

**Clinton Junior Public School
School Council Minutes**

Meeting Date	October 9, 2019	
Start/End Time	18:10 – 20:00	
Minutes Approved		
Attendees – Elected and Appointed Members	TK SH KM SP NL Regrets: JD	
Attendees	SC JR SS MN CB	
Attendees – Staff & Administration	SA	

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
<p>2018-2019 School Council Events</p>	
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. October 10, 2019 - 'Walk In' Protest with West End Parents for Public Education 3. School Council to request volunteers for a gardening committee in the spring. 4. 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. 5. Council to consider moving date of silent auction to accommodate holiday spending (2020-2021) 6. Council to include "Would you be interested in a phone free school environment?" question to the parent survey to be distributed. 7. 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

Chair TK welcomes all to the meeting and outlines agenda. Parent JR has agreed to take on the volunteer coordinator position and is thanked for taking on the role.

Carry-over items from September 19, 2019 meeting:

- School Council is comprised of parents and administration, and also staff representatives. Teacher KH is our teacher rep for this year.
- Gardening Committee – will be formed to help with gardens in the spring. 2 members currently. Information to follow once established.
- Council confirms that future communications will include reference to funding available for families who may require financial support to fully participate in all school activities. Sonia & TK to determine wording of community support message.

2. Approve Last Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of September 19, 2019, with financial statements attached

Motion: KM

Seconded: JR

CARRIED

3. Co-Chair's Report

TK delivers a report from the Co-Chairs.

- Fall Fair – has been postponed due to potential labour disruption. Will be rescheduled as a spring fair and schoolyard celebration. Ongoing schoolyard construction a consideration in delaying the event as well. Date to be determined.
- Clinton Merchandise – Parent KM designed the current Clinton School merchandise (hats, t-shirts, etc.) Council will purchase additional merchandise as stock is low. Advertising to follow, will be in stock in time for holiday shopping.
- School Walk-In – October 10, 2019. NL to provide update.
- SSON Form – School Statement of Needs form. School Council is responsible on an annual basis for completing and submitting the SSON to the TDSB. SSON is used to inform hiring process whenever administration staff (Principal and VP) are replaced. Completed by Council Exec; but call will go out for parent input in the weeks ahead. Parents can highlight aspects of the community they feel are important.

- Wish List – TK explains the annual wish list process. Parents/Community members can request anything that fits within the Council mandate (enhancements, not curriculum items). Deadline for 2019-2020 is November 1. Allows time for requests to be sorted and organized prior to the Tuesday, November 5 Wish List meeting.
- Wish List is a good opportunity for parents to learn about what teachers need. Examples of items requested – funds for teachers, schoolyard improvement stages, sensory room. SA notes that stage screen needs replacing. TK encourages parents to consider submitting and to look around at other schools for what they might want to request.
- Wish List requests can be made online at clintonschoolcouncil.com. Teachers may complete online as well

4. Treasurer's Report

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

- SP still in transition process from former treasurer.
- Pizza sales were substantial this year at approximately \$26,000 – an increase from last year. This money in the bank will allow more allocations for wish list, but some will be needed for Spring Fair.
- No major expenditures planned currently. Schoolyard expenses are now finalized so that will no longer be a liability.
- Future reports may include more detail as funds are spent or allocated via wish list.
- Clarification given that Wish List only dedicates funds that are in the bank, but a “b” list of money is allocated for future spending if raised.
- Future agenda item should include discussion on dedicating funds for a “major spend” or project like the schoolyard. To follow after Wish List when financial situation is more certain.
- TK and Exec have submitted several applications for additional funding for schoolyard – updates to follow as info is available.

Question from floor: Could the silent auction moved up to October/November to accommodate holiday spending?

A: Idea is well received. Last year was the first year for auction following change in parent social. Will be tabled as a future idea for 2020. This would work if the fair takes place in the spring, otherwise the volunteer resources to do the fair and online auction at the same time would be stretched.

Question from floor - when will the annual budget/priorities be set?

A: November 5 Wish List meeting will include the projected funds for the year. We will need to reserve some funds to cover future events costs. Full allocation of funds and future projections can be discussed after the Wish List.

5. Ward Report

NL delivers a ward report.

- Wednesday October 15 is the Ward Ten forum at Central Tech (6:30 pm – 8:30 pm). Ward Forum will include a question and answer with the Trustee. Typically involves a speaker on a particular topic related to education and/or the TDSB.

- Thursday, October 10, 2019 – “Walk In” for public education. MPP bell will be speaking at the event. Postcards will be available for students to about teachers; will form basis of petition to government. Sidewalk chalk instead of signs to minimize waste. Exec and administration have invited community policing officer to event.
- Upcoming labour negotiations for elementary teachers – will be held November or end of November. May be discussed at the next ward meeting.

6. Principal’s Report

SA delivers a brief report

- Schoolyard Improvement Project – Project was delayed further by weather, current projected date is week of October 20, but may be further delayed. Concrete retaining walls have been delayed and once they are completed project will be finalized quickly. Discussion about painting of lines. Front of school project should be completed following the rear of school.
- Skateboarders have been noticed on the new platforms in the yard. Discussion on options to discourage this use of platforms as skateboarding will quickly damage them. TDSB property is private property but generally public use is encouraged. An enforcement approach is not preferred but police were called and have spoken with the skateboarders. Will be monitored by administration on an ongoing basis.
- TDSB Cash Online System – the new online payment system for the school and parents. Zilda has ordered new cheques for the system. Still working on onboarding the new system for our support staff. Updates to follow when system is ready to be used by parents. Letter will be sent to parents outlining the online process and registration process. Council adoption to follow this.
- School will be a voting location for the federal election on October 21, 2019.

Question from floor: now that the support staff negotiations have been resolved, will we get back any space in the school – i.e. will any rooms re-open?

A: No, Room closures will not be reversed, as far as we know. We have a teacher librarian and not library technicians (for secondary school) so no effect at Clinton.

Question from floor: Any update on upcoming teacher negotiations?

A: No strike vote near end of October. Updates to follow when more information is available.

Question from floor: What are the rules about cellphones in schools and on the school playground?

A: SA – communicated to students and parents on newsletters, etc. Phones cannot be banned from school but policy is that the phone is not to be out and used in the school building. To be stored in the backpack.

Cellphone use on school property is restricted but not prohibited. Phones can be taken and returned.

Discussion follows about phone policy.

Council will add “would you be interested in a phone free school policy” to the future parent survey which is scheduled for later this year.

7. 2019-2020 School Council Objectives

TK presents carry-over from last year goals:

- Should we identify one big project to fundraise for as per last several years?

- Need to set a fundraising goal for 2019-2020. Last year we raised approximately \$64,000 (gross). Fundraising goals and objectives to be tabled at a future meeting.
- Improving pedestrian safety around the school was a previous priority and saw some success(es). TK would like to continue this as a priority.
- Increasing engagement – more parents involved across the board
- Advocacy – NL is taking that on in his role as Ward rep. Council will be targeting issues that effect all schools.
- Community input – survey will be undertaken again this year. SA will provide previous TDSB census questions to inform survey.

8. **Other Business**

- Parent SS suggests hosting a future potluck dinner. Points to success of potluck before previous concerts. “Taste of Clinton” restaurant model is discussed – logistics to be decided. Fundraiser would be a dinner out with the family. Discussion of how to implement on its own or with Bingo night. Diverse cultural representation at Clinton could peak interest.

Meeting Adjourns 1920.

NEXT MEETING IS Tuesday, November 5, 2019 – Wish List Meeting - in the Art Room at 610 PM. Next full Council meeting is Tuesday, November 27, 2019.