

**Clinton Junior Public School
School Council Minutes**

Meeting Date	January 23, 2018	
Start/End Time	18:10 – 19:50	
Minutes Approved	February 22, 2018	
Attendees – Elected and Appointed Members	TK DC KM SH	
Attendees	CB SJS SS GM NM AN HMcl	
Attendees – Staff & Administration	Katie Harding Peter Rewega Sonia Antunes Lorie Wolf	

Upcoming Events and Meetings	
February 22, 2018 March 22, 2018 April 25, 2018 May 22, 2018 June 2018 - TBD	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
Events February 9, 2018 Parent Social	A night of fun (and fundraising!) for the grownups to benefit the learning experience of the children of Clinton JPS
Action Items	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Sonia A to coordinate with SS and Teachers on finding classes to pilot additional lunch program (Lunch Lady) – April 20182. SS & Council/Communications volunteers to prep form for lunch pilot – provide to Sonia3. Council to table consideration of 'Boomerang' or 'Zero-waste' lunch options to accompany future Lunch Lady program – e.g. reusable lunch bag or containers4. Ward Reps/Council to follow up with Ausma Malik's office on meeting re: Enhancing Equity Task Force – Email Trustee's office with suggested dates to accelerate process5. Schoolyard Revitalization Committee to review outdoor education materials provided by SS (Staff) for future consideration for yard improvements6. Council to consider commitment to June 8, 2018 Concert fundraiser for music program. Decisions required on volunteer resources and combining with Spring BBQ.7. Council to ask Classroom reps and Centro Daycare to promote Parent Social Fundraising event via their email lists.	

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| 8. Council to call for volunteers for the February 23, 2018 Winter Olympics activity put on by Mr Ball. |
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1. Greetings, Introductions and Review of Agenda

TK and DC welcome all attendees and review the agenda for the meeting

2. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve meeting Minutes from December 11, 2017, subject to revisions

Moved by HM

Seconded by TK

CARRIED

3. Review of Past Action Items

Actions Items from December 11, 2017 Council meeting

- 1) TK – Minutes from November 22, 2017 meeting have been revised as requested and are posted to the Council website
- 2) Council and parents continue to monitor development at Bathurst/Bloor. One parent (NL) from the community has been in touch with the developers. Council will continue to monitor
- 4) (3 & 4) Email was sent from Ward Rep DS to Ausma Malik regarding Clinton JPS community concerns about the Enhancing Equity Task Force report. Council received a response from Ausma's office indicating a meeting date would be set. See below for details.
- 5) Lunch Committee – initial trials were undertaken. See update below.
- 6) Partial bylaws have been revised and posted to the Council website
- 7) Council website has been updated with a page and links regarding donations
- 8) Admin/School yard revitalization committee has set another meeting for February 7, 2018,
- 9) KM and TK continue to update Council information board in the school to make Council info available
- 10) Fundraising Concert proposal – update as below.

4. Lunch Program Update

SS provides an update on future expansion of lunch program. SS coordinated a testing with teacher KH and parent CB of several of the food options available from the Lunch Lady.

Lunch Lady currently operates at ~40 school downtown, including St. Francis of Assisi next door.

Parents/Staff tested: Mac and Cheese, Grilled Cheese, Burger, Shepherd's Pie, Spaghetti with Meatballs and Pasta with veggies. Extra food was brought home for children in the families to test. Pasta with veggies, Spaghetti and Shepherd's pie are the heartiest options. Meals provided are substantial enough to justify cost (~\$7).

Meals come individually packaged, typically in an aluminum plate type container. Sandwiches come individually wrapped. Meal containers would be recyclable, but the sandwich wrap is not.

Pasta is whole wheat. Gluten Free, Halal also available. Meal option can include a juice for additional cost.

Food was well received by testers, including the students trying samples at home. Best sellers for the Lunch Lady are the grilled cheese and mac and cheese. Shepherd's pie, Spaghetti and Pasta were all good options per the testers feedback.

Proposed options for future lunch program – Shepherd's Pie (parents preference), Spaghetti with Meatballs, Pasta with Veggies, Mac and Cheese.

Testing with students/classes during regular school day will now be undertaken to determine resources required for these food types. Discussion follows on details for final testing logistics and preferences. Goal would be to get the most feedback from a variety of age groups. Suggestion is made to use one primary class (1 / 2) and a junior class (4 / 5). Food distribution is much easier in the art room (vs the gymnasium). Teachers could volunteer their classes for testing and supervise the one lunch hour; Sonia will speak with staff and determine if teachers are interested. Target date of April/June for testing.

Discussion around most popular food choices for different age groups. Mac and Cheese and Grilled Cheese are the Lunch Lady's best sellers. Pilot with test classes will still be completed to determine logistics/resource requirements.

Question from Floor – Can we add an extra pizza day this year?

