

**Clinton Junior Public School  
School Council Minutes**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	November 13, 2018	
<b>Start/End Time</b>	18:10 – 19:30	
<b>Minutes Approved</b>		
<b>Attendees – Elected and Appointed Members</b>	TK DC SH KM NL	
<b>Attendees</b>	AL SJS	SS CB
<b>Attendees – Staff &amp; Administration</b>	AW SM SA PR KH	

<b>Upcoming Events and Meetings</b>	
<u>2018 – 2019 School Council Meetings</u>  November 28, 2018 December 13, 2018 January 10, 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"> <li>• Improve the education experience of our school's children</li> <li>• Provide input and enhance school system accountability</li> <li>• Learn more about what's going on</li> </ul>
<b>2018-2019 Events</b>  <b>SCHOOL</b>  January 10, 2019 – Winter Concert (for noted classes)	<b>COUNCIL</b>  February 22, 2019 – Parent Social March 5, 2019 – Pancake Day April 2019 – TBD – STEAM Night May 2019 – TBD – Clinton Rocks Concert June 13, 2019 – Spring BBQ June 19, 2019 – Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

## Action Items

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 online 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. Introductions and Agenda

TA and DC begin meeting with introductions and an explanation of the Wish List process. Historically, the Wish List has been used to identify School Council funding priorities based on requests from teachers, parents and the school community.

Monies allocated to Wish List request must already be present in School Council account.

A conservative estimate for 2018-2019 available Wish List funds is \$24,000. Tonight's goal will be to allocate \$24,000 to Wish List projects. Allocations for future spends may be considered after additional funding takes place through the school year.

## 2. Wish List Requests

See attached chart for a listing of all Wish List Requests received and the amounts requested.

### Teacher Requests

- \$7044 for Primary Division
- \$3520 for Junior Division
- ALL Teachers - \$150/class X 25.5 teachers = \$3825

### What is the Clinton JPS Wish List?

Fundraising, to enhance the educational experience for our children, is one of the main objectives of School Council. Parents, teachers, students and members of the Clinton Community are invited on an annual basis to submit requests (or "Wishes") to School Council for items that could improve the school community.

Submissions for requested items are gathered from parents and teachers in the fall and reviewed in November, when the core Wish List is prioritized. Future funding priorities may also be identified via the Wish List process.

<https://clintonschoolcouncil.ca/wishlist/>

Teacher KH speaks to the Primary teacher requests. Items are broken out into different areas: literacy resources, math, science and other. Explanation for some items is given – ex. "Big Books" are physically large books which can be read easily to class and manipulated by younger students. Noise Cancelling headphones would support students who struggle with ambient noise levels in class, etc.

Teacher AW speaks to Junior teacher requests. Novel sets would allow same sets of books to be used by all classes. Scientists in schools program is well received. Discussion around funding Indigenous education initiatives – some funding has already been allocated to a program for the Primary classes outside of the Wish List process.

DC and TK speak to allocation for each teacher. Historically, Council has given an equal amount to each teacher to purchase or subsidize purchase of items they believe are the priority for their classroom. Generally speaking, School Council defers to teachers and staff in prioritizing funds spent on educational resources. In previous years, amount per teacher has been \$100, and goal has been to increase. This year's proposal is \$150/teacher (25.5 teachers at school). TK indicates for attendees that items that cannot be funded tonight will be listed on the School Council website to highlight funding gaps. School community can support independently, and as future Council funds become available, these items left unfunded may be considered for future allocation.

***Motion – Allocation of \$150/teacher (\$3825 total)***

SS motions for approval. NL seconds.

**CARRIED - \$3825**

DC proposes allocation of \$4000 per junior and primary division – teachers from those divisions may decide how best to spend the lump sum of money on desired materials/programs, etc. Discussion follows on allocation for Indigenous programming. \$4000 per division is held until the end of the meeting. Revised to \$3500 per division to accommodate the full funding of the dance program, which serves all students at the school.

