

# TIES School Council Meeting

## December 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 - 6 p.m.

### Minutes

**Present:** Amanda Leakey, Barbara Davison, Lauren Gordon, Aundrea Bright, Andrea Phillips, Tina Heurter, Jason Page, Sarah Mesman, Naomi Elias, Jessica Parkinson, Mrs. Swann

#### Approval of Minutes & Agenda

Minutes from October 2, 2023 were approved by Naomi Elias and seconded by Jason Page  
Agenda was approved by Sarah Mesman and seconded by Lauren Gordon

#### Principals Report – Aundrea Bright

- Bell time changes
  - o The summary video from the panel discussions was presented, reference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zl3y77qAxb4&list=PLwwqq79yV4CEk4z7VZntkBCBlxB8UTlxd&index=1>
  - o Attendees were advised that the only forum for providing feedback was through the parent survey, reference: [https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=a\\_XIPA53f0-fkfw0e4d6WrVadWDK9ExEihlfH290pfNUQ1BERTIZM1ZJTjFRMVfVvKNTTic1REILUC4u](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=a_XIPA53f0-fkfw0e4d6WrVadWDK9ExEihlfH290pfNUQ1BERTIZM1ZJTjFRMVfVvKNTTic1REILUC4u)
  - o There has been no decision at this time, or indications of what the new times could be
- Upcoming trips/events
  - o December 12 2023 – 5 special needs students will be going to visit the Sensory Room at the Military Base in Kingston
  - o December 15, 2023 – a group of special needs students will be visiting Carveth Care Centre in Gananoque for their Holiday event and meet some reindeer
  - o December 19 & 20, 2023 – Students from grade 1-4 will be going to the Thousand Islands Playhouse to watch Somebody Catch my Homework
  - o This week there will be the annual Gingerbread decorating in the Kindergarten classrooms
  - o December 19<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Open House at TIES
    - Council will have a table there and do a 50/50

#### Treasurers Report – Barbara Davison

- The current balance is \$8,003.21
- Recent expenses were: speaker & TIES banner
- Council will provide \$500 to assist in the purchase of winter outdoor equipment for the students
  - o Motioned by Naomi Elias and seconded by Barbara Davison

#### Fundraising Report

- Upcoming events being planned/considered:
  - o Little Caesars Fundraiser coming in the New Year, sales open January 21, 2024 and delivery will be February 12, 2024
  - o BINGO – Andrea will look into the process to become volunteers at the Kingston BINGO hall
  - o Chilli/Trivia Night
    - Chilli will be provided by donations from the school community, there will be a charge per bowl and there will be a Trivia game to go along with this evening
  - o Fall vegetable baskets – provided locally and for delivery in Fall 2024 (around Thanksgiving). Notice of the orders needs to be provided in the Spring so that the supplier can plant accordingly.
  - o Movie Night – January 26<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> 2024
  - o Jason is working with the Rotary Club for support in providing more tutoring opportunities for students
  - o Tree Sale – a possible Spring event
    - the minimum order is 500 trees at \$2-\$5 each, we could sell for more to make a profit
    - any left over trees could be planted around the community

- this could be a project for a intermediate class to work with the Township on planning and planting
- The goals for fundraising this year will be:
  - Support any transportation expenses
  - Provide support for further tutoring opportunities
  - Help to support the initiatives of the progrant

#### Additional Items

- Pro Grant
  - Council will be completing the Pro Grant application and requesting the funds to support a Mathematics Support Evening for parents. Motioned by Sara Mesman and seconded by Andrea Philips
- Paul Davis presentation regarding online safety
  - Council has offered \$300 to assist in the expense of having Paul back to speak with the students
  - Motioned by Naomi Elias and seconded by Jason Page
- Hygiene Products in bathrooms
  - Hygiene products are available in the bathroom and there has been some mis-use of the products, which has led to some trial and error to get a better system in place
  - At this time there is a small stock placed in the bathroom daily to ensure any mis-use will be kept to a minimal amount
- Student Conflict
  - The school follows the Safe & Accepting School policy, this and other resources can be found here: [https://ties.ucdsb.on.ca/for\\_families/handbook/safe\\_accepting\\_schools](https://ties.ucdsb.on.ca/for_families/handbook/safe_accepting_schools)
  - There is the WITS method of dealing with conflict and also the Method of Shared Concern, these along with other guidelines that the Principal follows are the conflict resolution resources for the school
  - As always every conflict situation is individual and dealt with that way, if there are concerns please reach out to your students teacher or the Principal

\*Next meeting to be determined, in February. There will be a Fundraising sub-committee meeting in January, date to be determined.