised/increase in funds raised from last year.

TDSB Ward 10

Clinton JPS is part of TDSB Ward 10, which covers the area from Dupont and Ossington, stretching east to the Don Valley, including the neighbourhoods of Cabbagetown, Regent Park, Dundas West, The Annex, Rosedale, and others. 24 elementary schools and 10 secondary schools fall within these boundaries. Our Trustee is Chris Moise, who is also Vice-Chair of the TDSB. Ward 10 meetings are held monthly and provide parents and community members with information and an opportunity to directly interact with Trustees and TDSB staff. Council member, Nigel Lawson, is our Ward representative.

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward10/>

Question from floor – how sustainable is pizza days at twice/month with respect to volunteers? Do we anticipate the same number of pizza days next year?

- Good news – parent J has volunteered to act as Pizza Day coordinator for next year. At this stage, we expect to maintain the twice monthly frequency.
- This year, there were sufficient pizza volunteers for distribution on pizza days. Coordination has fallen to Council exec over last year and adds to the volunteer burden/burnout.
- Initial school welcome package in 2019-2020 will include a sign-up sheet for interested volunteers (for pizza days and other activities).

3. Chair's Report

TK delivers a brief report from School Council executive.

Schoolyard Improvement Project

- School received yesterday (April 29) the plans back from TDSB capital improvement group. Summer 2019 the field will be re-sodded. No timeline for paving and the rest of the work at this stage.

- Work to be done includes: New trees, new seating, replacing approximately 80% of the paved sections and a new fenced-in front play section for kindergarten students (near butterfly garden).
- SA – work is still slated to begin in 2019
- Online auction will go up in next couple weeks; Council has about \$6k worth of donations for the auction – items previously donated for Parent Social event. Fundraising goal of the auction will be at least \$3,000.
- Council is also applying for corporate, foundation and government grants to contribute to the schoolyard project.
- In 2016-17, Council polled parents and the community about what they would like to see in the schoolyard. This original list generated from the poll totalled over \$100,000. Council has committed \$20,000 and prioritized additions based on that amount - if we get more than that we would revisit the original list.
- Background on Schoolyard Revitalization is available here: <https://clintonschoolcouncil.ca/schoolyard-improvement-project>.

School Safety Update

- We current have 20 signed residents for the petition for speed humps on Manning Ave. and need 45 households. Council is seeking clarity from the city on whether individual residents can sign or if we need 45 individual houses to sign. Two residents, one parent, are currently canvassing on a volunteer basis for this petition.
- Parents should promote the speed bump petition to anyone living on Manning Ave.
- The speed sign has moved locations - currently north of Ulster on Manning ave. Safety zone signs are up on all streets leading to Clinton JPS. Following up with city to determine why sign locations move periodically.
- Council has also requested safety audits at Clinton St and Jersey Ave/Lane and Manning Ave and Ulster to see if there are safety improvements available.

Math Discussion – Follow-up from March meeting

- Last meeting there was a great discussion about the TDSB Math curriculum and support programs such as JUMP that are available.
- A Lunch and Learn is being scheduled with Dr. John Mighton from JUMP Math for interested teachers to learn math strategies. Scheduled for May 15.
- Council will look at possibly running a supplementary Math program as an after school program. This may not be the ideal application for JUMP per last months' discussion. Some families are using supplementary programs off site and this would make it easier for families if program was local.

Question from floor – how would this proposed program work?

A: Council would need to have sufficient interest from families to begin a program. Students could be broken out by grade. Depending on program employed, trainers might be needed for the after-school staff or educators. Educations would run programs after school in-classroom. Will be investigated for 2019-2010.

- Council is also looking into how TDSB can approve JUMP math as a curriculum program. Parent DS has done some work and speaks to JUMP Math
 - DS spoke with Superintendent Gallagher regarding how to get the JUMP Math program approved as a TDSB resource. Any teacher who wants to use a program to supplement what's in the class are free to do so based on their professional judgement. DS was told that parents can support these supplemental programs via funds raised at Council. DS explains there are two versions of what it means to be 'approved'. The TDSB gets pitched as a large customer to

implement educational programming and staff at TDSB vet these educational resources. JUMP has not been through that process, so TDSB will not support purchasing those resources for the classroom. JUMP is approved to be used as a supplemental resource as teachers are provided professional discretion here. JUMP can choose to go through formal process for TDSB approval that if they choose.

