

**Clinton Junior Public School
School Council Minutes**

Meeting Date	January 22, 2019	
Start/End Time	18:10 – 19:30	
Minutes Approved		
Attendees – Elected and Appointed Members	TK DC SH KM NL	
Attendees	SJS CL VT JB	JB (Local MPP)
Attendees – Staff & Administration	PR SA LW KH	

Upcoming Events and Meetings	
<u>2018 – 2019 School Council Meetings</u> February 12, 2019 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	February 22, 2019 – Parent Social March 5, 2019 – Pancake Day April 2019 – TBD – STEAM Night May 2019 – TBD – Clinton Rocks 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 consider a short-medium term savings vehicle for funds held for the Schoolyard Revitalization project 3. Remove proper names from School Council minutes posted online and replace with initials. 4. Council to post online additional information about how parents or community members can donate to Clinton JPS and how those donations are used. 5. 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. 	

6. Council to post results of 2016-2017 TDSB Census to website.
7. Sonia/Peter to request benchmark/composite results from 2016-2017 TDSB Census for comparative purposes.
8. 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)
9. Admin to investigate translation of vital information in initial school year package into relevant languages for school community.
10. 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.
11. Council to investigate Panago pizza for pizza days/events for 2018-2019
12. Council will investigate requirements of School Crossing Guards at nearby intersections (refer to School Safety Committee)
13. Council will investigate the Value Village – 'by-the-pound' fundraiser opportunity
14. ACTION – parents encouraged to submit 311 service requests re: road painting, stop lines, safety signs, etc. in our school zone. Specifically Clinton/Jersey and Manning/Ulster intersections.
15. ACTION – PR/SA to follow-up with TDSB to ask if A/C can be used on various dates for school events in the gym
16. ACTION – TK and SA will follow-up with TPS to try to schedule a school safety presentation (cyberbullying)

1. Introductions and Agenda

Chair TK welcomes attendees and introductions are made for new parents. Agenda is outlined.

2. Approve Meeting Minutes – November 22, 2018

No School Council meeting was held in December 2018. Minutes from November 22, 2018 are distributed along with updated financial statement.

Motion to approve minutes of November 22, 2018

Motion - NL
2nd - DC

CARRIED

Local Member of Provincial Parliament: Jessica Bell (NDP)

Connect with your local MPP on issues of concern regarding education and school safety.

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MPP Bell's office has staff that can help connect families in need to appropriate health and social support services.

3. Presentation - Jessica Bell, University-Rosedale MPP

MPP for local riding (official opposition member) is present to speak to education issues at Queens Park and effects on local schools. JB is a mother of student at Clinton JPS.

JB believes that schools should be great places to learn for all students; well-maintained to ensure a safe learning environment for staff and student; and provide supports to those students who require it.

Current major education issues at Queens Park include: the rollback/consultation on the updated health and physical education curriculum – current government is promoting use of the 1998 curriculum as opposed to the modernized version adopted in 2015. In addition, the current government has cut \$100M from the repair budget for Ontario Schools, and \$25M from special education programs as well. TDSB and all Ontario boards asked to cut 4% from budgets.

MPP JB has spoken with Local Trustee Chris Moise about the imposed cuts. TDSB is still developing the response (i.e. TDSB may present an unbalanced budget and force the Province to choose what is cut). JB believes that cuts will have impact to TDSB classrooms, specifically indicating larger class sizes are likely. Current understanding is the Provincial cuts to staffing will come via attrition, not direct cuts.

JB will be hosting a town hall in mid-February 2019, information will be distributed to School Councils when available. Town Hall will include TDSB staff and elected officials. JB committed to visiting schools in her riding to learn about local communities. A Case Worker is available in her office to support families connect with supports needed for education/health – connect with her office if families are having difficulties.

JB tells attendees to communicate concerns they have with schools as they can be used as examples of system issues. In 2018, Clinton JPS was a backdrop for a press conference re: school cooling, as the 3rd floor classrooms are very hot.

JB has experience as a community organizer and is optimistic about the role and effectiveness of the official opposition to drive policy changes.

