

TIES School Council Meeting – September 21st 2021
6:30 p.m. - Virtual Meeting via Teams
Minutes

Present: Amanda Leakey, Dana Allen, Nancy Holman, Drea Bright, Kristen Hambleton, Tina Heurter, LeeAnne Kee, Andrea Phillips, Megan Davey, Kristy Gravelle, Rachel Reid, Angela Laforet, Sara Peter, Lauren Gordon, Danielle Deryaw, Max Duetta, Jordan Morelli, Ava Deryaw, Emmerson Kee

1. Welcome and 'What is School Council' presentation– Presentation with details is attached
2. Introduction of co-chairs for School Council for 2021-2022 school year: Dana Allen & Amanda Leakey
3. Approval of Minutes (June 8, 2021) and today's Agenda
Minutes approved by Sara Mesman and seconded by Andrea Phillips
Agenda approved by Sara Mesman and seconded by Kristy Gravelle

4. Elections

Co-Chair: Dana Allen & Amanda Leakey
Secretary: No one has put forth their name at this time
Treasurer: LeeAnne Kee

Council members: Sarah Mesman, Andrea Phillips, Lauren Gordon, Chantaille Buczynaki, Kim Blair, Jason Page, Danielle Deryaw, Emmerson Kee (student), Ava Deryaw (student), Max Duetta (student), Kristen Hambleton (Teaching staff), Tine Heurter (Non-teaching staff), Drea Bright (Vice-Principal), Nancy Holman (Principal), John McAllister (Trustee), Erin Cranton (Community Member)

5. Student Report – Ava, Emmerson & Max
The students introduced themselves and presented some of the challenges & positives that they have experienced so far this year.
Challenges: wearing masks, staying within their zones in the school yard, not being able to play with other classmates outside of their cohort, social distancing, no hot lunches available, no sports at this time, no performances are permitted at this time.
Positive thoughts: glad to be back to in-person learning, no learning through screens, seeing friends in class, see teachers in person, the yard play structures are open, masks are allowed to be off when outside and distancing.
6. Teachers Report – Kristen Hambleton
 - It has been great to see the kids face-to-face, everyone is excited for a fresh start to a new optimistic school year. Teachers are very happy not to be teaching through screens and are grateful for the nice weather to be able to utilize outdoor learning.
 - Some of the challenges so far have been wearing masks, the uncertainty (what the year will bring, will there be disruptions, and the unknown), & virtual meetings.
 - Clubs and sports have been paused as the students who attend the school are not old enough to be vaccinated so at this point sports are not permitted.
 - Kinder & Grade 1 update: They have had a great and busy start to the year, there has been lots of beautiful art work displayed and the current theme is All are Welcome Here.

Updates from some of the Teachers:

- Mr.Sacco: The grade 4-6 classes participated in a Student election along with the Federal Election. The results were that the students elected local NDP candidate Michelle Taylor.
- Mrs.Easton & Mme. Cain: The school will be taking part in a Terry Fox walk on October 8th 2021, they will do a walk within their cohorts and take part in on-line fundraising and request that students bring in a Toonie for Terry.
- Mme.Lalonde: The ECO club had planted many items in the gardens in the Spring including: carrots, cucumbers, gourds, they also have a pizza garden (tomatoes, peppers, basil & onion), as well as a butterfly garden. They also planted a tree and dedicated it to last years Grade 6 graduating class.

7. Principals Report – Nancy Holman – Presentation with details is attached

8. Fundraising Report – there is no update at this time as we are still limited due to covid-19 policies and procedures.

9. Yearly Approval of Funds:

- Gananoque Book Drive: Typically council provides a donation to the local book drive as they provide a book for every student in the school at year end. We are unsure what this year holds for the book drive and will update/approve at a later date.
- Grade 6 send off: Typically council will provide funds to purchase a lunch for the graduating students when they have their graduation/send off ceremony. In the last couple years council has purchased shirts. We will review the available options at a later date and vote at that time.
- Insurance: Approved by Sara Mesman and seconded by LeeAnne Kee
- Class trips: Typically council will set aside some money to assist in reducing the cost of year end trips for students. At this time we have not voted on this as covid-19 policies at this time would not permit trips.
- Yard/Pavement Re-painting: Council approved to pay \$600 towards school yard painting improvement. Approved by Sara Mesman and seconded by LeeAnne Kee.
- Halloween pumpkins: Council will provide 30 pumpkins so that the classes are able to take part in a decorating contest during the week of Halloween. We voted to purchase the pumpkins from Field View Farms (30 pumpkins for \$2/each = \$60). Approved by LeeAnne Kee and seconded by Lauren Gordon.

Additions- Criterion Licensing approve via email on September 28th, 2021: Approved by Lauren Gordon and seconded by Danielle Deryaw

Next Meeting is October 12th 2021 at 6:30pm via Teams