

**Clinton Junior Public School
School Council Minutes**

Meeting Date	November 27, 2019	
Start/End Time	18:10 – 20:00	
Minutes Approved		
Attendees – Elected and Appointed Members	TK SH KM SP NL JD	
Attendees	AN BA MD	
Attendees – Staff & Administration	SA PR	

Upcoming Events and Meetings	
<p><u>2018 – 2019 School Council Meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, October 9 • Tuesday November 5 (Wish List) • Tuesday, November 27 	<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
2018-2019 School Council Events	
Action Items	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School Council will continue to promote petition for speed humps along Manning Ave. Parents are asked to promote in community. 2. School Council to request volunteers for a gardening committee for front gardens. 3. Future Agenda Item: Discussion on major project to allocate funds or raise funds for (ex. Continuing schoolyard improvements, etc.). To include discussion on a Reserve Fund. 4. Council to consider moving date of silent auction to accommodate holiday spending (2020-2021) 5. Council to include “Would you be interested in a phone free school environment?” question to the parent survey to be distributed. 6. Council to ask parents to submit Wish List items as well questions for parent survey and objectives/goals for School Council 	

1. Intro and Welcome

Co-Chair(s) TK and JD welcome all to the meeting and outline agenda. Introductions are given for new attendees.

- TK gives an overview of the Wish List meeting (November 5, 2019) and the Wish List allocation spreadsheet that is handed out. Total of ~\$24,577 was allocated at this time.
- “B List” represents items that Council intends to fund in the future, and are confident we will have the funds to cover at the end of the school year based on upcoming fundraisers (remaining pizza days, silent auction, etc.)
- Parents or community members can still request that Council fund new items and a discussion can be tabled at future meetings. Wish List submission form is always active on the council website. Wish List priorities have been identified for 2019-2020.

2. Approve Last Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of October 2, 2019, with financial statements attached

Motion: KM
Seconded: NL

CARRIED

Draft minutes of the November 5, 2019 Wish List meeting are posted online and will be approved in December 2019.

Question from Floor: Are we continuing to use initials only in meeting minutes?

A: Discussion follows – use of initials was based on historical request from a parent. We could use role – ex. “Parent”, etc – instead, or accompanying initials. SH will try to add role for context in future meeting minutes

3. Co-Chair's Report

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

- Parent Survey was distributed just under two weeks ago. Currently approximately 100 respondents have participated, which is a very good response. Survey will wrap-up midnight on Sunday. Report is generated by service provider. Council Exec will review results and distribute to community shortly.

Question from floor: What was the response rate to previous surveys?

A: Communications Coordinator KM indicates that two years ago survey had approximately 72 respondents. More recent PRO grant survey generated 27 responses.

Question from floor: How many families are at the school?

A: Approximately 270 or so. School doesn't have definite # of families vs students.

- Clinton Rocks! – Parent CB still committed to lead and will provide dates for Spring event when able. Chair(s) have discussed with CB about future funding allocation from the concert, if it is not all used by the music program (annual roll-over, another program, additional instruments, etc.) Overage could also go to the net big fundraiser – which could be a project dedicated student wellbeing
- Further discussion on Clinton Rocks! and funding allocation will be held at next meeting pending work-to-rule situation. Community interest in the event remains high and event is well received by all. Council excited to support the event.

Question from floor: how much does Clinton Rocks! raise?

A: Approximately \$3000 net.

- Online Auction – date still being finalized, may be as early as end of February 2020. Council is keeping an eye on school year cash flow without having hosted the fall fair in 2019. Solicitation of donations begins at least two months in advance.
- Spring Fair date will be set once schoolyard is complete and Clinton Rocks! Is planned. Spring Fair would be a good event to welcome the schoolyard and thank donors.
- Two other events have been suggested: Trivia night (parents only); poker night (parents only). Events have been raised by community members. Events can be hosted off-site. Paint night, Plant night are also ideas. Fundraising ideas and logistics are discussed. Liquor licences are discussed.
- Note from SA on Liquor licence – TDSB has changed policy. Now Liquor license must be approved by the TDSB chair and may be less likely to be approved/more time consuming in the future.
- Topic for future council meeting: technology in the school. Co-Chair TK explains that Council has hosted 'speaker' or special topic nights in the past, which involves an expert to speak about a particular subject. This year would focus on how technology is employed in the classroom and curriculum. Speaker could include information about online safety, especially relevant for junior students.
- Holiday fundraising: merchandise is now up on the website. Gift boxes of hot sauce will be added to the website as well.

4. Treasurer's Report

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

- Bingo night was a break-even event that was well attended. Expenses (food) still to be disbursed.
- Some expenses upcoming from merchandise. Annual projections are right on target for Council's current plans, and wish list funds should be covered by future fundraising.
- Process for teachers to purchase items using Wish List funds is discussed. Zilda is very helpful in this process. Discussion over how to allocate the per-teacher allocation/per classroom allocation in the future to minimize administrative burden. Invoices should be cleared as quickly as possible for Wish List funded materials. Council Exec and administration will discuss how to easily allocate per classroom funds in the future.

