



# Tiffany Hills Elementary School

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## School Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 21, 2025

**Attendees:** Ria McNicholls-Ramrattan, Suzie Pierre, Ashley Buligan, Laura Varga, Fatema Bhabrawala, Krishna Patel, Hillay Nabi-Shaikh Makarim Siralkhatim, Cassidy Allan, Louise Young, Trang Dam, Melissa Pistolkers, Ayaan Ali

Co Chairs- Andrea Hitchcock & Fatema Bhabrawala	Welcome and Land Acknowledgement Review and Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion to approve: 1<sup>st</sup> Melissa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Louise. Approved unanimous.</li> </ul> Review and Approval of current Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion to approve: 1<sup>st</sup> Krishna, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hillay. No new items to add.</li> </ul>
Business from previous meeting	N/A
Principal's Report-	Ria McNicholls-Ramrattan and Suzie Pierre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High level of concerns around parking lot at the front of the school. Have tried sending messages, emails, addressing in person with families, but the concerns persist. Next step would be to call by-law; however they do not come at a specific time so it may not help as the concern is at drop off and dismissal times. It has become a huge safety risk for the children and all. Roundabout is designated for school buses only during these times. Daycare is adding to congestion as they use the front entrance lot. Seeking School Council's help in addressing this for the safety of students and all. Ideas/suggestions below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Community officers</li> <li>➤ By law</li> <li>➤ Map showing where to park on side streets</li> <li>➤ Send us the flyer and we will post on FB</li> </ul> </li> <li>Mrs. Buligan applied for the Parent Reaching Out grant on behalf of the school and received the grant. Used to be \$1000, decreased</li> </ul>



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	<p>to \$900 this year. Will use these funds for dual language books for library. Over 50% multilanguage learners in school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report cards will go out February 14</li><li>• Laura Kelly grade 6 teacher moving to VP role at another school Feb 1 so we have hired LTO for grade 6 position until June at which point board will assess staffing for September.</li><li>• Today Big Brothers and Big Sisters program began. Supposed to have 12 students, but only 7 so far. They meet once a week during second nutrition break in the gym.</li><li>• June 19 grade 8 Commencement at Ancaster high School</li><li>• Vision screening will take place on January 31 for Kinders</li><li>• EQAO webinars Jan 28 and Feb 18 - 6:30-7:30 for parents/families <a href="http://eqao.com/school.outreach">eqao.com/school.outreach</a></li><li>• Getting lots of flyers from businesses, have been declining. School Council can consider if we want these flyers to be forwarded to us to be shared with community. School will not post anything on school website related to these flyers.</li><li>• Ancaster High School Feb 18 on site for course selection for grade 8s.</li><li>• Scientists in School, online workshop for 1 hour science workshop. We received 2 free workshops and many teachers are interested. It is \$235 per class. We have 10 teachers interested. Asking for \$2350 to cover this cost. K-8 classes will be participating.</li></ul>
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	➤ Motion to approve 1 <sup>st</sup> : Krishna 2 <sup>nd</sup> Laura – approved.
Teacher's Report-	<p>Ashley Buligan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Reaching Out - \$900 – will be purchasing multi-language learning books. These are books with one page English and one in their home language. Representation of what we look like as a school. Will be ordering in Feb after report cards go out. These will be available in the library. Any suggestions, send for consideration.</li> <li>• Jays Care Donation – Mr.Butterworth applied and we received the grant. It is baseball gear. Goal is to 'transform lives through sport'. Provides affiliate school with gear for baseball but ask for a donation towards shipping costs. Asking for \$250. The baseball gear is free, the \$250 would go towards shipping costs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> Louise 2<sup>nd</sup> Krishna – approved</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chef a L'Ecole: will take place next week Monday to Thursday for all students grades 4-8. Thankful for School Council donation.</li> <li>• Joy Day – big success. Every child got to participate. Overspent by \$179.02 asking for \$150 remaining \$29 school will cover.</li> <li>• Backpacks for Joy: We filled 70 backpacks, Student Council helped pack. Were donated to a Hamilton school and school sent a thank you.</li> <li>• Crash Rhythm took place in November for Kinders - great day.</li> <li>• Spring Fling – 4 teachers historically helped run Spring Fling but at this time only Ashley remains. Will need more help or we won't be</li> </ul>