JB distributes a notice updated health curriculum to attendees. Office is at Christie and Bloor if parents want to reach out or connect.

JB also discusses November 2018 Private Members bill on School Bus safety – mandatory seat belts in all buses proposed for September 2020. Strong support from parents present (many Clinton families use bus transportation). Opposition will be pushing Government to present an implementation plan including funding.

Question from Floor – TK – major issue for local community is school safety – speaks specifically to traffic issues on neighbouring streets. Council has spoken with local Councillor (Layton) and a Toronto Police Service resource officer recently attended Clintons School Safety Committee meeting. Better signage, speed signs, speed bumps, speed traps, and enforcement all requested.

Response: JB appreciates safety concerns. Most of the solutions are municipal and her office will connect with Councillor Layton to express support for solutions. JB gives examples of Provincial initiatives which could help – speed cameras in school zones (photo radar). City has made a request to the Province to have these installed in all school zones but implementation is being delayed by current government. Promotes connection with Families and Friends of Safe Streets, a non-governmental organization working to promote safety on roads (ex. 30km/h limit across residential streets in Toronto). Reminder that vulnerable road users include seniors.

Question from Floor – DC – What % of TDSB budget is dedicated to Salaries? Hard to envision a 4% cut that does not include employees.

Response: Discussion amongst attendees – TDSB budget can be viewed online. PR speaks to the shortage of casual teachers that had been a difficulty in past years but is improving as TDSB has put additional resources into scheduling.

Question from Floor – DC – what is happening with the consultation on the updated health curriculum? What are next steps?

Response: JB – Opposition feels consultation was inadequate; no in-person consultations or town halls. Teachers unions are challenging the change in court due to Charter violations. Rollback of curriculum has been more contentious at secondary school level.

PR – TDSB has developed a "linkage" guide between the 1998 and 2015 documents to show teachers where issues of consent and online behaviour, etc. can be taught under either document.

4. Principal's Report - PR

PR gives an updated from school administration.

Fire Alarm system is still listed as the number one priority for Clinton JPS on the TDSB's facilities site. TDSB has been in touch with Clinton to indicate that a work order has been submitted to begin this work. Updates to follow when scheduling available.

Air Conditioning is now fully functional in the gym area. A/C is controlled centrally by TDSB facilities, not by the school. PR will inquire with TDSB if A/C can be made available for events such as the Parent Social and Clinton Rocks!

Winter School concert is coming up – Thursday, January 24, 2019. Participating classes are: Rooms 200, 205, 207, 301, 302, 307, 308, Choir and Strings. – Participating classes should have received the Pizza Dinner Flyer. Teacher LW speaks to Concert – instruments purchased last year with funds raised by Council will be featured.

Teacher JB is organizing a Winter Olympics for January 31 – all students to participate. Council is supporting event with hot chocolate and sufficient parent volunteers have been recruited.

Question from Floor - VT – does school have a plan to install AC in all the classrooms?

Response: PR - at present, A/C in all rooms is not possible. A lot of talk from parents over the years. TK speaks to past efforts. Issue is largely the power required for the A/C units. Council has purchased fans and will continue to do so. In September 2018 Council bought fans for any classroom requesting them.

Question from Floor – TK – the new boilers were installed last year and some areas of school are experiencing too hot temperatures – updates?

Response: PR/Teachers – work order is in to fix the system and a contracted company has been present several times to make adjustments. Teachers indicate some improvements throughout school. Biggest issue was a leak in late 2018, otherwise getting better.

5. Chair's report - TK

Update from School Safety Committee – group continues to push for city to come and evaluate the areas around the school – manning/ulster and Clinton/jersey, plus other nearby intersections. Requests have gone through TDSB staff, city staff and Councillor for review. Asked Councillor for a speed sign (i.e. digital readout of speed of vehicle passing sign) and increased enforcement. TPS Officer visited Safety Committee today and

request for enforcement was directly relayed. School would also like to see "school zone" painted onto the street and speed bumps installed.