Question from floor: Can we increase the number of paid lunch days?

A: Idea is always well received but balancing the volunteer load on those days is challenging. Has been reviewed in the past but requires a volunteer to coordinate. Co-Chair TK discusses historical efforts to find hot lunch options. Waste, volunteers, food desirability and equity are all issues. Cost can also be prohibitively high for some lunches, making them not much of a fundraiser. Large discussion on hot lunch programs. Hot dogs are an option (Fancy Frank's).

5. Ward Report

Parent NL delivers a ward report.

- Discussion at past Ward meeting focussed on TDSB optional attendance policy and secondary programs review. Ward Rep NL encourages parents to be aware, as TDSB is responding to changes in student enrollment, with some schools over capacity and some under capacity. Larger high schools are able to offer a greater variety of programming for the students. This program review could recommend the closure of a number of secondary schools (John Polanyi SS hosting a consultation tomorrow). Online consultation at the TDSB website. Optional attendance is attending a school not in your catchment areas. Review process will result in changes in 7-8 years, which will affect students who are younger today.
- Work-to-rule update: not a lot of new information available at Ward meetings. Trustee and superintendents provided no additional information. Actions largely affecting the administration at schools at this stage.
- NL and other Council reps will continue to keep apprised of options to support teachers in work-to-rule activities (ex. Walk-in, etc.)

6. Principal's Report

Principal SA delivers a monthly report

- Currently, work-to-rule has had a minimal effect at Clinton JPS. Clubs, extracurricular activities, etc. all ongoing. Staff not holding meetings. Student safety is the number one priority for administration and there are presently no concerns.
- Schoolyard Improvement – most fences are down now and remaining fences will be up for the Winter. Additional seating is in place now and students and staff all seem to be happy. "Skatestoppers" have been installed to stop skateboarders from using new structures.
- Parents may notice some differences in asphalt surfaces, different finish, some levelling issues at this time. Currently only a 'basecoat' of asphalt - contractor will return to lay a topcoat in the spring. Basecoat should not be affected by children using it over the winter.
- Work on the Schoolyard will be completed in the Spring, including: contractor will return to topcoat asphalt, replanting of trees on north end of school (currently mulched); field will remain fences until spring; repainting of track lines and schoolyard games, replacement of bike racks and soccer nets. Garbage bin has been requested.
- Some benches on Clinton St side of the schoolyard (south) were removed to allow for construction. These may be replaced in the spring with bollards. Council has requested that benches be placed instead of bollards are awaiting a response. Council has requested an additional garbage bin outside as well.

- Discussion follows on various areas of the updated schoolyard and future improvements or areas to watch.
- Front of the school has been completed. Fence is located at the property line for the school, which is why fence is closer to the building proper. Council will seek funding for some play items for that area in the future.
- Discussion on pushing the TDSB project manager and contractor to ensure that the project finishes on time. Council asks Principal to give project manager a hard deadline.
- Window Replacement – Clinton JPS has been identified for replacement of all windows now (was previously just one side). Coloured panels that are adjacent to windows can be replaced with additional colours. Groups asks for SA to ask for colours to remain in place. Staff and students will also be surveyed but expected response is that coloured panels remain.
- Overhang project – posts underneath the overhang are all replaced now. SA explains identification of the issue and process leading to repair. Fencing will come down as soon as possible. The overhang will be repainted at some stage in the spring as well.
- School Improvement Plan – Terminology is “SIP” at the TDSB. SIP is a dynamic document used to identify learning and community priorities for each school, based on a variety of input. Baseline data such as enrollment, EQAO, student census, report card data etc. informs the plan which is used to identify areas for improvement or focus at the school. “Front page” of report card (Learning Skills and Work Habits) are the focus of the report card data. Data is also parsed by gender to identify concerns or opportunities. Generally speaking, female students tend to score higher on the Learning Skills and Work Habits sections.
- Goals for Clinton’s SIP have been identified in areas of: Achievement, Equity and Well-being. Math instruction will be a focus, based on interest and need and aligned to testing and upcoming years’ curriculum. Incorporating student voice and student engagement/participation with the entire school community along with opportunities for students to self-regulate and universal design for learning (strategies that allow for all learning profiles to learn) are components of these priorities.
- The SIP will is a working document that evolves and can benefit from any input from community. Goals continue on from previous years. School administration will review results of parent survey and incorporate into SIP.
- School Council has committed to putting future funds towards the student well-being area as a priority.
- Feedback from the parent survey will be incorporated as well. SIP will be on the December 2019 agenda as well for discussion with parents.

7. Other Business

- Refer to December agenda

Meeting Adjourns 1940.

NEXT MEETING IS Wednesday, December 11, 2019 in the HSP Room at 610 PM. – update: this meeting cancelled. Next Meeting is January 21, 2020.