***Motion – Allocation of \$3500 per division (\$7000 total)***

SH motions for approval. DC seconds.

**CARRIED - \$7000**

**Art Program Request**

- \$3000 requested by Artsmart/Friends of Clinton

Friends of Clinton is a registered charity that delivered the Artsmart Visual arts enrichment program at Clinton. Program is unique to elementary schools in Toronto who typically do not have visual arts supports for teachers, nor a dedicated art room/art resource. AL speaks to the Friends of Clinton charity and historical relationship with Clinton JPS. Typical budget for the program is ~\$14,000 annually. This year's model has an art room coordinator at the school 4 days/week (1/2 day). FOC no longer qualifies for Arts Council of Ontario grants but is seeking additional supports. Annual request to School Council has remained stable for a long time. Parent SJS has arranged for one of this year's RBC grants (\$1000) to be allocated to this program. Parent SH and teachers (SM/AW) speak in support of the program and its focus on entire school community.

***Motion – Allocation of \$3000 to Artsmart program***

NL motions for approval. KM seconds.

**CARRIED - \$3000**

**Phys Ed Program Request**

- \$300 – new basketballs

DC speaks to the phys ed program request. Annual request from teacher JB to supplement/replace worn phys ed equipment.

***Motion – allocation of \$300 to phys ed program***

NL motions for approval. SH seconds.

**CARRIED - \$300**

**Library Request**

- \$1148 for Blue Spruce/Silver Birch books

Teacher AW speaks to library request. Less than previous years' requests as library staff are focussing on more selection and less volume of books. Also some books are going to classrooms specifically as per Primary/Junior requests.

***Motion – allocation of \$1148 to the library***

AL motions for approval. DC seconds.

**CARRIED - \$1148**

**Music Program Request**

- \$4000 – various instruments

DC speaks to Music Program request. Clinton Rocks concert will be put on again in 2019. Last year raised about \$3500. Council is hoping to make this a tradition, as well as a separate fundraiser that funds the music program specifically. Suggestion is we defer allocation of WL funds until post-Clinton Rocks fundraiser. Discussion around whether we can possibly defer or allocate some deferred funds in case fundraiser falls through. Discussion around funding Music Request deferred until later in the meeting. Some discussion about concerns about allocating no funds to music program given the interest from parent/student community.

\$1000 of funding for music program is committed by Council if the Clinton Rocks! Fundraiser does not surpass \$1000. If additional funds are available after all approved Wish List allocations are distributed in 2018-2019, the music program may be prioritized for additional funding.

### **S.T.E.A.M Request**

- \$3500 to support school-wide STEAM challenges/materials

Teacher AW speaks to the STEAM challenges and schoolwide focus and benefits. Currently do not have specific funds for the STEAM projects and challenges. Money would allow it to be more sustainable – durable materials that are reusable. Would also help to have additional funds for the DD/LD/ISP students to support their interaction with the STEAM. Desktop computer would be to support film projects, etc. which are difficult to do with the existing hardware.

Discussion follows around what to allocate from these requests. Future STEAM night could include fundraiser with specific ask to parents to support items like computers, tech equipment, etc. Discussion around how to use STEAM night as a better fundraiser, even if just passive donation option for STEAM specific last year we did pizza. Future funds could be allocated to STEAM if available at end of year.

### ***Motion – allocation of \$1500 for STEAM.***

SS motions for approval. NL seconds.

**CARRIED - \$1500**

### **School Group Requests**

Teacher AW speaks to the Club requests (items 09 and 10). Suggests deferral of DD/Board Game club funding and posting to website for possible independent support or donation of games. TK/DC commit to posting info about Board Game and other clubs for support on the School Council website.

Teacher PR speaks to the Eco-Club requests and expresses support for funding. Group works hard and tshirts would be recognition as well as support program by identifying team members. \$300 total is suggested with future amount deferred to end of the year.

