

TIES SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 2nd 2023 6PM

MINUTES

Present: Tina Heurter, Kristin Hambleton, Andrea Phillips, Lauren Gordon, Jessica Parkinson, Jason Page, Amanda Leakey, Jocelyn Thompson, Jessica Corbeil (online), Sarah Mesman, Naomi Elias, Andrew Elias, Barbara Davison, Chris Buczynski, Dawn Foley, Rob Scott, Aundrea Bright

Elected officers:

Co-Chairs: Naomi Elias and Amanda Leakey

Secretary: Jessica Corbeil

Treasurer: Barbara Davison

Approval of minutes from May 2023: Lauren Gordon and Andrea Phillips

Approval of agenda: Naomi Elias and Sarah Mesman

Request for funds for sports shirts. Approved for \$600 (approx \$15 x 40 shirts): Lauren Gordon and Andrea Phillips

Additional business:

Andrew Elias will look into adding to the speaker system at the school.

Discussion of having 2-3 separate movie nights, based on different grades and ages.

Community calendar needs to be consulted to determine best dates and badminton club needs to be given at least a week notice for use of the gym.

Principal's Report: Aundrea Bright

There are currently 16 classrooms and 1 spec ed classroom. There are 23 teachers, 7 EAs, 2 ECEs, 1.5 office staff. Current enrolment is 323, which is down 20 from last year's enrollment. Kinder registration is smaller than last year. All primary classes are filled to cap.

A bullying intervention/prevention program has been created. Two grade 6 students have developed a series of questions regarding safety, belonging and acceptance and will be initially surveying Grade 1 & 2 students about how they feel surrounding these issues. Grades 3 & 4 and Grades 5&6 students will also be consulted on the surveys after initial rounds in younger grades. Aundrea Bright, Rob Scott, Jenn Kellar, Denise Pilon, Amanda Leakey, and the two grade 6 students will sit on bullying intervention and prevention committee. Information from the student survey will be shared with parents from the community for feedback. There is currently a plan posted on TIES website, but we want to ensure this is current and relevant. There was a discussion around developing a better way to communicate when bullying occurs, including when situations happen on buses.

Teachers Report/September Update

It has been a successful month for staff and students and a smooth transition for kinders.

Cross country has begun for Grades 3-6. On October 17th, a qualifying meet for Grades 4-6 will take place at Lower Beverly Lake Park in Delta.

Soccer has also begun and there will be a tournament taking place on October 19th at Rideau.

Intramural flag football is ongoing for Grade 5 and 6.

The **Terry Fox Walk** took place on September 26th and students walked in and around community. It was very successful, and \$1775 was raised.

Junglesport took place between September 18th-22nd and went extremely well. Students felt confident to take safe and supported risks and classmates were cheering each other on.

Orange Shirt Day was on September 29th and there was an assembly for students to learn more about Truth and Reconciliation. Students were very respectful and learned about the impact of Residential schools over the month of September.

The **Lansdowne Christmas Parade** will be taking place on November 19th and TIES has been asked to put in a float.

EA/ECE Update

Everything is going smoothly and needs will be discussed and brought back to next meeting.

Additional Items

The potential for volunteer babysitters to help when younger children attend school council meetings with their parents will be looked into again, though this may not be feasible.

There will be more research and community outreach done to determine the possibility of offering tutoring again throughout the year.

Next Meeting

Monday November 6th at 6pm