



**Trillium Elementary School Council (TESC)
Minutes
October 18 @ 7pm
Trillium Elementary School Activity Room and Virtual**

Attendance:

In person:

Trent Clarke
Kelly Connolley
Kate Woods
Sabine Doebel-Atchison
MP Baird
Courtney Teslu
Jessica Martin
Rohini Dhaliwal
Ana-Livia Rodriguez
Kevin Fowlow
Jamie St. Onge
Victoria Carriere
Erin Newark
Jen Roberts
Sophie Clodge
Nour Rostom
Yaa Kumahar
Erin Fletcher-Randle
Kelly Dewolfe

Online:

Paula McGuirk-Lemay
Brenda MacLean
Vera Galenko
Zinab Lamne

- The meeting was called to order at 7pm.
- Introductions

**1. Approval of Sept 20 AGM and meeting minutes, and of Oct 18 agenda.
Welcome new members. (KW)**

Motion: To approve the minutes from September 20 as presented.
Kelly Connolley/ Ana-Livia Rodriguez
CARRIED

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.
Kelly Connolley / Ana-Livia Rodriguez
CARRIED

2. Principal and VP Report (PM-L and TC)

Principal

- Reorganization went smoothly. All students have settled into their new classes. We lost the Early Immersion Gr 4/5 class, (Mme Richardson). The grade 4 students joined the 3/4 class (Mme Castillo). Due to the number of grade 5 students, the former 5/6 class now is a straight grade 5 (Mme McMullen). The grade 6 students from this class moved to the 6/7 class (Mr. Blacker). This caused a ripple effect through all of our Early Immersion classes so 2-4 students in each of the classes were moved.
- Current Homeroom Structure (19 homerooms)
- English: 1/2, 3/4, 5/6, 7/8
- Middle French Immersion: 4/5, 5/6, 7/8
- Early French Immersion: 1, 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 5, 6/7, 7/8
- Kindergarten: A, B, C
- General Learning Program: Junior and Intermediate
- Learning Commons/Maker Space Update
 - Our Library tech, Bharati Belmore, resigned from the board to take a position closer to home. We have hired Andrea Principe as our new tech. She has taken on the mammoth task of reshelving our books. She is also cataloging the books we acquired over the last few years and getting them on the shelves. She is doing an amazing job and is looking forward to welcoming the students back to our new space.
 - The first shipment of furniture has arrived. The transformation in the space is amazing!
- Jo-Anne Mainwood will coordinate our Remembrance Day ceremony will be Nov 10th starting at 10:30. We will be asking students who are in cadets, Brownies, etc. to wear their uniforms. Community members who are in the military, or have retired from the military, are asked to join us.
- Facebook Group Answer to Question
 - I can definitely put the parent updates in the body of the email. I had always used an attachment as there are formatting issues with School Messenger but I can work around them.

Vice Principal

- custodian is aware of snow problems from last year; she knows the trouble spots and will share her plans with the snow removal company
- cross country was great: great turn out; Paula emailed parents the results
- soccer today for the juniors: boys and girls went 2-1-1, both in second place
- volleyball is the next sport, starting next week
- Dance for intermediate students, grades 6-8, from 12:30-3:00 on Halloween day
- PD Day November 3: ministry day of learning
- November 8 is photo retake day and class photos
- Immunization for grades 7 on November 10
- November 10 is our Remembrance Day assembly

3. Financial Report (MB)

- Financial statements were distributed
- Payout to the school for Maker Space
- Statement reconciliation
 - Looking for a volunteer

- Victoria Carriere
- Teacher startup funding discussion

Motion: To approve May 31 as deadline for teacher startup funding.
Kelly Connolley / Ana-Livia Rodriguez
CARRIED

- Discussion about science workshops

Motion: To limit the scientist workshop funding to scientists in schools and/or entrance fees to science institutions, like museums. No busses.
Kelly Connolley / Victoria Carriere
CARRIED

Motion: To approve February 29 as deadline for science workshop funding.
Kate / Ana-Livia Rodriguez
CARRIED

4. Parent Concerns

- Facebook group questions answered in principal's report
- Discussion of TESC newsletter in print or email format
 - General consensus that both should be done

5. Fundraiser and Outreach Updates ([2023-2024 Fundraising Calendar](#))

- meet the teacher raised \$500, started the year with \$2000
- Discussion
- Meet the teacher and part of book fair profits towards science workshops
- Family movie night (coming up) towards leaving ceremony
 - Movie night is not a fundraiser but a community builder
- Profits from pizza lunches towards Maker Space

A) Movie Night Friday Dec 2nd (BM)

- Brenda MacLean
- Refreshments (considering gym flooring)
- Water and popcorn discussion
- Maybe have more variety e.g. small bags of chips
- Floor friendly snacks
- Paula going to talk to Julie (the custodian)
- Rohini to volunteer with set-up and take down
- Movie shortlist to go to dragon leaders
 - Super Mario, Tolls, Puss and Boots, Minions - The Rise of Gru, The Boss Baby
- Doors open at 6pm, movie at 6:30
- 3 volunteers needed (Ana Livia and Jessica and Courtney)

B) Purdy's (SC)

- Tentative date Nov 13-24, delivery to students week of Dec 11 or 18
- Use profits for Maker Space
- Sophie Clodge
- Maybe someone to help organizing the chocolates on Dec 11 morning
 - Jen Robberts

- Chocolates to arrive between 7th and 10th
- Get the word out that the fundraiser is coming

C) Craft/Vendor Fair (KW)

- Not happening, couldn't get the space

D) Kids night out (May 10?) (KW)

- Discussion
- Possibly involve students that have a baby sitter certificate
- Jamie St Onge would volunteer

E) Bookfair (KW)

- Setup Thursday Nov 2 (5-7pm)
 - Courtney, Victoria, Erin, Jessica, Rohini
 - Teachers can browse and make wish lists Friday Nov 3
- Fair runs: Nov 6-10 (8:30-10:30; 11:15-1:15; 2-3)
- Community Night: Weds Nov 8 (5-7pm)
- Take Down Friday Nov 10 (3-4/5pm)
 - Erin
- more middle school French books
- shift sheet will go out soon

Other:

- Paula: Julie asked for new folding tables, starting with 7
 - Kate and Ana Livia to start looking into that
 - Costco does \$100 to a charity a year
 - Pizza profits could be used
- Trillium clothes
 - Mr. Boyer has it set up
 - Will be on schoolcash next week
 - Nov 1 to 14
 - Mr. Boyer to pass it on next year.
 - Switching to Tuckshop
- Winterfest fundraiser
 - Preparations will start soon

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Appendix A: Items Discussed Electronically

Annual Report [Annual Report on School Council Duties 2022-2023](#) (distributed via email 13/10/23)

Appendix B: TESC meeting dates for 2023/2024 school year

Nov 15, 2023, Dec 20, 2023, Jan 17, 2024, Feb 21, 2024, Mar 20, 2024, Apr 24, 2024, May 22, 2024, Jun 19, 2024

Appendix C: [Approved 2023-2024 TESC Funding 2023/2024](#)