

**Clinton Junior Public School  
School Council Minutes**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	January 21, 2020	
<b>Start/End Time</b>	18:10 – 20:00	
<b>Minutes Approved</b>		
<b>Attendees – Elected and Appointed Members</b>	TK SH KM SP JD	
<b>Attendees</b>	SP MP MN DS NS	
<b>Attendees – Staff &amp; Administration</b>	SA PR	

<b>Upcoming Events and Meetings</b>	
<p><u>2018 – 2019 School Council Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 12, 2020</li> <li>• March 31, 2020</li> <li>• April 23, 2020</li> <li>• May 21, 2020</li> <li>• June 23, 2020</li> </ul>	<p>Come to School Council meetings to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the education experience of our school's children</li> <li>• Provide input and enhance school system accountability</li> <li>• Learn more about what's going on</li> </ul>
<p><b>2018-2019 School Council Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hot Dog Day trials – Jan. 28/Feb. 11</li> <li>• Trivia Night – Mar. 5th</li> </ul>	
<b>Action Items</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School Council will continue to promote petition for speed humps along Manning Ave. Parents are asked to promote in community.</li> <li>2. School Council to request volunteers for a gardening committee in spring.</li> <li>3. Future Agenda Item: Discussion on major project to raise funds for the Student Well-Being initiative. To include discussion on a Reserve Fund.</li> <li>4. Council to solicit donations for upcoming Online Auction.</li> <li>5. Set Date for Poker Night.</li> <li>6. Consider varying pizza day in 2020-2021 (different days of the week, not always Tuesdays)</li> <li>7. February 2020 – table cost-sharing of anti-bullying programming</li> <li>8. <del>Council to consider moving date of silent auction to accommodate holiday spending (2020-2021)</del></li> </ol>	

9. ~~Council to include “Would you be interested in a phone free school environment?” question to the parent survey to be distributed.~~
10. Council to look into supplementary, after-school math programs.
11. Council to evaluate success of Hot Dog Days and look into possible Sushi days.

## **1. Intro and Welcome**

Chairs TK and JD welcome all and outline the agenda.

## **2. Approve Last Meeting Minutes**

Chair TK speaks to a review of the two sets of minutes, with a discussion held at the Wish List Meeting.

Motion to approve minutes of November 9, 2019 (Wish List Meeting)

Motion: SP  
Seconded: JD

**CARRIED**

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

Motion: KM  
Seconded: JD

**CARRIED**

## **3. Co-Chair's Report**

Co-Chair TK delivers a report from the Co-Chairs.

- TK notes that Parent-only discussion on survey results is rescheduled and will follow February 12<sup>th</sup> council meeting.
- On Monday, January 20, there was a one day job action from the teachers (one day strike)

- Chair TK notes that teachers were happy to receive support (and treats) of parents and students. Council will continue communicating to parents via email opportunities to support teachers and staff. (petitions, letters, etc.)
- Job action has led to Council decision to postpone major fundraiser (Fall Fair now Spring Fair) and majority of fundraising will occur in latter half of the year, which could be precarious. Principal has spoken with teachers who are comfortable and supportive of parents continuing fundraisers despite job action.
- Upcoming activities and fundraisers – Online Auction, Clinton Rocks, Trivia Night, possible Poker Night.
- Online Auction – Currently soliciting items for the Auction. Experiences are especially enticing items, so if a parent has an interesting job or can offer a tour, etc. this is a good option. Also looking for household items, restaurant gift cards, sporting or concert tickets, etc.
- Clinton Rocks! Will be held May 7 2020 – Orangeman will be the headliner.
- Discussion regarding potential date for Trivia Night. Goal is 20 tables of 8. Chair JD has located an emcee for the evening. Alcohol would be a good fundraiser if LCBO permit can be obtained. Date will be March 5. Subcommittee may be required.
- Poker Night – tabled for future discussion with parent NL
- Spring Fair – tentatively set for May 30, 2020. Fair is an opportunity to celebrate completion of the schoolyard reno, and thank the local donors who contributed (will be invited). Date contingent upon renovation being complete.

Question from Floor: – what remains on the playground renovation?

A: Fencing will come down/access to field. Return of soccer nets and bike parking, garbage containers and benches (as well as new benches). Final Paving to be completed.