- SA will seek clarity from TDSB on whether Council can purchase texts to support JUMP Math
- Discussion follows over previous Council support for Mathletics pilot, etc. and how to best support supplemental programs
- SA indicates that TDSB has done an initial review of JUMP to identify both pros and cons of the program, as well as areas of alignment/misalignment with current math pedagogy at TDSB. Priority is placed on programs which adapt well to all types of learners and students.

CLINTON ROCKS! Fundraising Concert – May 23, 2019

- Tickets are available, \$20 for adults, \$5 for kids. May 23, 2019 - dinner starts at 5:15pm and concert at 5:45pm. Last year, concert raised \$3K+ for the music program. Council was not able to meet last year's music program request via the Wish List, so this fundraiser is filling the gap specific to music.
- Orangeman will be performing this year. Local parent CB is the band lead and has been working with music program this year to integrate students into the concert.
- Last years' concert was well received by students, parents and staff.
- <https://clintonschoolcouncil.ca/clinton-rocks>.

Education Reform and Advocacy

- Council has circulated some petitions and notifications of events via email
- Council encourages parents to stay updated and active; some parents have attended protests, etc.
- Local MP planning to hold an event at Clinton JPS soon to highlight importance of continuing investment.
- Trustee Moise will touch on this issue further at the Ward Meeting following tonight's Clinton JPS Council meeting.
- Next School Council email will include further information on the currently proposed Provincial education changes.

4. Principals Report

PR begins a report from the administration by speaking about recently released EQAO results.

A Handout is distributed outlining the EQAO results for Clinton JPS students.

- Many parents are concerned that Clinton is underachieving in math, but EQAO results do not bear this out.
- Handout demonstrates differences between student population at Clinton JPS and the overall TDSB student population. 18% of Clinton JPS students can be exempted from the EQAO tests (they receive a zero if they do not write the test) versus 2% in the system overall.
- PR is very proud of the results; compared to the Province Clinton students are performing higher in primary and junior across the board – reading, writing and math.
- Clinton staff use EQAO results as a tool to identify areas of strength and weakness in student performance. Results demonstrate how the entire school is working together and reflects learning all the way from KD. EQAO results are one of many tools used to evaluate and improve instruction

Question from Floor – How do Gifted Classes compare to these results? Can you provide clarity on the various levels indicated on handout?

- PR clarifies the results on the handout
- Gifted classes may sometimes overachieve and sometimes not; results tend to be comparable.

Question from the floor – why are provincial results in grade 6 math so low (49%)?

- A: Can be related to many factors, including a lack of resources outside of urban areas. Math scores tend to drop between grades 3-6 as math increases in complexity.

Question from the floor – How are the EQAO scores calculated?

- A: Every student receives an EQAO score. Those that do not write the test receive zero. Scores are compared across a floating average.
- Trustee Moise adds that it is ironic that just yesterday TDSB received news that the province has cut math education funding by 27%.

Staffing Allocation Update – 2019-2020

- As per the March 2019 Update, further staffing allocations were expected before April 23, 2019
- Announcements from the Province have been delayed and no timeline is available
- Many staff, parents and community members anxious as it appears cuts are coming
- Update will be given at May 2019 meeting based on information available

Other Items

- EQAO testing this year will be held over a period of one week only – week of May 28. In split classes, the grade not testing is given other assignments. These students sometimes benefit from observing the testing process before they test themselves. 6 hours of total testing over 4 days. Parents and caregivers receive an individualized report for their child in the Fall.
- Placement letters have been distributed to each student. Parents are asked to fill out the letter and return by May 10 as required
- Placement letters allow parents and caregivers an opportunity to provide administration and staff with information about their child that may aid staff in classroom placement. A specific teacher cannot be requested
- Examples of relevant info: networks of friends or peers; learning preferences or issues for student, etc.

Question from Floor – will anticipated budget issues affect the long-term occasional teachers currently assigned to Clinton JPS? Is it helpful if parents provide positive feedback about a particular teacher for retention?

- A: Unclear at this stage how the budget will affect staffing, but a variety of scenarios are possible
- Teacher placement is centralized at the TDSB level and SA has no influence over how long term occasional teachers are assigned. Appreciates that many of the Clinton staff are well liked by the parent and student community.

6. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of March 27, 2019, with financial statements attached.

Motion: NL

Seconded: KM

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1900. Next meeting is May 22, 2019 in the Art Room.
Ward 10 Meeting begins at 1900, including presentations from Trustee Moise and Superintendent Chasty. Minutes of this meeting can be found at: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward10/>

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