

**Clinton Junior Public School
School Council Minutes**

Meeting Date	March 22, 2018	
Start/End Time	18:10 – 19:30	
Minutes Approved	April 25, 2018	
Attendees – Elected and Appointed Members	TK DC DS JK SH	
Attendees	SJS AN PP GM	CB NM MP
Attendees – Staff & Administration	PR SA	

Upcoming Events and Meetings	
<p>April 25, 2018 May 22, 2018 June 2018 - TBD</p>	<p>Come to School Council meetings to:</p> <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 at Clinton JPS
<p>Events</p> <p>April 12 – Parent's Paint Night</p> <p>April 19 – S.T.E.A.M Night</p> <p>May 17 – Art Night</p> <p>May 31 – See Spot Run Clinton Community Concert and Spring BBQ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get creative! A local artist will guide you through two hours of painting and socializing with other Clinton parents and friends • STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) Night at the school. Explore STEAM curriculum and activities with the Clinton JPS teachers and staff! • Art Night – Hosted by Friends of Clinton/ARTSmart. Clinton transformed into the Louvre for one evening a year; courtest of your children's art! • Clinton's first rock concert! See Spot Run will perform. Opening acts to include Clinton JPS students and alumni. Support Clinton's music program!
Action Items	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SA to coordinate with SS and Teachers on finding classes to pilot additional lunch program (Lunch Lady) – April 2018 2. Concert Subcommittee will meet to determine roles and responsibilities for Clinton Community Concert. – May 2018. NM coordinating meetings. 	

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| 3. Treasurer (JK) to determine options for GIC or other savings account for Schoolyard funds – April 2018 |
| 4. Council to categorize online payment system (Square) to match with accounting practices |
| 5. 2018-2019 event and fundraiser planning to be discussed dates of major events determined at June 2018 Council meeting – June 2018 (TK/DC). |
| 6. Council to consider distribution of Calendar of Events for 2018-2019 for September. |

1. Greetings, Introductions and Review of Agenda

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

Next School Council meeting (April 25, 2018) will include an presentation from TDSB staff on diversity in expression of gender identity. Parents will have an opportunity to learn about TDSB Equity and Inclusion policies.

2. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

No revisions requested.

Motion: Approve meeting Minutes from February 22, 2018

Moved by MP

Seconded by KM

CARRIED

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report is delivered by JK.

As reported at February 2018 Council meeting, cash flow is now presented from the beginning of the school year (August 2017).

Some charges from events during the 2016-2017 School year are listed on this year's report as appropriate. This includes some library disbursement, spring BBQ costs, and 2017 graduation.

Income for the school year is healthy. Wish list spending is broken out in some detail in financial statement.

Question from Floor:

Approximately how much of 2017-2018 Wish List has been paid out versus what remains to be spent.

A: Approximately ½ of the Wish List requests have been paid out. Roughly \$10,000 in wish list allocations to be distributed.

Discussion follows on future liabilities for events or other Council activities. Discussion on limits (two years) to how long Council can hold funds for a particular project. Currently roughly \$10,000, from 2018 Parent Social, is being held in the bank for the Schoolyard Revitalization project. These funds are not intended to be disbursed until that project commences.

Discussion around how to distribute Council fundraising proceeds in future. Could consider applying to immediate projects to avoid have to hold funds beyond limits. Discussion around projected total funds required for Schoolyard project.

Web Links for Additional Information:

TDSB Policies on Equity and Inclusion

- The TDSB strives to ensure that fairness, equity, and inclusion are essential principles in all schools, and are integrated into all policies, programs, operations, and practices

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/The-Classroom/Equity-Inclusion>

Ward 10 – Trustee Ausma Malik

- The Ward 10 website includes information on Ward meetings, update from the local Trustee, and links to opportunities for parents to provide input into school planning. Contact info for the trustee is also here.

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward10/>

Treasurer requests if she can purchase a GIC to achieve best return on funds held for Schoolyard project. Council approves use of GIC for Schoolyard funds. Treasurer will pursue and get info on specific options for next meeting.

Council will revise product categories for Square online payment machine next event to categorize to match with accounting software.

Discussion around where funds raised from parent paint night will be distributed

Treasurer advises that we will explore working with a different account manager at the bank. Discussion around consideration of using another banking institution could be explored in future.

Discussion around income from BINGO event. Minimal funds raised. In 2017, the event included an RBC grant of \$1000 which contributed most of the funds raised. Attendance was lower this year. Many events in March – literacy night, march break, etc. may have contributed to low turnout. Calendar of events as soon as possible would help parents plan to attend events. Council will set dates for major events and fundraisers at the June 2018 meeting to accommodate this in the 2018-2019 school year.

4. Principal's Report

SA delivers principal's report.

Administration received projected 2018-2019 staffing allocation earlier in the week for both teachers and support staff. TDSB has adjusted projected enrolments figures for all grades including kindergarten.

One additional ECE has been allocated for kindergarten for next year based on enrolment. Other education and support assistant allocations remain status quo.