- Short discussion around donor fatigue and not hosting too many fundraisers in a short period.
- Survey Results – some parents commented that they want more opportunities to engage with Trustee. TK promotes the ward meetings and local parent and ward rep NL chairs these. Trustee always there to interact with. Tonight (January 21 is also a Ward meeting) they are speaking about “optional attendance policy” for older students who may be attending schools outside nominal ward for variety of reasons. Changes to policy under consideration will affect our students as they enter secondary school.
- VP to circulate link regarding Optional Attendance Policy

#### **4. Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer SP delivers a treasurer’s report (as attached).

- Approximately \$10,000 of the \$24,000 allocated to the Wish List has been spent to-date. Future fundraisers will give clearer picture of what will be funded from the “B” List. We appear to be in good shape provided future fundraisers successful. Discussion to be tabled again in February, but monies cannot be released to B List until more funds are raised.
- Hot dog days have lower need for volunteers as majority of distribution run by company. Margin on pizza is higher but requires many more volunteers.
- Discussion regarding historical efforts to add more meal days. Barriers have typically been: waste and cost, but mainly menu (children not interested), need for volunteers and need to meet a certain minimum orders.

- Suggestion from floor to move pizza days from Tuesday, as some parents may be available on other days. Will be tabled for 2020-2021.
- Sushi is suggested as a possible meal day.

## 5. Ward Report

- Ward Rep NL absent as Ward meeting is being held simultaneously, update in Feb 2020.

## 6. Principal's Report

Principal SA delivers a monthly report.

- Notes teachers were happy to receive support from parents and students during job action. Job action to date not affecting morale at school.
- Clinton is one of few schools with lunch hour clubs still running during Provincial job action, a testament to staff here. Most Extracurricular will continue to be affected: all sports, bball and hockey, etc. Ski Trip also affected.
- Professional Development is also affected. Focus for 2019-2020 was to be mathematics. PD currently on hold due to job action.
- Today admin and parents received directive from the TDSB that there will NOT be report cards this February. Teachers were to submit marks, to admin, but there will not be a formal report card with comments. Parents can still meet with teachers at PT meetings. Parents can still inquire with the teacher regarding academic progress. No marks out of any kind will be issued, however
- Typically PT interviews are held week of February 14. In 2020, likely all will be held on Friday, Feb 14 as it is a PA and teachers will be available.
- Winter concert (January 23, 2020) scheduled for this week was postponed. Ms. Wolfe is hoping to reschedule, possibly during daytime.
- **Update on continuing discussion regarding JUMP Math program at Clinton JPS:**
  - Principal SA recaps discussions held in 2019 with parents.
  - TDSB has now committed to 5 schools to pilot JUMP Math
  - SA has been continuing discussions with TDSB / Superintendent / Dr. John Mighton of JUMP Math
  - SA will support the adoption of JUMP Math / piloting of JUMP Math at Clinton if approved by TDSB
  - Currently TDSB is targeting 'model schools' to pilot the program, but due to our interest Dr. JM will inquire with board about expanding.
  - Maytree Foundation is funding the pilot.
  - Brief discussion regarding benefits of JUMP program, parents thank SA for continuing to advocate for program. SA will update when more info available.

Question from floor: what is a model school?

A: SA speaks to Learning Opportunities Index, allocated to school based on TDSB formula and school performance. Higher LOI = lower needs. Clinton is generally low in LOI and model schools typically are higher ranked on LOI and require additional programming.

Question from floor: What is Clinton's Learning Opportunities Index?

A: (not given at meeting) In 2017, Clinton's LOI was 315. Available here:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/research/docs/reports/LOI2017.pdf>

- SA outlines two requests for money from the council. Lunchroom tables to be discussed in future.
- Anti-bullying program for all grades is presented – total cost is \$890 + tax, and SA is asking for \$400+. Two shows focussed on early primary grades, and then older grades with info on cyber bullying.
- Discussion regarding value of program and impact of pushing back until council can fund. School budget will absorb the entire cost at this time, but Council should have sufficient funds to fund half.

Chair TK motions that Council table future discussion on spending up to \$500 to cost-share anti-bullying program, once funds become available through additional fundraising

**CARRIES**

Question from floor: when and how many more strikes are expected?

A: approximately two weeks for a rotation of all boards to strike. Expectation is next rotation could be a larger job action, including a full strike.

- Vice-Principal PR speaks to EQAO data, which was originally scheduled to be shared in November 2019
- Handout with data is reviewed (PR distributed this handout via weekly email January 24, 2020).
- PR explains EQAO process and impact of exempted students on Clinton's various scores. Clinton community has more students in ISP programs, but all students are required to write test. Exempted students receive a score of 0.
- PR notes that when removing students receiving support, we are near 100% for tests above grade 3 level. Provincial numbers that are released generally do not include this level of detail
- Discussion follows regarding results, with a focus on math scores.
- Parent interest in supporting after school activities to enrich and support math learning. Community support fund is promoted to support families who may find costs of after school programming prohibitive.
- Discussion regarding challenges of scheduling after school programming.

Meeting Adjourns 1930.

**NEXT MEETING IS Tuesday, February 12, 2020 in the HSP Room at 610 PM.**