

**Mandate**

- build community
- fundraise
- advocate on behalf of the children
- act as advisory board to principal and school
- promote improvements to student achievement and wellbeing
- enhance the accountability and transparency of school administration and school council
- act as a resource for parents where possible, providing linkages to other appropriate resources
- where possible, facilitate communication among parents, the school administration, the TDSB and the school trustee.

**Top Accomplishments**

- Safety
  - Worked with the city to get more School Zone signage, speed trackers and enhanced pedestrian crossing signs around the school zone.
- Advocacy
  - Council engaged our School Board Trustee, Chris Moise.\*
  - We worked with local parent group, WEPPE, and led the walk-in to protest budget cuts to public education.
  - We engaged the community to take action and support our caretakers and admin when room closures were announced. The result was the saving of the Sensory Room, the STEAM Room and half the Art (or HSP) Room.
- Fundraising\*\*
  - Over the past 2 years we have tripled our fundraising revenue to over \$60k, enabling us to cover off more items on the Wish List and get more resources into the school.
  - Reached goal of \$20k (over last 2 years) for the Schoolyard Improvement Project.
  - Doubled the number of Pizza Days.
  - Hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Clinton Rocks, raising just under \$3k for the music program.
  - Ran our first successful online auction.
- Schoolyard Improvement Project
  - Actually approved and underway!
- Parking
  - Received approval for parking time increases on Manning & Clinton.
  - Received approval for (8-9) increased parking spots on Clinton.

**Top Challenges**

- Cuts to education
  - Reduction in caretaking staff.
  - Less resources for teachers and programs.

- The lack of funding for infrastructure.
- Concern around potential teacher strike.
- Engagement & communications
  - Getting more parents/guardians to attend council meetings.
  - Having enough volunteers for events.
  - Getting our audience to read communications (sent from us and VP).

### **\*Ward 10 Report**

The last Ward 10 Forum was held on June 13, 2019 and focused primarily on the TDSB's vote on a balanced budget that was scheduled to take place on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Some attendees criticized the Staff Report recommendations for areas to cut, with particular discussion on staff reductions and the impact on student safety and well-being, international language programs and school capacity issues. The TDSB subsequently passed the proposed budget, details of which can be found at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Business-Services/Budgets-and-Financial-Statements/2019-20-Budget>.

Richard Christie, Senior Manager of Sustainability at the TDSB, provided an excellent presentation regarding Ecoschools (<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ecoschools/>) and entitled Learning to Live Sustainability on the Planet/Transforming the TDSB. A copy of the presentation is available upon request.

Last year's change in wards basically doubled the number of schools the trustee is responsible for, which resulted in strained bandwidth.

Given the cuts to education and teacher contract negotiations, it is clear that the need for advocacy has increased and we have committed to being the conduit between parents/guardians and the administration/TDSB and government.

### **\*\*Finances**

See report and bank statement.

### **Ongoing Projects**

- Safety – continuing to improve safety measures for students while they are at school and as they go to and from school.
- Schoolyard – continue applying for grants for future enhancements; gather committee of gardening volunteers to help with maintenance.
- Advocacy – the Ward rep will liaise with WEPPE and we will continue to pressure the provincial government to reverse the cuts to education.
- Engagement – our goal is to grow the number of parents/guardians on council and participating in events so that we become a more connected and informed community.

### **NEXT MEETINGS**

**Clinton School Council meeting:** Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:10pm in the Art Room.

**Ward 10 Forum meeting:** 6:30pm on October 15, 2019 at Central Technical School, 725 Bathurst Street. Agenda TBD and suggestions welcome.

**Wish List meeting:** Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:10pm in the Art Room.