Action Item – Parents are encouraged to submit their own 311 service requests for new line painting at Clinton/Jersey and Manning/Ulster

Update on Parking/Drop-off and Pickup

Signs on Manning are being updated to read "15 minutes" for student pickup – currently they say 10 and are out of date. The time window for parking has not been extended, only the amount of time a car can park. School Council/Safety committee has also requested additional parking on Clinton (~8 extra spots). Also asking for a lengthening of the pick-up time period by 20 minutes. Issue will be at Committee (City of Toronto) on Feb 12, 2019. Discussion follows on difficulties with pickup/drop off/parking and possible future improvements.

Parent SJS shares that the recent Bingo Night event will receive a \$1000 grant from RBC. Applying for the same for the Parent social on February 22. SJS explains the corporate donation program at RBC and encourages parents to look into their own corporate giving programs.

TK explains the wish list process for allocating funds raised by Council – parents, teachers, etc may request items which are reviewed in November, annually. Grants are an easy way for us to get additional funds and possibly fund items that were not able to be funded initially.

Nothing new to report on the schoolyard improvement project. Track will still be updated and concrete levelled along with fresh grass. Parent social 2019 will be a Schoolyard Improvement fundraiser.

TK reports on 3 requests that came over the holiday break. Council Executive voted on the funds distributed due to small amounts and no meeting scheduled before funds needed to be released. \$100 for hot chocolate for the January 31 Winter Olympics day. \$300 for a bowling trip for special education classes (integration program with regular classes). \$100 honorarium for a trumpet/brass player to come in and play – teacher LW speaks to the good value of the experience (TSO artist).

6. Treasurer's Report

DC delivers the Treasurer's report (See attached financial statement).

School Council has fully funded ~\$21,000 of the wish list requests. To date total funds raised is slightly lower than the existing future liabilities, but does not include future fundraisers, Bingo night, nor the two RBC grants as above.

Question from Floor – LW – How does the deferral of funds to the music program work? Can this funding be accessed not?

DC – if Clinton rocks does not earn \$1000, Council will fund \$1000. Music program can spend money now and invoice Zilda (balance to be taken from Clinton Rocks!)

DC will revise future liabilities to include \$1000 for the music program.

SJS explains that future events may be eligible for \$1000 grant as up to 5 Council events eligible annually – however, we must be mindful of draw on volunteers, who must be RBC employees.

7. Clinton Rocks!

Teacher LW speaks regarding Clinton Rocks! 2019. LW has spoken with a popular Canadian band - Hollerado, having worked with them in the past. Hollerado has volunteered to play a concert in place of a donation to the music program for Choir singing on last album. Benefits of a new band playing this year would include exposure and keeping the event fresh. Music would be age appropriate, band has done a show with Fred Penner.

Parent CB, who instigated the inaugural Clinton Rocks! And played with his band, could be available to play as part of another project. Discussion amongst attendees about lineup and benefits/drawbacks of changing format.

DC/TK to speak with Parent CB re: proposed lineup for Clinton rocks and availability of bands/talent. Topic will be discussed at next School council meeting. Admin (PR/SA) will follow up with TDSB on getting A/C turned on for upcoming events (Feb 22, Spring Concert in May).

June 13 is the currently scheduled date of Spring BBQ, and possibly Clinton Rocks! Date to be finalized based on talent availability.

8. Parent Social – Feb 22, 2019

No new volunteers for the Parent Social committee. TK will put out another call for volunteers. DC has secured a liquor license and Council insurance has been renewed.

Parents are requested to seek out donations for the Silent Auction.

9. Other Business

TDSB Ward 10 Trustee Chris Moise has been invited to attend an upcoming council meeting. Date TBD.

SA indicates that the Ministry of Transportation will be giving bus safety presentations to all grades on February 12, 2019. Funding was made available by the MOT.

TK – TPS officers are also willing to come in and present on school safety issues. Discussion follows and attendees show interest in cyberbullying/internet safety. Street safety also of interest. Often TPS will present street safety to primary and internet safety to junior grades. TK to follow up with TPS.

Meeting adjourns at 19:25. Next Meeting will be Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 6:10 pm in the Art Room.