Trillium Elementary School Council (TESC) meeting notes
October 19, 2022

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in Trillium Library

Virtual Option: Google Meets - http://meet.google.com/yyj-yjmi-sdh

| School Representation | Parent Council | Members at Large |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Paula McGuirk-Lemay (Principal) | Kate Woods (-Chair) $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ | Ana-Livia Rodriguez $\boldsymbol{V}$ |
| Trent Clarke (Vice-Principal \& Teacher) | Jen Roberts (Co-Secretary) $\boldsymbol{\checkmark}$ VIRTUAL | Andrew Ramsaran $\downarrow$ VIRTUAL |
|  | Kelly Connolley (Co-Secretary) x | Brenda MacLean $\boldsymbol{V}$ |
|  | Michelle Hapuarachchi (Co-Treasurer) $\downarrow$ | Sabine Doebel-Atchison $\downarrow$ |
|  | MP Baird (Co-Treasurer) $\boldsymbol{\checkmark}$ | Leslie Scott $\boldsymbol{V}$ VIRTUAL |
|  | Jamie St. Onge (Community Rep)* $\boldsymbol{\checkmark}$ | Student Reps: |
|  | Kevin Fowlow (Community Rep)* $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ | Maeryn Joseph |
|  |  | Elsa Mayer |
|  |  | Non Members |
|  |  | Virtual: Loretta Beglaryan, Elizabeth Lee, Erin Fletcher-Randle |
|  |  | In person: Krystal Hopkins, Bonnie Kirkwood, Victoria Carriere |

1) Group photo - not completed
2) Approval of Sept 22 AGM minutes, and of Oct 12 agenda. (KW)

MH motion, BM second
3) Student Representative Report (Maeryn Joseph and Elsa Mayer)

They are student council members. They are planning some dances (Halloween and Winter) and some spirit days (retro day, pj day etc.)
4) Principal Report (PM-L)

- Welcome bags - from Mme Leah - we received lots of donations for the Welcome Bags. They are being sorted and boxed up tomorrow and I will take pictures and share them with you.
- Number of Teaching Staff - 27 teachers and 3 ECEs
- Babysitters at Council Meetings - can use high school students for volunteer hours; council can pay to have someone babysit; no Ministry/Board funding
- Student Representative - Maeryn Joseph and Elsa Mayer
- Picture Retakes Nov 22/22
- School Clothing - Thank you, Mr. Boyer, for organizing; sale goes live on School Cash Online Thursday Oct. 20th; sweatshirts, t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, hoodies, zipper hoodies (white, black, purple, grey or pink with most of the items)


Design A - printed

- Subscription - Board is providing Zorbits, Je Lis, and MathUp; the school will be purchasing What in the World/Les Plans and Raz Kids


## 2022 Country Results

## Junior

Grade 3 boys finished 1st place overall
Grade 3 girls finished 1st place overall
Grade 4 boys finished 2nd place overall
Grade 4 girls finished 1st place overall
Grade 5 boys finished 1st place overall
Grade 5 girls finished 2nd place overall
A few special records were broken yesterday as well.
1- Our school recorded the lowest score in the last 15 years with 275 pts.
2- 38 students finished in the top 20. Our previous best was 28 in 2014.
3- Our team tied the school record by winning 5 of the possible 7 banners

## Intermediate

Grade 6 boys finished 2nd place overall
Grade 6 girls finished 2nd place overall
Grade 7 boys finished 4th place overall
Grade 7 girls finished 3rd place overall
Grade 8 boys finished 2nd place overall
Grade 8 girls finished 3rd place overall

## Learning Commons/Maker Space

Libraries with Makerspaces enhance our ability to provide our learners with skills and characteristics that align with the OCDSB Exit outcomes.

