

**Clinton Junior Public School
School Council Minutes**

Meeting Date	November 28, 2018	
Start/End Time	18:10 – 19:15	
Minutes Approved		
Attendees – Elected and Appointed Members	TK NL SH	
Attendees	SS CL	
Attendees – Staff & Administration	SA PR	

Upcoming Events and Meetings	
<u>2018 – 2019 School Council Meetings</u> December 13, 2018 - CANCELLED January 22, 2019 February 12, 2019 March 27, 2019 April 25, 2019 May 22, 2019 June 18, 2019	<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 January 10, 2019 – Winter Concert (for half the school)	January 17 th , 2019 – BINGO Night February 22, 2019 – Parent Social March 5, 2019 – Pancake Day April 2019 – TBD – STEAM Night May 2019 – TBD – Clinton Rocks II 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

1. Introduction and Welcome

TK Welcomes all to the meeting and outlines agenda.

Winter Concert date (for half the school) has been set – January 10, 2019

The MPP for University-Rosedale was scheduled to appear at this meeting but is not able to. Appearance is tentatively rescheduled for January 2019 meeting.

Parents encouraged to table items for the MPP as they desire. Suggestions from the group include:

- Transit
- School Safety
- School busing - seatbelts
- Curriculum Response / Health Curriculum

TK has requested, via local councillors' office (M. Layton) evaluation of the closest intersections to Clinton JPS – Ulster/Manning and Clinton/Jersey/Alleyway.

Other suggestions from the floor for school safety include safety within the school (bullying, etc.), speed bumps, increased enforcement, and a radar readout. Exec will follow-up with Councillor's office regarding other suggestions.

2. Ward 10 Update

Ward Meeting to be held on Thursday, November 29. NL will attend.

Attendees will seek clarity around ward boundaries and impact to schools within those wards.

Question from Floor: Will the Schoolyard Improvement project be impacted by the new election and ward shift?

A: Project should not be impacted as funds were allocated and approved under previous budget process. Goal for start of schoolyard project remains Spring 2019.

Discussion around other items to raise at Ward meeting. School safety and infrastructure improvements – ex. Fire Alarm system listed on TDSB facilities condition index as needed improvements, but is fully functional and

Public Consultation: Education in Ontario

The Government of Ontario is inviting parents, students, educators and organizations to provide feedback on the education system in Ontario.

Feedback from these consultations will help shape Provincial decisions regarding curriculum, instructional direction, and educational goals.

We are encouraging all parents and caregivers to participate. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/for-the-parents>

inspected multiple times a year. SA indicates window replacement is the administration's priority capital project.

3. Principal's Report - SA

Reminder that Progress reports were distributed on November 15ish. Progress reports are not a formal report card, which will be distributed in February 2019, but are designed to give parents and understanding of children's progress to date in the classroom.

Clinton JPS recently hosted a pow wow as a component of indigenous education for the Primary Grades. Similar indigenous engagement for Junior grades is expected in 2019.

Mr. Ball will host Clinton's 3rd annual highland games this week. Junior classes participate with the rest of the school as spectators.

This Friday (November 30) a local theatre group will present gender equity instruction to junior students. Council agreed to a cost-share for this program (\$150 of Council funds), which was offered to the admin at a steep discount (usually \$800, was provided for \$300)

Mr. Ball hosted a Special Olympics hockey tournament with other local schools who also have ISP programs. Canadian special Olympian Gohulan Rajalingam was present to show medals and help with tournament.

4. Treasurer's Report

TK presents the Treasurer's report on behalf of DC.

Update on fundraising: Raffle tickets raised ~\$500. Last year raised approximately twice that, but with a longer ticket selling timeline. Top Selling class still to be determined and will be given a pizza/Subway lunch as regard in January.

Givalry has provided another cheque to the school for \$368. Givalry may not continue with the school fundraising program going forward, so this may be the last Givalry cheque.

Lots of Clinton JPS merchandise, toques and shirts, in stock. Ordering online is now possible – will be promoted for the holiday season as a holiday fundraiser.

Next major fundraisers are the holiday merchandise, and the Parent Social in February. Bingo night has also been rescheduled for January 17th 2019.

Fundraising goal for Parent Social is \$10,000. Up to this amount will go to schoolyard improvement - anything above \$10,000 is intended to go to wish list allocations. A motion will be introduced at a future meeting to formalize these fundraising goals.

Wish List (November 13, 2018) of items and minutes of Wish List meeting will be posted as soon as possible. Remaining wish list items will be posted and advertised to parent/caregiver community to possibly spur additional donations.

As mentioned in the principal's report, Council allocated \$150 to a gender equity program to be presented on Friday, November 30, 2018.

SA reports that staff are very happy with Wish List allocations and have also begun to spend allocations. Purchase for the sensory room have occurred.

Item Raised from Floor:

Parent raises issue that Wish List allocation does not provide immediate funds to the Music Program. Parent believes funds should be committed to music program as other divisions and school programs are receiving confirmed funding. Parent is concerned that music program could get no money and is required to host a separate fundraiser to support program, and believes that funding should be allocated and not deferred, as was decided at the wish list meeting. Parent would like recorded in the minutes that this Wish List scenario seems peculiar. Places an unfair burden on teachers and parents who are interested in music to raise money for that program. Currently \$1000 is allocated to the music program from Council funds, should the Clinton Rocks! Fundraiser raise less than this amount.

Attendees respond that Music program is the only program with its own dedicated fundraiser and that decision was made during last year's Council discussions to prioritize Wish List items without dedicated funding mechanisms, taking into account the support that Council members lend to executing Clinton Rocks!

Suggestion from floor that Clinton Rocks! Funds be allocated to the general Council funds and allocated via the Wish List process along with all other funds. Can be explored next year during Wish List process.

Motion to Approve Wish List minutes of November 13, 2018

Motioned by SH, Seconded by NL.

CARRIED

Parent Social – reminder and solicitation for auction items and/or donations that can be combined for the Silent Auction fundraiser

Pizza Days – TK tells attendees that twice-monthly pizza days are becoming increasingly difficult to manage. Call for volunteers to sign up for particular days and help planning. At this stage, it is too taxing for existing volunteer resources to pull off pizza lunch days. Staff have had to pitch in on recent occasions.

Typical time for pizza distribution is 11am-noon. 50-90 minutes total required for volunteers. Another call will go out and sign up for specific days. Suggestion from floor to use grade six students. Suggestions from the floor regarding efficiencies. Regardless of improvements or use of student labour force, multiple volunteers are required each pizza day for this time period. 2018-2019 is a test year for the twice-monthly pizza, and if it cannot be completed logistically, then twice-monthly food days would be reconsidered next year.

5. Open Forum

Question from Floor: is the current French-language teacher considered permanent?

A: Yes – Clinton hired a permanent French language teacher in June 2018, but the individual has taken time off. The currently allocated teacher will be with Clinton JPS until June 2019.

Question from Floor: for Grade 6 students graduating to new schools – is there a list of open houses of available schools?

A: Yes – list of schools and open house dates will be distributed to parents/caregivers of these students. Open houses begin in late 2018 and early 2019. February deadline for application to the student's new school. ISP programs or home school programs may have slightly different deadlines. Generally, families know of placement for grade 7 by approximately April or May.

Meeting adjourned at 19:15. Next meeting of Clinton JPS School Council is scheduled for December 13, 2018 in the Art Room, at 18:15.