



## **Trillium Elementary School Council (TESC)**

### **Annual Report on School Council Duties 2022-2023**

#### **Council's Mission and Vision**

The TESC 2022-2023 mission and vision were focused on increasing council engagement within the school community by re-establishing Trillium ES social events such as the Valentine's dance, community movie nights and in-person book fairs. Our fundraising efforts were focused primarily on raising money for the transition of the school library into a maker space and learning commons.

#### **Members of the School Council**

The 2022-2023 Trillium Elementary School Council comprised of the following individuals:

Kate Woods (Chair)  
Michelle Hapuarachchi (Co-Treasurer)  
MP Baird (Co-Treasurer)  
Kelly Connolley (Co-Secretary)  
Jen Roberts (Co-Secretary)  
Kevin Fowlow (Co Community Representative)  
Jamie St. Ong (Co Community Representative)  
Andrew Ramsaran (Member-At-Large)  
Brenda McLean (Member-At-Large)  
Sabine Doebel-Atdison (Member-At-Large)  
Leslie Scott (Member-At-Large)  
Ana-Livia Rodriguez (Member-At-Large)  
Paula McGuirk-Lemay (Principal)  
Trent Clarke (Vice Principal and Teacher Representative\*)  
Luc Prud'homme (Teacher Representative\*)

\* Teacher Representative was LP for Oct/Nov, TC otherwise.

#### **Note from the Chair**

Eight council meetings were held during this school year. Meetings were held in person with a virtual option. Childcare was offered at six meetings (starting in November). All communications were delivered via email.

The 2022/2023 school year was the first in three years not to have restrictions on in-person events. As such, we were excited to bring back many beloved Trillium social events such as Book Fairs, movie nights and the Valentine's dance. Our council was mostly composed of new members who had no prior experience running any of these events, but we are happy to report that everything went smoothly and was well received (with great excitement) by the Trillium community.

In our previous (2021/2022) year it was identified that the school library could use an update - not just in books but in a reimagining of the space to fit the diverse needs of Trillium's student population. Thus, our main fundraising goal for this year was establishing a sizable fund to use in refreshing the school library into a maker space and learning commons. We are happy to report that at the end of the 2022/2023 school year we were 67% of the way to the goal we have set of \$22,000

In the 2022/2023 year we were also able to:

- find a member who was interested in transitioning onto the critical council role of Treasurer.
- Review and suggest an update of the outdated TESC constitution.
- Recruit new members to TESC
- Re-engage with members of the school community to start building a bank of enthusiastic volunteers.

It was a pleasure to work and collaborate with the members of this Council and I look forward to working with many of them in the next school year.

### **A Summary of the School Council Activities This School Year, Including Fundraising Activities**

The following is a list of how TESC supported Trillium and the student learning environment during the 2022-2023 school year:

**Teacher Start-Up:** TESC continued to support Teacher Start-up, allowing teachers to submit up to \$60 in receipts for eligible items purchased, to support the learning and development of Trillium's students.

**Scientist in School:** TESC funded up to \$125 towards science workshops. This year there were 13 workshops funded, both virtual and workshops outside of school.

**Teacher Wishlist:** TESC funded a number of items in support of the school's teachers and students. Items that were purchased were:

- Water bottles for cross country participants
- New sand buckets and shovels
- Part of the cost of a new bluetooth speaker for the school /gym
- STEM materials (circuitry equipment) for senior grades
- Light tables for the kindergarten classrooms

**Grade 8 Leaving Ceremony:** TESC provided a DJ, cupcakes, balloons, utensils, table cloths, and decorations for the ceremony.

**Outreach Events:** TESC held the following outreach events which may have had small fundraising components, as noted

- Pre-Meet the Teacher night (raised \$428)
- Fall and Spring Movie Nights (raised \$200)
- Valentine's Dinner and Dance

**Fundraising Activities:** TESC held the following fundraisers

- Hot lunch Program raised \$7693
- Tru Earth which raised \$71
- Mabel's Labels which raised \$74
- Purdy's Chocolates which raised \$1237
- Basket Raffle which raised \$4279

### **Spending Plans Approved By Council**

Fundraising by TESC was earmarked towards the following goals

- Back to School Welcome Event: \$428 raised for Cross Country water bottles.
- Fall Scholastic Book Fair: \$1267 raised for the Maker Space
- November Purdy's: \$99 for STEM materials and \$850 for the Maker Space
- December Family Movie Night: \$146 raised towards a light table for Kindergarten
- Valentine's Dinner, Dance, & Basket Raffle: \$847 for playground/recess equipment (balls, sand toys), \$101 for grade 8 Leaving Ceremony, \$2360 for the Maker Space. Some funds were used to cover event expenses.
- March Purdy's: \$288 raised for the Maker Space
- March Family Movie Night: \$60 raised for the Maker Space
- Spring Scholastic Book Fair: \$1100 raised for the Maker Space
- Hot Lunch: \$7693 raised for the Maker Space
- Tru Earth: \$71 raised towards a light table for Kindergarten
- Mabel's Labels: \$74 raised towards a light table for Kindergarten

### **Comments for the Successor School Council**

It is suggested that the council continue to focus fundraising efforts towards the 'Maker Space goal'. Our initial estimate of \$22,000 (of which \$14898 has been raised) may not be sufficient, so that goal should be re-evaluated for the 2023/2024 year.

Other suggested objectives for the 2023/2024 council:

- Approve the updated TESC Constitution
- Recruitment of new members to TESC and continued engagement with the school, parents, and guardians
- Assess the current fundraising and outreach events held by TESC and determine if all are applicable to future years.
- Look into "fresh"/new ideas for fundraising/outreach, depending on interests of members of the council and volunteers in the school community

**Report Prepared By**

Kate Woods