Characteristics
Collaborative
Globally Aware
Goal-oriented
Innovative/Creative
Resilient

Skills
Academically Diverse Critical Thinkers
Digitally Fluent
Effective Communicators
Ethical Decision-makers

- different zones
- spaces for: independent work, quiet reading, collaboration, book exchange, working, sharing...
- moveable and flexible furniture
- vertical surfaces (whiteboards, with places to put markers) as a tool to work/create/learn
- projector and screen
- greenscreen (painted wall)
- Chromebooks
- tall bookcases along walls
- have seating under windows (maximize space use)
- circulation desk - organized differently
- uniflex cubes, wooden
- shapes, blocks, chess boards, dominos, etc.
- Gears, stackers, linking logs



5) Vice-Principal Report and Teacher Report (TC)

- school councill tab on the school website (got in! Editing calendar etc. Still working but there is progress and that's great)
- teachers wish list items (Boyer: Cross country water bottles. 180, total price $\$ 575$. Other wishlist items will be presented next meeting)
- school monthly calendar (will be updated and sent out for next month. BM and KF to coordinate council info with Trent to send it out)

6) Financial Report [attached] (MH)

- Chair Discretionary Amount (set as $\$ 50$ motion MH, second $A R$ )
- Deadline for Teacher startup (Dec 31)
- Deadline for science workshop (May 31 to submit, session can occur later though)
- Motion to use bookfair earnings for makerspace MB second KF

7) OCASC report (AR)

Most of OCASC discussion was on encouraging people to vote in upcoming elections.
Next meeting this week.
8) Parent Concerns (open)

- Communication (with school website being updated info should be easier for parents to access)
- Agendas (there are no spares)
- Pic retakes (Nov 22nd)
- Possibility of style volunteer on photo days (yes we can have this. Will need to see if volunteer interest next Sept)
- School clothing buying (via school cash online)
- Subscription info to the kids for this school year (school is buying some, board is providing some. Working on getting that license info)

9) Chair Report (KW)

- Annual Report (distributed via email - will be submitted)
- Meeting time (6:30 vs 7 - unclear about preference, 6:30 seems to be tough for some but many said earlier would be lovely. To be sent out via anonymous poll)
- December/March meeting dates possible change (Dec 14th and March 22nd are the new dates)
- Magazines (there are 3 deliveries left and we are not renewing)
- Facebook (Growing very well. good resource for sharing info. Is not an official council page. Content needs to be monitored and admin team is doing this.. Other admins will help post things to increase feeling of community based communication. KW to ask Kelly to collect questions that come up to bring to council)
- TESC.ca update (we have an issue with hosting. Currently using google hosting that is only free to individuals which we are not. Only use of tesc.ca domain name is the treasurer@ email which is linked to paypal. Chair@ distribution list is also useful. Paula to look into getting ocdsb emails that can be used instead. We will work towards moving away from the tesc.ca and its associated costs and maintenance)

10) Fundraiser and Outreach Updates
A) Encouraging Voting (we can encourage voting but can't push any candidates)
B) Purdy's (Leslie has set up. Run Nov 14-25 for distribution Dec 15th or so)
C) Craft/Vendor Fair (Michelle to connect Leslie to friend who runs big fairs at another school)
D) Movie Nights (Paula says we can have some Fridays, but we need to decide dates. One early Dec one March/April. BM is lead on this project but all pieces seem ready to go. Will do papa jack popcorn. AR to contact Ryan Wareham to find out about movie list he used in past)
E) Booster Juice (no longer fundraising. KF will keep emailing them on occasion to ask)
F) Hot Lunches (Krystal Hopkins has volunteered to coordinate. KW to email her info. Payment will be done via school cash online, orders will be weekly for multi month periods. Start with pizza $1 x$ week)
G) Bookfair (Bonnie Kirkwood volunteered to do a scholastic seminar for a $\$ 25$ product certificate for us to use to supplement prizes. Paula to send out volunteer spreadsheet. We anticipate a very busy book fair after the Remembrance day ceremony. Council to provide each homeroom with "golden ticket" worth \$20 [total cost \$400 SD motion MH second]. Each homeroom will get slips to put in "wishing well". We will draw one Jr. one Int. one Sr. name from each well and give away that book [total cost \$60 SD motion MH second]. We do not need to advertise, buzz is high at school. Send fliers home nov 1 or 2. Send teacher sign up sheet out at that time as well)

Ended at 9pm

## APPENDIX

Appendix I: TESC meeting dates for 2022/2023 school year

- November 16, December 14, January 18, February 15, March 22, April 19th, May 17th, June 21

Appendix II: Approved 2022-2023 TESC Funding

- Teacher Start-up: \$60/Educator (\$1800 max)
- Scientist in School: \$125/classroom (\$2500 max)
- Maker Space: $\$ 1100$
- Leaving Ceremony: \$244
- Book fair giveaways: $\mathbf{\$ 2 6 0}$

