



Tiffany Hills Elementary School

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School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 21, 2025

Attendees: Ria McNicholls-Ramrattan, Andrea Hitchcock, Krishna Patel, Hillay Nabi-Shaikh Makarim Siralkhatim, Cassidy Allan, Louise Young, Trang Dam, Ayaan Ali, Laura Varga, Christina Almas

Co Chairs- Andrea Hitchcock	<p>Welcome and Land Acknowledgement</p> <p>Review and Approval of Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve 1st Krishna, 2nd Laura. Approved unanimous. <p>Review and Approval of current Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved. • Introducing and welcome to Christina.
Business from previous meeting	<p>Business from previous meeting: second vote for Scientists in School took place via email for additional 5 classes, we approved over email an additional \$1175.</p>
Principal's Report-	<p>Principal's report and Teacher's Report: Ria McNicholls-Ramrattan</p> <p>Parking lot safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Since our last meeting Ria took away the feedback and actioned several of the suggestions. January 26 communication was posted, January 22 and February 11 request for By-Law to monitor. Also sent a map with highlighted streets to School Council to share with families through Facebook which was posted. ○ Laura created another map which she will share with Ria. ○ Parent concerns around city sidewalks not being cleared – school council members will contact city about this as it poses safety concerns. <p>Report Cards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Postponed to February 20 because of HWDSB system outage. This update has been posted on school website. <p>Vision screening for SK took place on January 31st.</p>



