

**Clinton Junior Public School
School Council Minutes**

Meeting Date	September 19, 2019	
Start/End Time	18:10 – 20:00	
Minutes Approved		
Attendees – Elected and Appointed Members	TK SH KM JD SP	
Attendees	DC MN MM SS WP DS NF SC JR SA NS BS CB	
Attendees – Staff & Administration	SA PR KH	

Upcoming Events and Meetings	
<u>2018 – 2019 School Council Meetings</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday, October 9 Tuesday November 5 	<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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 26, 2019 – Fall Fair
Action Items	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> School Council will continue to promote petition for speed humps along Manning Ave. Parents are asked to promote in community. October 10, 2019, 8:15am - 'Walk In' Rally for Education with West End Parents for Public Education Volunteer Coordination position is still open. School Council to request volunteers for a gardening committee for front gardens in spring. Pending – council Cash Online set up for online payments. 	

1. Intro and Welcome

Chair TK welcomes all to the meeting and outlines agenda. Tonight's agenda includes an election for members of School Council.

Past Council members are introduced and TK explains the mandate of School Council.

2. Approve Last Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of June 14, 2019, with financial statements attached.

Motion: KM

Seconded: SH

CARRIED

3. Chair's Report

TK delivers a 2018-2019 year-in-review. Handout is distributed (See attached). Major accomplishments include:

- School Safety – increased signage and speed signs
- Parking – changes to parking on both sides of school to better accommodate pickup
- Fundraising – doubling of pizza days led to major increase in funds
- Clinton Rocks! – thanks parent CB for involvement
- Advocacy – Letters on budget cuts and room closures, working with West End Parents for Public Education
- Online Auction was a success

TK thanks the many volunteers who helped make all the years' events happen.

TK mentions the possibility of labour disruption this year. Council will keep parents informed. TDSB caretaking cuts and room closures are discussed. Home Support Program Room (110, former Art Room), the Sensory Room and the STEAM room were kept open.

TK outlines the annual Wish List Process. Teachers, administration, parents and students may request funds for items that enhance the student experience. Form is already online on the School Council website. Funds that are already in bank are allocated at that meeting. Other items are prioritized for future funding.

Last years changes in ward structure effectively doubled the number of schools per trustee. Ward Rep role is important for communicating info at this level.

Question from Floor – re: HSP Room – Can it be fully opened (divider currently in place)?

A: no – SA to expand in room closures.

Question from floor – re: what is the dividing line on what's fundable using School Council funds and what's not?

A: Policy is in place to address equity across schools. Funds cannot pay for teachers, curriculum supplies, etc.

Can be used to purchase manipulatives (like toys, math cubes, etc.), online math programs, technology, field trips. Mathletics used as an example. Also supports fund to eliminate financial barriers for Clinton families (school fees, etc.)

Discussion around additional financial assistance and how to communicate to families. Add item to website.

TK discusses some of the average fundraising numbers across the TDSB. Clinton has significantly increased its fundraising recently.

Question from Floor – when are unions in strike position?

A: CUPE service workers are in strike position, having already held a vote. October vote date for teachers unions. Currently support staff are up first for negotiations. Labour action typically begins with work-to-rule, etc.

4. Treasurer's Report

DC reviews the 2018-2019 finances. Handout (Attached) is distributed outlining bank balance, major fundraisers, major items funded.

DC explains it was a very successful year financially. Doubling of pizza days was the major contributor to increase in funds. Online auction was also very successful. RBC grants are received as part of an RBC corporate program.

Schoolyard Improvement funds have been raised (target hit) and distributed as project is underway. Music program was top recipient last year. DC explains the teacher allocation which allows teachers to purchase items they feel best support their class.

SH explains Friends of Clinton/Artsmart program and relationship to School Council.

Question from Floor – What happened to the TDSB Cash online portal (School Cash Online)?

A – has not been implemented yet for Clinton. Administration / TDSB will distribute further info to parents once program is online. Office currently reviewing implementation.

Question – do we have a fundraising target for 2019-2020?