- Difficult to add another pizza day to this school year. Currently rely on same group of volunteers and coordination required to add another day is significant. Goal for 2018-2019 year is 2 pizza days a month, plus a Lunch Lady day (3 days total/month).
- Discussion follows around how often other schools have lunch days
- Suggestion made to make efforts to ensure little waste/zero waste – “Boomerang” lunch options should be available for the extra lunch days. Council will investigate options for a lunch bag or container as part of sign-up/commitment to lunch for next year.

Web Links for Additional Information:

Equity Task Force Report

- The TDSB's Enhancing Equity Task Force is focused on improving the learning and well-being students by understanding and mitigating – or removing – the barriers of social and economic inequity

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Enhancing-Equity-Task-Force>

TDSB Board and Committee Meetings

- TDSB Board and Committee meetings are open to the public. Agendas, schedules, contact information and related reports or information are posted to the web and can be found at the link below.

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes>

5. Principal's Report – Sonia Antunes

Boiler Update

Boiler replacement began in summer 2017. Two boilers were installed to satisfy heating requirements for the school. Initially one of the two boilers was not functioning, but as of just before the holiday break, both are functional. School was never without heat as the two boilers offer a redundancy.

Cold snap in December 2017 led to some issues in the Boiler Room. A pipe froze and burst, which required the water main to the school to be shut off for repairs. This was repaired quickly and pipes have now been insulated to avoid issue in future.

In an unrelated incident, the water main on Clinton St. burst just before the return to School on January 8, 2018. Water was shut off to the school, beginning the evening of Friday, January 5, 2018. Custodial staff went on 'fire watch', as sprinkler system was out-of-service without water. Admin prepared emergency sites based on existing school plan, which would host students at an alternative location in the event the school remained closed. Water was restored to school early pm Sunday, January 7, 2018. Pressure spike from main being turned back on led to a small flood on the 3rd floor, which required one class to be moved for the morning on Monday. TDSB facilities crew quickly cleaned up flood by mid-morning.

Funding Requests for School Programs

Sonia has two funding requests for School Council – both are related to tabled Wish List requests.

- a) Wheelchair basketball program, which was approved at Wish List meeting, costs more than initially communicated. Cost was listed at \$250, but is \$400. An additional \$150 is requested of Council.

Following Discussion, additional \$150 for Wheelchair basketball program is approved by consensus.

APPROVED (Consensus)

- b) Mathletics – included as an allocation for future consideration during Wish List meeting. Sonia has identified two classrooms (307/306) who would like to pilot the program. Junior Grades. 41 students would participate in the pilot, at a cost of \$22/student. Total cost would be \$1019.26 (\$902 + tax). Subscription is for a calendar year. Classes would pilot and staff would report to Sonia on participation/lessons learned. The full cost, \$1019.26, is requested from Council.

DC/TK speak to Wish List allocations. Approximately \$3000 of 'future considerations' were allocated but not spent at the Wish List meeting in November – e.g. Grad Photos, etc. Mathletics was also identified for future funding. Math programming / support was the number one item requested from Parents for this years' Wish List. Sufficient funds exist and are allocated for Council to fund pilot.

Discussion follows. A demonstration was done for staff by the company last year. Program is similar to the Raz Kids reading program, allows for individual assignments, teacher monitoring of progress, etc. Staff and Admin like the program. Other schools do use the program, some for entire student body.

Parents express concern that school/Council perhaps should not pay the entire bill. Parents would be more invested/interested/involved if they had also made an investment. Concerns expressed that parents may not know there is a cost for the program, and won't use it. Parents want a model for the program that results in the most users. Concerns are also expressed regarding screen time and preference for workbooks.

Discussion continues regarding fairness to all students – ensuring that all students have access regardless of whether they can afford, and ensuring they are not singled out if Council or School is paying.

Staff express support for program and explain features/feedback available to teachers for students who use the program. Sonia indicates that there has been long-term interest in the Mathletics program, and she has committed to piloting it. Would like the full amount for the pilot, we need to have all students of those two classes enrolled to maintain that rate.

Discussion continues, with suggestions to promote parental involvement in the Mathletics subscription. To be revisited if program moves ahead next year.

Question from Floor – Does the School have to pay HST?

- Yes, school is required to pay HST. TDSB can claim back the tax allowance. School Council similarly must pay tax on purchases.

Question from Floor – could we afford this program if the entire school enrolled?

- Would be a major expense for School/Council, but other schools have entire body enrolled. Cost/student drops substantially if more students enrolled.

Motion: Approve \$1019 in School Council funding for two-classroom Mathletics pilot

Moved by SS
Seconded by SH

CARRIED

Question from Floor – Clarity regarding previous minutes and report on Enhancing Equity Task Force requested

- Explanation of segregated vs congregated programming for spec ed is provided

Update on the Enhancing Equity Task Force

Staff report from the Enhancing Equity Task Force was presented to the TDSB Board in December. Staff are now preparing specific recommendations, which will be presented to the Planning and Priorities Committee of the TDSB on January 31, 2018. If approved, will go to the TDSB Board (Trustees) on February 7, 2018. School consultations will follow on the specific recommendations presented to Trustees. Report and recommendations are available online.