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	able to do it as large. Need volunteers too. Not going to do lottery license this year – cut it in order to create capacity. Fatema noted we have a Spring Fling group. Put it out there ask for volunteers and sponsors on social media and Ria will put it in newsletter from school. Everyone really looks forward to it, don't want to scale it back if we can get more help.
Treasurer's Report- Krishna Patel	<p>Krishna Patel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Council had approved \$1500 for Chef a L'Ecole in November 2024 and \$1150 for Joy Day in December 2024.</li> <li>• We had a charge of ACF film subscription for \$404.94 in November which seems to be ongoing from previous years. This was unexpected.</li> <li>• Some of these approved charges are not yet deducted from account.</li> <li>• In December Jan to March pizza totals were added and we keep aside \$7700 for remainder of Pizza orders for this cycle.</li> <li>• We approved \$250 for Baseball equipment shipping and \$2350 for educational activities (scientist in school). 10 classrooms will be participating in this activity.</li> <li>• We anticipate having around \$10210 to allocate for school in account in March.</li> <li>• Keeping aside \$300 for apples</li> <li>• *Ria will speak with Eliana to find out what the ACF Film charge is for and get back to Council.</li> </ul>



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Chair's Report-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Council Banner: Ayaan shared updated banner mockup. Picture changed to pic of school. Edits made and approved. Ayaan will send final draft to everyone.</li> </ul> <p>Social Media Committee Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have been making sure that only appropriate posts (questions/answers) are posted to avoid scammer posts. Some parking posts, Pizza Day. Angel Fund post received very well. One ask from Social Media Committee to have requested posts from school sent more in advance. Ashley noted they don't usually have in advance.</li> </ul> <p>Hot Lunch Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January to March pizza orders were about the same as Oct-Dec. Gluten free orders were down. 12 families were accommodated that ordered late. Going to keep gluten free even though only 2 pizzas to continue to accommodate families that need this. 89-92 cheese and 15-17 pepperoni.</li> </ul> <p>Spring Fling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will not be doing food trucks – looking at hot dogs and pizza. Louise talked to food trucks, and all have propane outside of trucks so no way around this restriction.</li> <li>Last year \$124 profit from pizza sales. Dominos charged \$10 per pizza. We got 2 dollars per box. 40 cheese and 22 pepperoni sold. School Council can handle cash, but the school cannot.</li> </ul> <p>Fundraising Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fatema sent out options to Fundraising Committee - 3 options Allan Soaps, Pita Pit, Quesada. \$3.50 for mini quesadillas, check if</li> </ul>
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	<p>taxes. Lawfield stopped lunch box because service fee now. Need people to help with forms Melissa and Laura volunteered – Fatema needs to ask whether they attach the form. Students would bring the form and not pay or pay and not fill in form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question: How did the Box of Cards Fundraiser go? Ashley noted it went well, made some money but not nearly as much as Laura Secord. Next year will definitely run chocolate fundraiser again. Teachers are not running a Spring Fundraiser. Last teacher run fundraiser will be Candy Grams for Valentine’s Day and might have dances for Valentine’s Day and Spring Fling.</li> <li>• Quesada – yes will do as soon as possible. Subs are Tuesdays, so alternate with subs and do Quesada. Will do February. Will look at price points and forms. Fatema will tell us cost. Need to think about sizes and costs. Target Feb 25.</li> <li>• Not moving forward with Pita Pit.</li> <li>• Allan Soaps for Spring Fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Set of 3 soaps: \$28, \$10 to school</li> <li>➤ Gift set with lip balm soap and tray: \$28, \$10 to school</li> <li>➤ Gift set with soap, bag, and tray \$25, \$10 to school.</li> <li>➤ Deodorant \$17, \$5 to school</li> <li>➤ Lip balm \$10, \$3 goes to school.</li> <li>➤ Could also do custom lip balm with Tiffany Hills logo.</li> <li>➤ Targeting Mother’s Day timeframe but more inclusive title.</li> <li>➤ Last year Allan Soaps Fundraiser resulted in \$410 profit for school. 40 orders were placed last year.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fatema has other options she will share. Since Spring Fundraiser would be our only one (outside of hot lunch) would want to consider one that could be more profitable and result in more</li> </ul>
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	orders. Last year we ran coffee. Ashley suggested looking at Purdys.
New Business	N/A
Next Meeting Date	February 18, 2025: 6:30pm April 15, 2025: 6:30pm May 20, 2025: 6:30pm