



**Trillium Elementary School Council (TESC)
Minutes
February 21, 2024 @ 7pm
Trillium Elementary School Activity Room and Virtual**

Attendance:

In person:

Jamie St Onge
Kevin Fowlow
Elisabeth Crausen
Brenda MacLean
Kate Woods
Trent Clarke
Paula McGuirk-Lemay
Stephen Higgins
MP Baird
Sabine Doebel-Atchison

Online:

Sophie Clodge
Kelly Connelly

- Introductions
- The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

1) **Approval** of Jan 17 meeting minutes, and of Feb 21 agenda (KW)

Motion: To approve the minutes from January 17 as presented.
Brenda MacLean / Kate Woods
CARRIED

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.
Brenda MacLean / Kevin Fowlow
CARRIED

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

- Kindergarten Information Night on Jan 24th was very well attended. We currently are on pace to keep our three Kinder classes for September.
- Middle French Immersion Night was held on Jan 31st. We currently are on pace to keep our three MFI classes for September.
- Parent Questions

What is happening regarding the solar eclipse on April 8th?

The District recently released this information:

April 8, 2024 - Solar Eclipse: Schools will be closed.

On Monday, April 8, 2024, there will be a total solar eclipse. Ottawa, located in the Northern Region, will experience a partial solar eclipse. During a total or partial solar eclipse, it is not safe to look directly at the sun without appropriate protective eyewear. Doing so may result in permanent eye damage. The eclipse occurring on April 8th will last for 2 hours 23 minutes, beginning at 2:11 p.m. and ending at 4:35 p.m. with the maximum point of the eclipse at 3:25 p.m. Virtually all school and program dismissal times occur during that window. To ensure student safety, many school districts, including those in Ottawa, have rescheduled a Professional Activity (PA) day to April 8, allowing students to stay home. Regrettably, the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) does not have a PA day that can be moved.

After exploring several options and consulting with the Ministry and key stakeholders, a decision has been made to close all OCDSB schools on April 8th. Transportation will also be cancelled. In addition, OCDSB-operated Extended Day Programs will not operate.

Ski Trips: Will they happen this year? If not yet planned, can they be?

Any extracurricular activities require teacher volunteers to organize. As of now, we will not be having a ski trip this year.

Vice Principal

- yard has been good for recesses
- excitement about dance

3) Teacher Report (SH)

School activities:

- Mme. Racozzi and Ms. Mainwood are organizing this year's Trillium talent show on the evening of Wednesday, March 20th. The Talent Show will start at 6:30 pm and run for about an hour. They had a meeting last week for all the students who wish to participate and are holding auditions on the 6th of March. (The top 20 acts will be chosen from the audition).
- Mme. Castillo's EFI grade 3/4 class is having a couple of virtual science workshops delivered by Carleton's Virtual Ventures. They had one workshop on the 7th of Feb - Sunlight to Nightlight and the next one is on the 22nd of Feb - Brick-Quake.

Trillium Sports and Clubs

- Intermediate band practice continues twice a week with Mr. Dangerfield.
- There is a junior/intermediate choir practice with Mme. Leah and Mme. Lajoie. They will also start the primary choir for grades 1-3 in the next few weeks. Both choirs will perform at the Spring Concert on Wednesday, April 17th.
- The sporting focus at the moment is basketball.
- The intermediate boys and junior girls tournaments are on the 28th of February. The boys' games are to be held at Summerside and the junior girls at Avalon P.S. The intermediate girls' tournament is on the 27th at Summerside and the junior boys' tournament is at Emily Carr on the 29th.
- The OCDSB Board finals take place at the end of March.
- Track & Field season is next after basketball. Starting approximately (mid-April) each class will begin to prepare for the Trillium track & field days in May. The top 2-3 of each event in the junior/intermediate grades will participate in the regional track and field event. The regional finals take place in the first week of June.
- Intermediate soccer also happens at the end of May.
- The chess club and Dungeons and Dragons club continues with Ms. Breitman.

4) Financial Report (MB)

- Financial statements included in meeting materials
- \$1,800 left to reach \$22,000 goal
- 15 start-up requests received
- \$250 donation


Motion: To use the donation for a tent for sport events.
Brenda MacLean / Sabine Doebel-Atchison
CARRIED

- 3 science workshop applications

Motion: To extend the deadline for science workshops to the end of March 29.
Brenda MacLean / Sabine Doebel-Atchison
CARRIED

5) Parent Concerns via facebook (BM)

- addressed in principal's report

6) Fundraiser and Outreach Updates ( 2023-2024 Fundraising Calendar)

A) Fundraising \$ goals - about to "meet" the library goal. What's next?

- furniture paid for
- could use more books
- could use chromebooks \$250 bought through the board
- fundraising for teachers wishlist
- banners
- pool noodles (start-up)
- stage not possible
- next book fair suggestion
 - one for entirely scholastic dollars
 - one for cash only
- coding robots

B) Jump2Math (Kate)

- not approved, but still trying
- community uses schools wants jump2math to apply for the space, they were advised not to do it
- still up in the air
- Date: April 25

C) Kids Night Out May 10 (Kate)

- Kate tried to find information
- up to Trillium
- Ratio between kids and supervisors/babysitters is 10 to 1

D) Bookfair #2 April 15-19 (Kate)

- more at the next meeting

E) Purdy's for Easter/Spring? (Sophie)

- In order to make it work, it would have to start right after the dance.
- Submission deadline March 9 in order to get chocolates for Easter
- \$1,000 in sales in order to get 25% back

F) Movie Night April 5 (Brenda)

- Prices the same as last time
- Last time 108 bags of chips, 86 waters, 106 bags of popcorn
- Buy three boxes of chips
- Daycare to bag popcorn
- Volunteers needed

G) Winter Dance Friday Feb 23

- Decorating to start at 4:30pm
- Dragons to make white paper snowflakes
- Auction items on the way to photo booth
- Make signs (auction, photo booth,..)
- o Basket Draw logistics
- 7:45pm move baskets to gym
- Gift cards right after baskets
- Silent auction with cash
- o enough volunteers, 2 shifts

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
Brenda MacLean / Kevin Flowlow
CARRIED


- The meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.

Appendix A: Items Discussed Electronically

1. Do you approve the concession price list for the dance? **APPROVED**

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

- Mar 20, 2024, Apr 24, 2024, May 22, 2024, Jun 19, 2024

Appendix C:  Approved 2023-2024 TESC Funding 2023/2024