

TIES School Council Meeting - September 19, 2017  
6:30 p.m. - School Library  
Minutes

**Present:** Suzanne Morrison, Bobbi Moore, Samantha Huck, Samantha Kelly, Jen Pengelly, Leanne Best, Andrea Phillips, Danielle Deryaw, Natalee Crozier, Beth Maclean, Jenn Townsend, LeeAnne Kee, Danielle Jean, Theresa Vretteas and Kristin Hambleton

**Welcome and Introductions:** Bobbi

1. **Approval of Minutes - May 16, 2017 and Approval of Agenda**

Minutes approved by Kristin and seconded by LeeAnne  
Agenda approved by Natalee and seconded by LeeAnne

2. **Elections - 2017/2018 school year**

Chair - Bobbi Moore  
Treasurer - LeeAnne Kee  
Secretary - Danielle Deryaw  
Fundraising - Jen Pengelly

3. **Principal's Report - Suzanne Morrison**

a) Friday Sept 29 will be our Orange Shirt Day. September 30th has been declared Orange Shirt Day annually, in recognition of the harm the residential school system did to children's sense of self-esteem and well-being, and as an affirmation of our commitment to ensure that everyone around us matters. On this day of September 30th, we call upon humanity to listen with open ears to the stories of survivors and their families, and to remember those that didn't make it.

<http://www.orangeshirtday.org/>

b) Open house sept 1 results-we had about 50% turnout. The feedback I received from those who attended was very positive.

c) Open house sept 26-Meet the Teacher (5:30-6:30)

d) Change in school schedule-it is now a balanced day as it is difficult to use the 300 minutes as effectively as possible when there are so many transitions. 40 minute recess in the middle of the day allows for club and athletic practices since the gym is available. Recess at the end of the day gives students a physical outlet before heading home and allows us to organize for dismissal.

e) Student stand up group-made up of 10 students from grades 4-6 who were chosen by their teachers because they are reflective and observant and are not just going to go along with the crowd to please me. We have had one meeting and they spoke about the uneven water pressure in the school (which I'm looking into) and had a couple requests: junior play structure? Swings?

f) Gate at side-dismissal

g) Lunch duty-all classrooms have an adult who stays in their room when they eat and I meet the collective agreement around supervision by having a 16 minute lunch duty from a 20 minute lunch time last year which also included some students needing to transition to a common eating area. All teachers have other times during their day when kids eat snacks so hopefully this hasn't been a problem.

- h) Caribou math contest-students from grades 3-6 will be selected to participate by their classroom teacher in this on-line math competition. Students are ranked by number of answers correct and by how much time it takes them. They get ranked against their peers in the school, the board, the province, and internationally.
- i) Leadership Medals - this is a way of recognizing and rewarding student leadership in the school. Students will receive their medals at the Leaving Ceremony at the end of the school year.
- j) Pink sheets-this is a system of communication between staff and parents. It allows us to work as a team to help us better support our students. This is an internal tracking system is not part of the student's Ontario Student Record.

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

- a) The kids and teachers are all settling in nicely. There was a minor reorganization but it went well and was stress free.
- b) There have been some changes this year, we have a new principal and several new teachers. Lunch for all students is now in the classrooms with their teachers - this has given a chance for teachers and students to chat and tell stories and even discuss healthy food choices too. Lunch is now 16 minutes.
- c) The monarch butterflies have been placed in the butterfly garden that Mr. Running made last year. It has been a nice place to set them free.
- d) TIES is hosting a soccer tournament in Mallorytown this Thursday for grade 3's & 4's. Mr. Warren is arranging the tournament.
- e) Clubs - We have the Eco Club that helps with the recycling and focuses on doing things to help the planet. TIES has been designated as an Eco friendly school. Mme.Cain is helping with the student council, there are 2 class voted reps per class this year.

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

- a) Our account balance is sitting at \$16,492.08. Some of the money that we had set aside for field trips was not needed last year because we ended up getting a transportation grant that covered a lot of the field trip transportation costs.
- b) We are going to set aside the money for field trips and get it out of the account. Council decided to go ahead with \$15 per kid (same as last year) which totals \$5070.00. LeeAnne will have Sylvia take it out of account asap.
- c) Gananoque Book Drive - last year we gave \$200. Council agreed to do the same this year and we want this to be an automatic thing we do each year.
- d) Insurance - Council decided that this expense needs to be automatic each year. No need to bring to council when it is a necessity.

**6. Fundraising Report - Jen Pengelly**

- a) Little Caesar pizza forms went home today. Pick up is scheduled for a PA day so Jen will look into changing this.
- b) Fall fun fair will be October 19th. Not many plans yet but fundraising committee is on it. We know for sure that there will be a chili cook off again as this went over well last year. Classrooms will each do a scarecrow to be on display that night. More plans to come.

- c) November we will do the bath bombs and fudge fundraiser - both local companies and this will be in time for Christmas.
- d) February we will have the Mom to Mom sale at the Community Building. The date will either be the 10th or 24th.
- e) April/May we will have Little Caesar's pizza top up.
- f) June 21st we will have the Spring BBQ. We will maybe try to use the high school students for the food this year and for volunteers.

7. **Additions**

**Clothing order**

Suzanne ordered 3 items and she was happy with the quality. Jen has been checking sports shirt prices between UR store and Passion Sports. We are looking at basketball, soccer, track and field, eco club and volunteer shirts.

So far the UR store is more expensive but she will look into whether we will get a kick back from the UR Store and if not, it may not be worth going through them. Jen will look into one more company and we will decide from there.

**Walking Trail - Theresa Vretteas**

TIES applied for a grant at the Township for a walking trail around the outer perimeter of the school yard. The kids will use it as well as the community as it will be a safe spot to walk away from roads. The walking trail will need little maintenance and we are hoping to beautify it as time goes on. We were awarded the grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 but that won't be enough to finish the project. The quote for the work came in at \$14,750.00. We also received \$500.00 and a bench from Lansdowne Association for Revitalization (LAFR). Theresa Vretteas also applied for the Wish 1000 grant for up to \$2500.00 and she will be going to the meeting at the Gananoque Inn on November 8th (hopefully some students can attend to help). Council has approved up to \$5,000.00 to put towards the walking trail.

**Next meeting is October 17th, 2017**