Ward Rep DS has communicated with Ausma Malik's (Trustee, Ward 10) office, indicating that Clinton JPS is concerned about the effect desegregation of Gifted/Spec Ed programs would have on our school community. Ausma's office to follow-up with a meeting date for our School to discuss concerns with her.

Suggestion is made from the floor that Council request specific dates to accelerate process. Ward Reps will follow-up with Ausma's office. School Council's main request is to remain informed of the Enhancing Equity Task Force recommendations, and be provided a venue to communicate concerns.

Discussion follows around Trustees' role in reviewing reports and process for staff reports to Board.

6. Schoolyard Revitalization Committee Update

Next meeting of the Schoolyard Revitalization Committee will be February 7, 2018. Update from Committee will follow at next meeting.

Parent SS provides some brochures on outdoor education / play structures / programs (from Staff ECE) to KM for consideration of Committee.

7. Concert Fundraising for Music Classes/Program – Ms. Wolf and Parent CB

Ms. Wolf gives a brief presentation demonstrating the type of instruments requiring repair/replacement for the music program. Demonstrates pentatonic scale exercises using a 60-year-old Orff Instrument, which remains relevant to daily lessons today. School currently has 5-6 good quality wooden ones, which are all decades old, but have remained usable. Newer particle board construction on cheaper versions is far less durable. New wooden instrument costs approximately \$600 - \$1500 depending on size. Purchasing an instrument constructed of quality materials is a better use of funds, as it can last decades.

Ms. Wolf wants to propose a 4-5 year plan, raising and spending approximately \$10,000, to refurbish the instruments available to the music program. Ms. Wolf estimates that upkeep of instruments and invite for a performer costs \$1500 annually. Parent CB speaks to importance and value of quality instruments.

Ms. Wolf/CB would like Council to assist in putting together a fundraising concert, per the idea suggested by CB at the December 2017 Council meeting. Parent CB is a member of a successful band (www.seespotrun.ca) Proposed date of Concert is Thursday, June 7, 2018. Concert involves a \$1000 stipend for the band, who will provide sound system, set-up and takedown. Per CB, a typical concert raises between \$2000-\$4000.

Discussion follows presentation around benefits of a concert. Students will be asked to play or participate in concert. Presents a venue for students to observe music career. Discussion around potential to combine Spring BBQ with Concert fundraiser to preserve volunteer resources.

Council commits to proceeding with Concert fundraiser, pending future discussion with CB/Ms. Wolf to assign roles and responsibilities.

8. Update on Parent Social Fundraiser

Parent Social Fundraiser planning and implementation is well underway. Thirty (30) tickets have been sold so far, out of an available 150. PS Fundraising committee/volunteers are actively selling tickets, promoting the event, and soliciting donations. Excellent selection of items for the silent auction (more than 30 donated already) – generous donors and determined volunteers to thank. No donation is too small; items can be bundled together for baskets.

Parent volunteer (V) will be DJ, as per last year. Artsmart will help decorate for the event as well. Confirmed that Hogtown pub will be on site to offer food. Photobooth, snacks and alcohol will all be available. PS volunteers attempting to implement a system that will allow payment for all (entry, alcohol, auction, etc.) at the front door. Fundraising goal is \$10000.

Suggestions made to reach out to daycare and classroom reps for further promotion of event.

Parent SJS confirms that she has **secured a \$1000 RBC grant for the Parent Social Fundraiser!**

9. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report is delivered by DC. No significant items to report on. Pizza expenses will continue to come out until the end of the year.

Invoices from teachers/admin/staff for the Wish List are beginning to arrive and cheques for those items will be issued as invoices arrive.

As of January 5, 2018, Balance is approximately \$26,000 with roughly \$1000 in outstanding costs (and Wish List funds remain outstanding for those items not invoiced).

Treasurer is investigating switching banks – priority would be the same bank the School uses. Will hold off on moving accounts until the 2018-2019 school year.

10. Other Business

Winter Concert is Thursday, January 25, 2018, beginning at 6 pm. Rooms 204, 207, 300, 301, 304 plus the Junior Choir and Strings will be participating. Parents are reminded to return their Pizza order form to Artsmart/Teacher before January 24.

Mr Ball will be putting on a School Winter Olympics on the morning of February 23, 2018. DC/TK will put out a call for volunteers. Mr. Ball has asked that Council provide Hot Chocolate, which has been agreed to.

Parent Social Fundraising Committee is looking for volunteers for the parent social.

11. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 19:50. The next Clinton JPS School Council meeting will occur on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 18:10 in the Art Room.