### ***\$300 to Eco Green Team approved by Consensus.***

**CARRIED - \$300**

### **Spec Ed Program Requests**

- \$1064 – Sensory Room (room 102)
- \$1220 – Sensory Room (room 102)
- \$1500 – DD Rms 206, 114, 208, 114 (including drumming program)
- TOTAL - \$3784

Joint teacher request to support ISP program and the new Sensory Room. SA speaks to the DD/ISP classes rarely requesting funds in the past and advocates for these requests. Request really helps provide space and community for these classes as well as opportunity to interact with other students and be part of the larger Clinton community (focus on inclusion). Teacher JB requests are purposefully chosen to specially address the ISP classes and determine what type of physical activity is most beneficial to each class. Some students are nonverbal so lights and other items requested are helpful for sensory overload. Request also includes funds to help pay for a presentation specific to the ISP students who are included in assemblies but often the material

presented are not always well suited to the ISP learning style. Discussion around how to decide what items to prioritize and whether additional funds might be available at end of school year.

***Motion – allocation of \$2500 total to the Spec Ed Program Requests***

TK motions for approval. SJS seconds.

**CARRIED - \$2500**

**Historical Grant Requests**

- \$250 – ski trip contingency fund
- \$50 – student pancake breakfast
- \$300 – graduating class photo
- \$400 – graduation dinner
- \$400 – staff appreciation function
- \$200 – misc supplies to support JB events
- \$250 – hockey team (for ice time funds)

DC speaks to item 15 – ski trip. Historically given to allow all kids who want to participate the opportunity to go. Often have not spent it at all, last year spent \$100. Spent in February 2019 so must be allocated now. Discussion around minimizing the allocation.

***Motion – allocation of \$250 to ski trip***

NL motions for approval. KM seconds

**CARRIED - \$250**

***Motion – allocation of \$50 to pancake breakfast***

AL motions for approval. KM seconds

**CARRIED - \$50**

***Motion - allocation of \$400 to staff appreciation event***

NL motions for approval. SH seconds.

**CARRIED - \$400**

Items on Grad Photo, Grad Dinner, Teacher JB event support (i.e. bike to work day, etc.) and Hockey team for ice time are approved by consensus.

**CARRIED - \$300**  
**CARRIED - \$400**

**CARRIED - \$200**  
**CARRIED - \$250**

**Misc. Requests**

- \$200 – Reading Club
- \$2457.50 – Kick Start Dance Program
- \$500 – Air Conditioning
- \$300 – Field Trip Subsidies

Teacher KH speaks to item 22 – Reading Club request. Reading club is a collaborative effort between Secondary School students from HCI who support early literacy in Grade 1 students at Clinton. Asking for only \$200 (\$400 listed) as this year supplies would be limited to ongoing program support (last year was first year of program)

\$200 approved by consensus to the reading club

**CARRIED - \$200**

Teacher SM speaks to the Kick Start Dance Program. Board endorsed program. Children have been requesting dance program and enjoy this activity. Program supports the entire school grade 1-6, plus 3 kindergarten, and includes the junior DD. 3 sessions at 75 minutes each – grand total is \$8475 with HST. 3 way cost split is \$2457.50 for the minimum amount paid by students. Teachers wanted program that would teach the technical aspects of dance, can lead to possible performances. Teacher will also learn the dance techniques. Different styles. SA supports requests and speaks to the historical dance programs that have been at Clinton – benefits all. Tied directly to curriculum. Discussion follows on how much to allocate (i.e. a cost of \$10, \$12, or \$15 per student and impacts to families).

Motion – allocation of \$2457.50 to Kick Start Dance program

SH motions for approval. DC seconds.

**CARRIED - \$2457.50**

Item 24 – A/C units – cannot be funded nor accommodated in the current school. Item 25 – Subsidies for field trips is not funded. Teachers/Admin staff speak to the existing hardship/community fund on which the school can draw to support families who cannot absorb the cost of class trips and supplies.

**Total funding allocated for the Wish List – 2018-2019 = \$24,080.50**

MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 1935

Next meeting will be Clinton School Council meeting on November 28, 2018 at 6:10 pm. in the Art Room