



Trillium Elementary School Council (TESC)

Minutes

September 20, 2023

Trillium Elementary School Activity Room and Virtual

Attendance:

In person:

Paula McGuirk-Lemay
Trent Clarke
Kelly Connolley
Michelle Hapuarachchi
Kate Woods
Brenda MacLean
Sabine Doebel-Atchison
Ana-Livia Rodriguez
Kevin Fowlow
Jamie St. Onge

Online:

Sophie Clodge
Vera Galenko
MP Baird
Hajira Mumin
Merhsala Wijesuriya

The meeting was called to order at 7:19pm.

1. Principal/VP report - Paula McGuirk-Lemay and Trent Clarke

Principal:

Staffing Update

Rahma Arab, Designate Occasional Teacher

Andrea Principle, Library Technician

Voluntary Student Fee

Fees help subsidize the financial costs associated with sports, clubs, transportation, guest speakers, and excursions, etc.

Although the costs associated with these activities have increased significantly over the last 3 years, we have kept our student fee request at \$20.00 per child.

School fees can be paid preferably through School Cash Online (SCO) (link [School Cash Online](#)) or by bringing cash to the office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Terry Fox Run/Walk

Thursday, Sept 21st from 12:00 to 1:00

Parents are welcome to join us

Please consider donating a Toonie for Terry. Students can bring in cash or you can donate through [this link](#).

Thank you, Mme Larose and Mme McMullen for organizing this event for our students.

Meet the Staff

Thank you for organizing this event

Lots of positive feedback from students, parents, and staff

Should we hold an end of year event?

Emergency Procedures: Fire Drills/Lockdown

Each fall, we are responsible for completing three fire drills and one practice lockdown. We completed our first two fire drills on September 18th and 19th. We will complete the remaining one on September 25th. Our practice lockdown is on September 26th.

Parking

Continues to be an issue.

The front parking lot is closed daily between 8:15 and 8:30am and again between 2:45 and 3:15pm to allow for a safe arrival and dismissal.

What's Happening in the Dragon's Den

Cross Country team is practicing 170 students signed up to run with the school team. Thank you, Mr. Boyer, Mme McMullen, and Mme Richardson, for organizing.

Tryouts for both girls and boys Junior Soccer are underway. Thank you to Mr. Higgins for coaching the girls team and Mr. Romeo for coaching the boys team. Intermediate soccer will be in the spring.

Thank you to Mr. Boyer for organizing the Dragon Crew. This group of students sets up and takes down the gym equipment each day which is a great benefit for all classes.

Trillium students have been volunteering their time to help our environment. Both black and blue bin recycling is back at Trillium. Each homeroom has monitors to assist with

this. Thank you, Mrs. George and Mme Leah, for helping our students learn this important life skill.

This week, Mme. Racozzi will begin meeting with our Dragon Leaders. This group organizes various school events including food drives, spirit days and dances. Thank you, Mmm Racozzi.

The Intermediate Band has already started practicing at recess. We look forward to their first performance. Thank you, Mr. Dangerfield.

Grade 7 and 8 students are acting as Lunch Monitors for our Primary classes. This is a great opportunity for our oldest students to connect with our youngest students. Thank you, Mrs. McLean, for organizing this great leadership opportunity.

Junior students are volunteering to be door monitors during recess.

Intermediates students have volunteered to do the daily announcements over the PA.

There are currently a lot of opportunities for our students to build their leadership skills at Trillium and many more opportunities to come!

Library Update

First order of furniture is scheduled to arrive on Sept 29th

Dates to Remember

Sept 20th	Trillium School Council 7:00pm
Sept 21st	Terry Fox Run/Walk 12:00-1:00pm
Sept 22nd	Picture Day
Sept 25th	Fire Drill
Sept 26th	Practice Lockdown
Sept 28th	13th annual Trillium Cross Country Run 9:00am-2:30pm
Sept 29th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation observed at Trillium Orange T-shirt Day
Sept 30th	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
Oct 4th	Tentative date for Junior Cross Country meet at Cairine Wilson HS
Oct 5th	World Teachers Day
Oct 6th	PA Day; No school for students
Oct 9th	Thanksgiving; No school for students

Oct 11th	Tentative date for intermediate cross country meet at Cairine Wilson HS
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Vice Principal:

- junior door monitors are up and running; grade 5/6 students are doing this during recess
- lunch monitors in primary classes: thanks to Mrs. MacLean for getting this started
- Cross country has started; October 4 and 5 is the cross country meet
- Meet the staff event was a huge success; thank you
- Pizza days: we will have students help with delivering pizzas to classes

2. Financial Report

- No update at this time
- Michelle will hand over everything regarding the position of treasurer to MP in the near future.
- Teacher start-up funding
 - Trillium has 20 homerooms
 - With the roll-over funding from last year, TESC can currently provide 36 grants at \$60 each
- Discussion of the amount the chair can spend without consulting the council.

Motion: To increase the discretionary spending amount for the chair to \$100.
 Ana-Livia Rodriguez / Kelly Connolley
 Carried

3. Chair report

- a. Meetings: 7-9pm library+adjacent classroom (for childcare, if applicable)
 - Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20, Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 20, April 24, May 22, June 19
- b. BookFairs
 - Nov 6-10
 - Discussion to shift and/or extend it one additional day to cover Remembrance Day ceremony
 - School to find out about date for ceremony at the school
 - April 15-19
 - The school's spring concert will be on April 17
- c. Movie Nights (6-10pm)
 - Dec 1, April 5
 - Brenda and Anna-Livia volunteering
- d. Winter Raffle and Dance
 - Feb 23rd 5-9pm
 - Time to start looking for donations
- e. Pizza/Hot Lunch
 - First pizza lunch on October 4
 - Vegan and gluten free options have been added
 - Important fundraiser for TESC
- f. Purdy's
 - Last day to order will be Dec 8
 - Sophie volunteering
- g. OCASC
 - Meetings take place last Thurs of month

- Looking for volunteer to attend the meetings
 - There is a Facebook group
 - Anna-Livia, Brenda, Kate have joined/will join
- h. Communications
- i. Facebook
 - Kevin, Kate, Brenda and Anna-Livia are administering the account
 - Try to get any questions from the FB group to the principal before the meeting.
 - ii. Council tab of school website
 - Brenda is keeping it updated
 - MP's partner could be called on for technical support
 - iii. Newsletter and calendar
 - Discussion about e-mail and paper copies
 - Brenda and Kevin preparing newsletter
 - Kate is looking after distributing newsletter
 - iv. 2023/2024 Mandate and School Priorities (including fundraising)
 - Teacher Start-Up (see above)
 - Scientist in School
 - last year cost was \$230 and council covered \$125 each
 - Chair discretionary amount (see above)
 - Makerspace/Learning Commons
 - Discussion about it remaining the fundraising goal for this year
 - Exercise bike
 - Tricycles for kinder yard - 4 to 6, \$300 each
 - Discussion
 - Instruments
 - Interest was expressed in having a craft fair
 - needs to be before Christmas
 - a parent is interested in organizing it
 - TESC Constitution Review/Update

Motion: To accept changes to the TESC constitution as presented.
Brenda MacLean / Kelly Connolley
Carried

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
Kate Woods / Ana-Livia Rodriguez
Carried

E-VOTES

To accept Jessica Martin as member-at-large for TESC 2023-2024. - **approved**

To accept Jen Roberts as Co-Secretary - **approved**

To accept Courtney Pearson Jeske as member-at-large for TESC 2023-2024. - **approved**