

**Clinton Junior Public School
School Council Minutes**

Meeting Date	February 26, 2019 (Rescheduled from Feb 12, 2019)	
Start/End Time	18:10 – 19:30	
Minutes Approved		
Attendees – Elected and Appointed Members	TK SH DC KM NL	
Attendees	SJS DS SP CB TP DG	
Attendees – Staff & Administration	KH PR SA	

Upcoming Events and Meetings	
<u>2018 – 2019 School Council Meetings</u> March 27, 2019 April 25, 2019 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	March 8, 2019 – Pancake Day April 2019 – TBD – STEAM Night May 2019 – TBD – Clinton Rocks II Concert 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

School Safety at Clinton JPS

The TDSB is committed to creating school learning environments that are caring, safe, peaceful, nurturing, positive, respectful and that enable all students to reach their full potential. Clinton JPS has a Safe & Caring School Committee that meets regularly and reviews safety issues at the school. Recently, School Council worked with the committee and the city to get new signage installed, encouraging drivers to slow down in the school area, including 2 speed-display signs on Manning Ave!

Visit clintonschoolcouncil.ca, or see below for more info on TDSB programs:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Caring-Safe-Schools>

1. Intro and Welcome

Chair opens the meeting and invites attendees to review minutes. Previous decision by Council to only include attendees initials in minutes. Going forward, individuals will be identified by their role (ex. Principal, Chair, etc.) as needed.

Small discussion on need for additional parent volunteers during pizza days.

2. Approve Last Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of January 22, 2019, with financial statements attached.

Motion: KM
Seconded: NL

CARRIED

3. Principal's Report

Principal (SA) delivers report from administration.

2019-2020 Teacher/Resource Allocation

- Annual staffing process for TDSB schools has begun. Seniority lists are created for staff. Approximately two weeks ago, the TDSB distributed projected enrollment numbers for 2019-2020. Formula is used to assign resources per grade based on historical average of enrolled students – TDSB process.
- School administration and teachers review projects and respond accordingly if projections do not match real enrolment figures
- Class cap sizes and allocations are explained. For Kindergarten, class cap is 29, and any class above 15 is also assigned an early childhood educator resource (ECE).
- Projected numbers fall short for kindergarten, and Principal has requested a revision from the TDSB. Other class projections appear to be reasonable. Final numbers for both students and required teaching/staff resources become clearer closer to start of school year.
- 'Realignment' of classes can occur if projections do not meet real enrolment numbers at the beginning of the year, but this is rare as administration works to ensure numbers are appropriate.

- Junior grades have no class cap, classes can be larger than 30 students. Class cap of 22 students for primary grades.

Discussion follows amongst parents and staff about previous staffing allocation and enrolment projection (examples given).

Inclement Weather

Principal explains that caretaking staff have been challenged by this year's weather – conditions have created large icy areas across the property. At one point the school, and TDSB, were completely out of salt. TDSB staff have come down on occasion to help with clearing ice. Principal thanks parents for patience and explains that children are often kept inside when safety is a concern.

Parents express concern about icy conditions and potential for slip/falls, and offer support in the way of donated salt, if this situation arises again.

Media

Reporter from CBC radio was speaking with students and families outside school for an upcoming segment (on recess, see CBC Radio 1 The Current, February 27, 2019). Reporter was spoken to by administration about rules for engaging students and asked to interview students off school property, with parent's permission. No concerns noted.

4. Chair's Report

Chair (TK) delivers an update on School Council activities.

Safety

- Council, along with the Safe & Caring School Committee (parent rep is TK) has made progress on new signage for Clinton and Manning to encourage safer traffic/speed of vehicles. Two radar speed signs (displays driver speed) have been installed on Manning, as well as flashing speed caution signs on Clinton St., Manning & Ulster.
- A speedbump/hump petition has been drafted for Clinton St. Only local residents (to the street) are valid signees. Approximately 180 houses are eligible to sign. Parent volunteers are door-knocking to encourage this. Update to follow and next meeting. 25% of houses are required for committee to consider
- Local MPP and Councillor have been supportive of safety concerns to date
- Discussion amongst attendees follows re: safety priorities for Clinton JPS

A police officer from a local division has been asked to present a future meeting of School Council, regarding online safety for kids and families. Q+A will follow.

Parking

- Community Council for our ward has met to consider parking change request for Clinton St. Manning St has had parking time extended and parking spots added. Signs to be updated soon.

Provincial Education Updates

- School council is monitoring ongoing developments from Ontario Government – cuts to autism funding, class size changes, budget restraints, etc. ETFO recently issued a call for a rally, and info is distributed

when appropriate. Council will continue to monitor provincial issues and update parents at future meetings.

- Local MPP attended January 2019 meeting and updated parents on how the Official Opposition is approaching these issues. MPP hosted a public town hall on education, with action items for parents to follow. Council will send those actions to parent community when available. Good working relationship with local MPP.

