

TIES School Council Meeting – October 12th 2021
6:30 p.m. - Virtual Meeting via Teams
Minutes

Present: Amanda Leakey, Dana Allen, Nancy Holman, Drea Bright, Kristen Hambleton, John McAllister, LeeAnne Kee, Kim Blair, Max Duetta, Ava Deryaw, Jordan Morelli, Jason Page, Lauren Gordon,

1. Approval of Minutes (September 21st, 2021)
Approved by Jason Page and seconded by LeeAnne Kee
2. Addition to Agenda and approval of Agenda
Addition - report by John McAllister
Agenda approved by Lauren Gordon and seconded by Kim Blair
3. Trustee Report - John McAllister
 - September 30th - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation educational event at Hardy Park in Brockville organized by Sam Crosby. The event highlighted the specific calls to action for students.
 - Enrollment is good - TIES 329 students
 - Government announced funding for menstrual products for all schools, which our board has already been covering for the past 6 months.
 - Board meeting tomorrow night (October 13th, 2021) - worth tuning in to listen to Dr. Paul
 - Worth mentioning that the areas with the highest incidence of COVID cases are those with the lowest vaccine rates. The exact opposite is the case in our area.
4. Student Report – Ava, Max & LeeAnne filled in for Emmerson
Emmerson Kee to find a successor for his position due to a conflict on Tuesday evenings.
The students each focused on an event that happened over the past few weeks at school, and answered the question "What makes TIES great?".
Max Duetta - Spoke to the students who decided to organize the book club. They were interested in making a club, having fun and reading together.
Max had many points about why TIES is great, but narrowed it down to
 - Everyone is included
 - Great staff
 - Teachers would agree the students make the school greatAva Deryaw- Focused on the Terry Fox walk. They did a scavenger hunt, read articles and did research about Terry and Cancer.
Ava likes that TIES is a small community, everyone knows everyone, and everyone is great friends.
LeeAnne for Emmerson- Orange shirt day was on September 30th, a day to recognize the mistreatment indigenous people. Emmerson's class read stories about survivors of residential schools and watched Secret Pass
5. Teachers Report – Kristen Hambleton
 - Busy Busy Busy past three weeks since last meeting
 - Fire drills, establishing routines, and transitions
 - Teachers have been focusing a lot on social and emotional learning skills
 - IEPs completed and will go home on October 19th. Working on progress reports
 - Focus on student wellness - photos of messages of inclusion and support
 - Work together to establish class rules and routines. Spend almost every day together like family- get students to think of how they want to treat others
 - Use of positive motivators -ie. Pylons on desks with positive sayings on them, or the 'caught you being good jar'
 - Focus on building character and community
 - Grade 1/2 update - immersion & core
Students have been working on literacy, art and having fun outside
 - Mme. Caine has class bears - Luke and Lucy. Each student has a flat version of the bear that spends the day with them and goes home with them each night. Mme. Caine says that it helps create a comfortable and relaxed learning environment.
6. Principals Report – Nancy Holman
 - Update from Public Health- High Risk Exposure investigation resulted in no positive case at TIES - all clear for anyone who was told to isolate to return to school
 - Safe and Accepting School Meeting took place tonight - focus on teaching students how to report, who to report to and build skills related to bullying prevention. Meet 3 times a year.

- Drea summarized the discussion of the meeting and said the best part was the contribution from the students.
Key points:
 - navigating students social skills after prolonged school closure
 - WITS program refresher
 - Bus leaders
 - yard time - organized play
 - Our school website is a great tool with links to the student handbook, council minutes, and the Bullying prevention and intervention plan
 - My Family Room - helps keep families informed with emails from both the school and the board
When an email is sent from the school to emails linked to my family room, it is posted to the School Facebook page to tell families to watch for the email. IF families don't receive the email, it's a good idea to sign up or update their information on My Family Room
 - Looking into bringing back volunteers to the school - must be double vaccinated and follow all COVID protocols and guidelines. If anyone know anyone with a specific talent or skill who would be a good connection, tell them to reach out.
 - Looking at bringing back hot lunch on Fridays in November - volunteers needed
7. Treasurer Report- LeeAnne Kee - Nothing to report at this time. Will get numbers from Sylvia
Sylvia is taking care of Criterion since it's been approved.
Jordan Morelli mentioned looking into ACF - Audio Cine Films - licensing which has a larger coverage
8. Fundraising Report – Fundraising remains on pause for the time being. More updates to come in future meetings.

Next Meeting is November 9th 2021 at 6:30pm via Teams