A – No, new Council will set fundraising targets at future meeting

5. Election of School Council Members

TK thanks outgoing Council member DC for his long service (7+ years).

Positions available tonight are: 2 Co Chairs, Secretary, Treasurer, Ward Rep. Two non-elected positions of volunteer coordinator and communications coordinator.

TK will call for expressions of interest or nominations for each of these positions.

Election of Co-Chair(s)

JD and TK express interest in the Co-Chair positions.

SS nominates JD
KM seconds nomination

ELECTED

DC nominates TK
CB seconds nomination

ELECTED

Election of Treasurer

SP expresses interest in the Treasurer position.

KM nominates SP
MN seconds nomination

ELECTED

Election of Secretary

SH expresses interest in the Secretary position.

TK nominates SH
SS seconds nomination

ELECTED

Election of Ward Rep

NL expresses interest in absentia

SS nominates NL
SH second

ELECTED

Communications Coordinator

KM expresses interest in the position and is acclaimed.

Volunteer Coordinator

No expressions of interest are received. Attendees are encouraged to spread the word about the position.

2019 – 2020 Clinton School Council is:

Jaimie Donovan and Tonia Krauser – Co-Chairs
Steve Parker – Treasurer
Nigel Lawson – Ward Rep
Sean Hurley – Secretary
Kristi Marstrom – Communications Coordinator

6. Principal's Report

- Schoolyard Project – some delays are outlined. Digging on Clinton side to replace wooden seating was halted. Arborist from the City stopped the job due to digging too close to trees. Alternative design for the retaining wall has been approved and work back underway. Contractor goal is to complete project by end of September; unlikely to meet this timeline. Contractor will complete the rear before beginning the front project. Platforms around the trees are likely to open soon.
- Trees will be planted at the north end as well. Enhancements can occur in the future as funds are raised.
- SA thanks parents for moving the project along
- In addition to the schoolyard project, the TDSB is doing some brick facing on the front of the building. No risk to children. These repairs will occur around the building throughout the fall.
- The posts under the under-hang are being replaced/repared due to corrosion in the base. Temporary posts are in place. Full posts will be replaced. 4-8 weeks timeline. Done before first snowfall.
- Replacement of Windows - Windows were requested 6 years ago. TDSB has approved Clinton Junior Public School for window replacement. Clinton St side windows will be replaced first. Initial window sections are scheduled for replacement next year (tentatively).

Question from floor – is there a new field sprinkler system?

A: yes, sprinkler system was replaced with the field this year. Field will be closed until the spring. This is to support the health of the new turf. Children received this news well.

Question from floor – north laneway very busy with schoolground closure due to construction. Concerns are expressed about safety during school commute. Students and families are encouraged to use caution and use the south walkway if possible.

- Communication update – Every Friday Vice Principal PR emails a weekly updates including preview of what's coming next week. Sonia does a monthly newsletter. Attendees express interest in these continuing
- School also has twitter for communicating out about events. @ClintonTDSB
- Upcoming events - Curriculum Night – Sept 26. Photo Day – September 24.
- Clinton now has an all gender washroom on each floor. Staff washroom was converted. Idea was first raised about 2-3 years ago and is now a TDSB policy. Discussion around student use and policy. No work order in place right now to retrofit existing washrooms to all gender washrooms.

- Room Closure Update - In June 2019, TDSB principals received email indicating that rooms would be closed as a result of recent budget cuts (resulting from provincial cuts). Caretaking staff has been cut, necessitating the room closures. Seven rooms were initially slated for closure. SA advocated for rooms to remain open. Sensory Room (102), STEAM room, and the HSP (formerly art room, 109) will remain open this year. Other rooms are closed for the year, including the core French classroom. Discussion follows around room closures.
- SA and KM mention need for a gardening committee or gardening volunteers when the construction begins at the front. Teacher PJ may be interested as well. Action Item.
- SA explains curriculum night in response to an inquiry.

NEXT MEETING IS Wednesday, October 9, 2019 in the Art Room at 610 PM.