Parent Social – February 22

- Unfortunately, the parent social on February 22 was cancelled due to low ticket sales. Silent auction donations were generous this year, and a future online auction will be held for these items.
- Some items are time-sensitive – these will go to a raffle (March 19 deadline). Books of tickets to go home with students. Leafs and Jays tickets are part of raffle.
- For schoolyard improvement – we have committed \$20,000 to fund this project and are sitting at approximately \$11,000 in existing funds.
- STEAM or ARTS night will be targeted for another RBC Grant or silent auction event. Kudos to parent SJS for securing multiple RBC grants over the past year+.
- Local MPP has also provided information around possible development funds available for schoolyard and Chair is pursuing this with local Councillor's staff. Council will also be seeking funds through corporate and foundation grants to make up the remaining funds for the schoolyard project.

Pancake Breakfast

- Date has been moved to Friday, March 8 to accommodate overlap with pizza day. Pancakes always well received by students and staff. Will be moved to the Friday to accommodate an overlap with pizza day

Math Supplement Programs

- A number of parents have approached council regarding math supplement programs at Clinton JPS. Last year, Council funded a pilot for Mathletics (2 classrooms, 39 students). Subscription for this has just ended; both teachers reported positive results and requested subscription be renewed (may be revisited as part of 2019-2020 Wish List). Parents on students in those classes saw results and expressed disappointment that the pilot had ended.
- Cost for trial was ~\$18/student. Cost varies depending on enrolment for Mathletics.
- Discussion follows regarding benefits and drawbacks of programs – how many students use, what is overall student benefit, how much parent interaction is required, etc.
- TDSB does have supplemental math support with the recent introduction of Knowledge Hook for grades 3 and above, but no specific program for primary.
- Parent presents information regarding the JUMP math program to the group. Would like to see program at the school and asks that program representative be invited to give presentation at future meeting.
- Discussion involving parents, staff and administration regarding math pedagogy at Clinton JPS. Various approaches are discussed including positives and negatives for various learning styles. Equity is noted as a priority in terms of access for everyone, regardless of which program.
- Chair will invite JUMP Math rep to March meeting. Principal to follow up with staff to determine interest in presentation to staff as well.

Clinton Rocks! Fundraising Concert

- Follow-up discussion from January School Council meeting regarding the upcoming Clinton Rocks! Music program fundraiser

- Orange Man (Orangeman.ca), a band fronted by a local resident and parent of Clinton students, has been selected as the main act for this years' concert.
- Tentative date is May 23, 2019 (Thursday).
- Money from fundraiser goes to music instruments. Fundraiser was very successful last year. Students are able to participate in concert and the night was enjoyed by all attendees.
- Previous discussion about Hollerado performing, was taken off-line, and council suggested the band is asked to perform for students at an assembly.

Discussion – Lunch and After School Programs

- Parent requests discussion regarding lunch time and after school (after 4) programs at Clinton JPS. Concerned about lack of options for students not in daycare
- Some companies are interested in hosting after school programs at Clinton JPS and seeking info on how to get established. Principal refers any inquiries to the TDSB Permit department, who book rooms outside of school hours. Process is handled at the Board level.
(<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/Permits>)
- Discussion amongst parents about benefits of programs and which programs may be of most interest to community (coding, art, etc.). Existing programs include theatre (ACT), language school (Mandarin/Cantonese) and Chess Club – both are run by 3rd-party organizations.
- Principal/Staff remind attendees of substantial club/athletics offerings at Clinton – both at lunchtime and after or before school. Links in Vice-principals weekly emails.
- Suggestion from floor that Council poll parents about what type of programs would be of most interest for the school community. Discussion will be tabled at future meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Not a lot of change in financials since January (no major fundraisers)
- Council committed an additional \$8800 to the Schoolyard Improvement project (balance is in the bank)
- Balance of Schoolyard funds has been placed into a 'high-interest' GIC.
- Results of silent auction will be most important in determining how much we need to raise (or have in surplus) for our commitments.
- Discussion follows around future opportunities to raise money. Movie night is of interest to those in attendance.
- See attached financial statement.

6. Ward Report

- Ward Rep and local parent NL has also been elected Chair of the Ward 10 TDSB Council.
- Last ward meeting updated parents on provincial cuts, news, and various consultations (see <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward10/> for more info)
- Review of parent/student census data was done at last meeting
- Parent Council 101 session was also held. Appears Clinton School Council in good shape.
- Parents as Partners TDSB parent conference will occur on March 30, 2019. Registration is free.
<https://www.parentsaspartners.ca/>
- Staffing was approximately 85% of the TDSB budget in 2018 (response to previous Clinton inquiry)

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2015. Next Meeting will be Tuesday, March 27, 2019 at 18:10 in the Art Room. TDSB Trustee Moise will attend the April 25, 2019 meeting.