

**TIES School Council Meeting - September 17, 2019**

**6:30 p.m. - School Library**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Bobbi Moore, LeeAnne Kee, Amanda Leakey, Samantha Huck, Christopher Hannah, Lee-Anne Shaw, Nancy Holman, Sarah Mesman, Trish Cowan, Dawn Foley, Danielle Deryaw, Andrea Phillips, Mandi Slate, Kristin Hambelton, Natalee Crozier and Jason Page

**Welcome and Introductions: Bobbi Moore**

1. **Approval of Minutes - May 22, 2019 and approval of Agenda**  
Minutes approved by Sarah Mesman and seconded by Dawn Foley  
Agenda approved by Amanda Leakey and seconded by Sarah Mesman
2. **Elections/Re-Elections**  
Chair - Bobbi Moore re-elected  
Treasurer - LeeAnne Kee re-elected  
Secretary - Danielle Deryaw - re-elected
3. **Principal/Vice-Principal's Report - Nancy Holman and Christopher Hannah**

Communication between school and parents currently takes place through: Newsletters, Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/TIES1/>, My Family Room email and our School Website <http://ties.ucdsb.on.ca/home> The School Website is currently in the process of being updated.

For student safety we ask that all visitors to the school sign in at the main office upon arrival. All volunteers working in any capacity with students must have an updated Vulnerable Sector Check on file at the school.

Student Verification forms, Sports Risk Consent forms and Walking Excursion forms were sent home to parents. Please complete these important documents and return to the school.

The dismissal routine was reviewed. Students will be dismissed from the yard at 3:25 to go to their buses or to the walker door. The daily schedule was also reviewed - recess and lunch times. All information is also in the Student Agenda.

Policy and Procedure Review: Plans of Care: Life Threatening Illnesses. Forms for students with any life threatening illness have been sent home for parents to complete and return to the school. Meetings with parents have been taking place to review the Plans of Care. It is important to keep the school informed of any changes in a student's medical needs.

Progress reports will be sent home to parents on November 6, 2019

One component of our Bullying Prevention Plan includes the W.I.T.S. Program. Staff have been working with students on using their W.I.T.S (Walk Away, Ignore, Talk it Out, Seek Help). We will continue to work with building skills in the areas of bullying prevention and peer leadership this year. Our Safe and Accepting Schools Team will

be meeting in the next few weeks to review our Anti-Bullying programs and prevention strategies.

IEPs will be sent home on October 17, 2019. IEPs are working documents and parents are invited to provide input with the classroom teacher throughout the year and especially in the first 30 school days. Parents are invited to reach out to the classroom teacher to provide input into the IEPs. A letter from our Special Education Team will be sent home to parents.

Our Terry Fox Walk will take place on Thursday, September 26. Students who have signed Walking Excursion Forms will be taking part in this special event. Walking Excursion forms were sent home to all parents with the Student Verification forms. Terry Fox's brother, Fred Fox, spoke with all students on September 10. He shared inspirational messages and presented our school with a 15 year banner. This was an honour!

Fire Prevention Week is Oct 6-12. We will conduct 3 fire drills this Fall. All of our Emergency Codes are being reviewed with students. This includes: Lockdown, Hold and Secure and Shelter in Place.

#### **4. Teacher's Report - Kristin Hambleton**

This year's start up has been wonderful! The first day being a PA day was helpful for the teachers to be organized as a group and have supports in place and where they need to be, before all of the kids arrive.

Jungle Sport was a fun way for the kids to start the school year! Students were stepping out of their comfort zones which is sometimes hard the first few days of school. The school was offered a reduced rate for these three days as our jungle sport last year was interrupted by several snow days and a school closure.

Art Bomb Festival coming to Gananoque. Heather Haynes and Pam Staples are bombing the town with art! TIES students are painting paper bags to cover the parking meters.

##### **Sports**

Cross Country - They encourage all abilities to come out for cross country. The first meet is at Rideau on September 25th and the next is at Landon's Bay on October 4th.

Soccer - 3/4 and 5/6 will start early October.

The Eco Club raised some money and purchased some new balls for the playground.

2 dozen trees have been planted out back of the school.

Hot lunch program is starting for October. There will be pizza, wraps and milk.

The Turkey Fair in Lyndhurst is September 21. This is always a great time!

November 7th there is a Facebook Live event. The topic is "Raising competent teenagers".

**5. Treasurer Report - LeeAnne Kee.**

We are starting our year off with \$8,276.43 in the bank.

**6. Fundraising Report - Bobbi Moore**

Little Caesars has been pre-booked for this year and the delivery date is November 7th. The Spring delivery date is May 7th and the orders are due April 17th.

We had some parent feedback that they liked the way we did the fundraising last year with only the Little Caesars and the events (Fall Fun Fair and Spring BBQ). There were also some parents that said they would rather give a donation and not participate in the fundraisers. Mrs. Holman is going to think about how we could make that work for the families wanting to donate. We want it to be clear that we can support our programs but the fundraising and any donations would go toward the "extras".

**7. Annual Funds Approved by Council**

Gananoque Book Drive - Council has approved a donation of \$200 to the Gananoque Book Drive. Every year the Gananoque Book Drive donates a new book to each child in the school at the end of the year. It is always a nice treat that our children have a fresh book at the beginning of each summer!

School Council Insurance - Approved by Council \$150 +/-

Criterion - Council approved the renewal of the Criterion subscription. It is \$375 +/-

Field Trips - We have 349 students this year. Council has approved \$15 per child to go towards field trips. \$5235

Portable bluetooth speaker - Council has approved to purchase the speaker that we had discussed last year. We are waiting for the quote but Council approved approximately \$300 for the speaker.

**8. Hocus Pocus and Fall Fun Fair Collaboration - Trish Cowan from TLTI**

Trish asked if we would want to blend our Fall Fun Fair with the Township's Hocus Pocus event. This would mean that we could pool our resources and help and make one amazing event. This would also mean that parents would only have one event that week to take the kids out to instead of trying to fit two events in one week.

We normally have a bake sale, chili cook off, face painting, games, haunted house. The Township normally has hot dogs, face painting, games and activities, food bank donation for admission. We could easily blend our event and we could use the Community Building for extra space.

The Township and TIES will work together to make a great event.

**\*\*Next Meeting is October 15th, 2019\*\***

