



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

Attendance:

In person:

Sophie Clodge
Kelly Connelly
Elisabeth Crausen
Brenda MacLean
Kate Woods
Trent Clarke
Stephen Higgins

Online:

Jen Roberts
Victoria Carriere
Paula McGuirk-Lemay

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

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

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

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.
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CARRIED

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

1. SafeArrival - New system began March 19th

-new SchoolMessenger system for managing absences using mobile app, website or toll-free line. Office reports good use so far

2. New Staff Members

-Kaylea Vieira is replacing Cassandra Carvalho, who is on parental leave. Kaylea will be teaching English to the grade 2 students in the E1/2 class and English to M4/5. Kaylea will also be our Designated Occasional teacher so she will be with us 100%.

-Josie Kadamani is replacing Krista Harrison who also is on parental leave. Josie will be the French teacher for Kinder A and Kinder B (Red and Green).

-Julie Hutt has been working with us in a term position but she has recently be awarded the permanent Head Custodian position at Trillium.

3. Ramadan Many of our students began celebrating Ramadan on March 10th and will continue until April 9th. We have set up two prayer rooms as well as two fasting rooms, one for the Juniors and one for the intermediates. For the month, the students in Mme Racozzi's room who are not fasting, will be eating in with Mr. Blacker's or Ms Rahama's classroom.

4. Solar Eclipse On April 8th, there will be no school for students due to the solar eclipse. Staff will be at school to take part in professional development in Literacy and Occupational Health and Safety.

5. Projected Numbers We are in the early stages for staffing for next year. Our early projected number of students for 2024-2025 is 415. We currently have 408 students

Vice Principal

- Bookshelf has arrived - to be assembled
- Thank you for the excellent dance, photo booth was a great hit

3) Teacher Report (SH)

Trillium Staff Report for March 27th TESC meeting

School Activities:

- The popcorn fundraiser has begun again. Students can purchase 70g bags for \$3. The flavours are butter, white cheddar, kaboom, sweet and salty and dill. The orders will be filled by the end of March, (hopefully by Easter weekend), or the beginning of April depending on their supply availability.
- The Intermediate GLP class enjoyed a virtual Scientist in Schools workshop on Monday, March 18th. It was very well done and thank you to the School Council for providing the funding.
- Mme. Racozzi's EFI 7-8 class had a Scientist in School workshop on Monday, March 25th.
- The Trillium Talent Show has been combined with the Spring Concert and will now be called the Spring Variety Show. The date was moved so that it did not coincide with Ramadan. The date for the concert is April 17th. There will be a school concert during the day, starting at approximately 11:30 am. The evening show starts at 6:30 pm.
- Ms Thaker's grade 5/6 and Mme McMullen's grade 5 class will be heading to Proulx Farm Maple Fest on Wednesday, April 3rd.
- On April 9th - Mme. Larose EFI 2/3 class and Mme. Castillo EFI 3/4 class is planning a field trip to the Agriculture and Food Museum in Ottawa to attend a program called Living Soil.
- There are drama workshops for the Intermediates on April 19th.

Trillium Sports and Clubs

- Mr. Dangerfield continues intermediate band practice and the ukulele club has recently commenced.
- Mme. Leah and Mme. Lajoie are running practices for the primary, junior and intermediate choirs. Both choirs will perform at the Spring Variety Show on Wednesday, April 17th.
- The Intermediate girls' basketball placed third in the playoffs. They were all happy and proud of each other as they played exceedingly well as the score was a low 18-7.
- The boys' Intermediate team got a silver medal.
- Track & Field season commences shortly. 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 boys and girls soccer will also start next week. The intermediate boys' are being coached by Mr. Higgins and the girls' by Mme. Armstrong. The boys' tournament is scheduled for May 16th and the girls' tournament is on May 21st.
- Mr Romeo starts inter murals floor hockey next week and it runs from April 3rd to May 2nd. There will be games 3 times a week for the grades 6/7/8 and is co-ed (boys and girls together)
- The chess club and Dungeons and Dragons club continues with Ms. Breitman.

4) Financial Report (KW)

- Financial statements included in meeting materials
- Makerspace goal has been reached with ~2300\$ surplus, new shelf and bins purchased
 - Remaining funds discussed to be used towards pre-ordering two cardboard cutting machines? PM-L requests looking into coding robots/programming tools
- Teacher Wishlist items purchased: tent, 5 Chromebooks, bookcarts (bins pending), funds, athletics banners and medals
- \$ to come from final pizza round, should be allocated to more Chromebooks? TC and SH confirm this is desired by the staff (notes ~30 lost per school board policy last year leaving Trillium at very low end of approved ratio). Number to be confirmed after round funds confirmed

5) Parent Concerns via facebook (BM)

- addressed during teacher report
 - List of approximate dates for sports to go on website, clubs in newsletter

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

A) Movie Night April 5 (Brenda)

- More chips to be purchased, students have chosen The Marvels. Daycare to do popcorn. Good on volunteers

B) Jump2Math (Kate)

- Approved! Requires 10-30 volunteers (530-730pm), robust volunteer set from grade 7/8s
- Shall we sell water? KW to email

C) Kids Night Out May 10 (Kate)

-cancelled, will revisit next year

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

-reducing daytime hours to after first recess (1115-115, 2-3)

-Thursday night setup

-Sign up sheet to be sent out

-how long will the Spring Variety Show be? Will impact timing for final volunteer shift (after concert to ~830pm), to be confirmed

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.
Kelly Connelly/Brenda MacLean
CARRIED

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Appendix A: Items Discussed Electronically

1. Do you approve of TESC spending \$325 on book carts and \$450 on athletics once the proceeds of the current pizza round come in? **March 6**
2. Do you approve TESC buying 10 Chromebooks = spending upwards of 2825 on Chromebooks? **APPROVED Feb 27th**

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

- Mar 27, 2024, Apr 24, 2024, May 22, 2024, Jun 19, 2024

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