Question from floor:

What are the projected kindergarten enrolment figures for next year?

A: Currently at 81 registered. SA explains that the Ministry class size cap for kindergarten for next year will be 28 students per room.

Allocation of lunch room supervisors, teachers and remains status quo. Vice principal is a 0.5 teacher / 0.5 Administration position.

Question from floor:

Will all the classes next year continue to be split classes?

A: Distribution of classes for next year hasn't been determined. Staffing committee will meet to discuss allocation and feedback from staff. Options for distribution are limited however. This year, we had 5 primary classes and 2 junior classes. Next year we are projected to have 4 primary and 3 junior.

Classes are determined based on final enrolment numbers for each grade. We currently have on grade 3 / 4 split class, which crosses divisions. This is mandated by the TDSB policy when enrolment numbers in the school allow for it. The policy is intended to smooth the distribution of resources across the City. This split class is in addition to the projected primary and junior classes for next year.

After the Staffing committee approves a final model for 2018-2019, SA will send a letter to parents outlining the projected classes for next year. This letter is distributed annually. Included with this letter is a student information form with which parents can provide additional information to staff and administration about their

children. Students are not always assigned to the same teacher they had in their first year of a split class, with the exception of kindergarten students.

Students' classroom will be assigned in June on their final report card. Teacher assignments are not final until August.

Discussion around class placements follows.

Question from Floor:

We are recovering an ECE allocated to Kindergarten for 2018-2019. Can we request the same ECE that was formerly at Clinton?

A: Staffing assignments are not determined by the individual schools. Generally done at Board level. School can request a staff member but decision does not rest with school.

Question from floor:

Lunchroom monitors and the associated issues of insufficient supervision was covered in the media recently. Do we experience challenges with this at Clinton?

A: Staff and parent volunteers agree that Clinton lunch hour is well supervised and does not experience the same challenges. We have good allocation including additional allocation for special education programs.

Discussion follows around lunch hour logistics and volunteer options.

Discussion around gifted and special education programs. TDSB implements an annual universal screening program for all Grade 3 students (Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test) to determine giftedness or other learning abilities. Parents will be contacted if student is to be referred to a School Support Team for consideration of a individual learning program, etc.

EQAO testing takes place May 22 – June 4 for grades 3 and 6. EQAO implements a standardized test across the province. Test results have value to staff to identify where new teaching techniques can be applied. Individual student results are distributed to parents.

Two events to update Parents on:

First annual STEAM (Science, Technology, Math, Engineering, Arts and Math) Night will be held on April 19. Opportunity for parents to learn about STEAM curriculum and teaching. Pizza or other fundraising is suggested for the STEAM night. Sonia will follow up with staff organizing the event.

Clinton JPS is a finalist to possibly host a visit from the Toronto Blue Jays. Event coordinator will review the site. Press conference would be held with players at the school. April 27 would be the date of the event if Clinton is chosen. Media forms and information for parents will be distributed immediately if Clinton is chosen as the site.

5. Schoolyard Revitalization Update

Update to plans for Schoolyard from the last meeting with TDSB staff is presented. Proposing a new area on Manning Ave. for the kindergarten students. Resurfacing of track and asphalt is a priority. Surrounding areas will prioritize natural play areas. Planting new trees is included in TDSB funds. TDSB would like to do entire project in one stage, possibly beginning in 2019.

Council cannot hire a contractor to install equipment we purchase for the school. Must be done by a TDSB contractor. Next meeting with TDSB staff will be week of April 22.

Field will be levelled and re-sodded this summer. The TDSB is doing this repair independent of the Schoolyard Revitalization project.

6. Ward Report

No ward meetings have occurred since the last Council meeting.

Ward Ten updates are posted to the TDSB Ward 10. Council emails include the link.

7. Other Items

See Spot Run and Clinton Community Concert

Parent CB provides description of proposed concert as well as required volunteer roles and responsibilities. CB will work with Teacher LW and staff to ensure students are involved in the concert. Will involve everything from on stage talent to technical support setting up the show. Other schools have made approximately \$800 with 200 attendees. Goal is to provide musical inspiration and venue for students to develop talents. Funds raised will be for music program at Clinton JPS.

Discussion around combining Spring BBQ with this event. Spring BBQ will be merged with the event, but specific food served will be determined later. Discussion around volunteer resources required. Parent NM volunteers to help coordinate the concert and will hold a subcommittee meeting.

Addendum: Date of Concert will be May 31, 2018.

Date was originally set for June 7, 2018. This conflicts with the upcoming Provincial election. The Concert was rescheduled following the March Council meeting.

Motion: Approve Council spending of \$1000 on stipend for Concert

Moved by TK

Seconded by SH

CARRIED

Parent Paint Night fundraiser is April 12, 2018. Tickets are available online or via email.

7. Adjournment and Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 1945. The next Clinton JPS School Council meeting will occur on Thursday, April 25, 2018 at 18:10 in the Art Room.