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	<p>Bienenstock Outdoor Play Company visited all the Kinder classes on January 20th. The board paid for this, and all of the Kinder classes enjoyed the experience.</p> <p>Indoor Soccer Tournament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This will take place at Players Paradise on February 24th. Hosted by HWDSB. Original date was February 13th but postponed due to snow day. <p>OMAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They have been running martial arts classes in the gym Jan 27 to Feb 18 for grades 1 through 4 with Mr. Cronsberry. <p>Jay's Baseball Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thank you to School Council for covering the \$250 towards shipping fees. We received the equipment, and it is worth \$800. <p>Chef à l'École</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jan 27-30 – was great and well received. Pictures are on display on the board outside the library. <p>Highschool Course Selections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ancaster High and Westmount have visited and course selections were made by grade 8s <p>Black History Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February 26th grades 4-8 will have an assembly led by Tracy Lee 'And Then What Happened'. Content related to Black Canadian history. <p>ACF Charge from last meeting</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annually approved charge School Council agreed to take on. Do we need a new approval? ○ Parent question: Can we do 6 months instead of a year or a less costly membership that does not include streaming for example. ○ Ria will check with staff during next staff meeting, to see how much they are using it and if they are actually using the streaming service. ○ We are paying \$850 in total annually (\$425 from school, \$425 from School Council). ○ Cannot show content without a license. Started because we wanted to do movie night, Andrea noted that teachers can turn to when they need it. All grades use this. PA Day Feb 28. <p>Ramadan Activities for Kids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The staff member that used to volunteer to run these activities has left the school and no staff has reached out to volunteer this year. ○ Could use volunteers to support if anyone is interested to let Ria know. *Hillay and Makarim expressed interest in volunteering. <p>Grad Photos for grade 8's: Tuesday March 25</p>
Teacher's Report-	Please see above (Ria presented both Principal's and Teacher's Report)
Treasurer's Report- Krishna Patel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 29 balance in account is \$19 025.21. ○ Since then withdrew funds for Pizza Day, balance down to \$14,594 as of this Thursday. ○ Baseball and Scientists in School funds have not been taken out yet.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping aside pizza, we would have \$4000 conservatively to spend. By April we have will have around \$6000 to spend
Chair's Report-	<p>Andrea Hitchcock</p> <p>Quesada Hot Lunch Fundraiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Started on school cash online already – once we get totals, will update group. March 25 – older kids might not buy because of Ramadan. Hoping to do it once more. <p>School Council Banner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking for connection to print on a discount – Ria will ask Eliana. Ayaan may leverage Vistaprint and use a discount code. The funds for the banner would be coming through that separate budget of \$500 for Parent Engagement. Could use for Welcome to Kindergarten on May 13. Suggestion to print little cards with social media links as well <p>Social Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking posts and small business posts, received well, parents are engaging with posts. HWDSB does have a flyer distribution page – Ria shared. Will post this link to FB. Tried 'tag a friend', but didn't work for engagement. More people have Instagram- We can post things to Instagram but they can't ask questions. Original School Council FB used their personal email so we cannot link an Instagram to that FB page unfortunately. We could start all over. Already put QR code on the banner. So no Instagram this year.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ If anybody interested in creating flyers or posts ie for Pizza Day, Quesada, reach out to Andrea as she has experience with Canva now. <p>Angel Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Explanation will go up again for next Pizza Day sales round. Angel Fund mostly used for end of year trips.○ Parent question/concern around why fresh versus frozen pizza for kids who may need and are unable to order. Only a couple of teachers use this for students for pizza. Frozen slices are available all week (leftovers from Pizza Day are frozen in Mr.Butterworth's class freezer and available for anyone who needs). We do not have many kids who need this, but we do have some and it varies (not all the time). Also have the apple program for any student who need an extra snack. School manages Angel Fund (not School Council). Eliana has used it for pizza before, but we get so many pizza leftovers, so it is but better used for fieldtrips. <p>Pizza Lunch Fundraiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ April 2 to June 11 will be last round of pizza day sales. No pizza last two weeks of school so books can be balanced. June 11 will be last pizza day. School Cash Online will be open from March 1-21 to place orders.○ On the flyer this time it says 'thank you for contributing to school fundraiser 1 dollar per slice goes to school.' <p>Fundraising/Sponsorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Two options for a Spring Fundrasier through Purdy's.○ Online campaign is a no fee option with completely optional participation. If sales are over \$500, school will receive a profit
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	<p>cheque of 25% of whatever the sales are (ie \$2000 of sales, school will receive \$500).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Fundraising Bars campaign is where we purchase cases of the bars of chocolate and sell for \$4 per bar (\$2 profit per bar). Fundraising bar option will take more involvement in person from volunteers and unsold chocolate cannot be returned to Purdys. Would likely be successful but we might not have the resources to run this at this stage.○ Vote – 1st krishna 2nd Unanimous – vote to go with online campaign this time around and see how it goes. <p>Welcome to Kinder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ May 13○ Last year had a table with playdough for kids and then we talked to parents. Little flyer. Playdough cost is small and would come through School Council (will tell us cost later). Could use the parent engagement money for this. <p>Spring Fling May 15 - 5:30-7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We need to figure out what we can do this year, if anything. 75% of effort was teachers last year and we filled in 25%. This year most of those teachers have left the school and only Ashley is left. So in terms of the weight of the work, School Council would need to take on 75% this year to make it a success like previous years.○ Could change to community event like a movie night instead and remove fundraising. Put up movie screen outside. Or could be just an Open House.○ Hot food: Just pizza both pre-order and sell some on the day – scrap hot dogs.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cotton candy: They deliver – Hillay will call them, Andrea will forward the contact info for vendor.○ Photobooth never been a money maker, lots of effort, but kids love it.○ Cake Walk: big one, most of our money comes from this. Need to coordinate cake donations ahead of event and set up day of.○ Small business table rentals – Cassidy will help us with managing this.○ Scholastic book fair: Ria will confirm if already booked○ Student volunteers: DiFelice cannot run volunteer coordination this year, do we have another teacher who can coordinate with former students who are now in grade 9 who need volunteer hours? Ria will ask Mr. DiGiacinto to reach out to high schools.○ Only frozen yogurt will be sold through Snack Shack, no ice cream trucks.○ Inflatables – sponsors - Ashley would have info.○ Teacher wetting game – Ria will confirm if teachers interested○ Tickets – school cash online, make envelopes with tickets from pre-sales.○ Teachers will help on the day of and sit at a table etc.○ Move spirit wear to September we already had it in the fall – agreed.○ Games on the grass – easy as we own the games.○ Might not do art auction this year○ Ticket containers, signage for each portion can be managed by whomever is leading each aspect.○ If we all feel this is not doable this year, maybe just an Open House with little things to make it special.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Ria will ask teachers during upcoming staff meeting to gauge their interest in supporting/volunteering.○ Will continue discussing Spring Fling over email to come to a decision on scope and direction.
New Business	N/A
Next Meeting Date	April 15, 2025: 6:30pm May 20, 2025: 6:30pm