

# Minutes of Tecumseth South Central P.S. School Council Meeting

Monday, December 7, 2020

Start: 7:01 pm

End 8:14 pm

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## **Members Present:**

1. Rebecka Mayne
2. Paige Presswood
3. Melissa Mackenzie
4. Tina Rakovsky
5. Sheena Kanthak

**Staff Present:** Susan Nixon (Principal), Marianne Kennedy (Teacher Representative)

**Guests:** Mihaela, Mandy M, Vassanta, Lisa, Kim Seimens

**Member absent:** Susanna Jarvis, Katherine Hopkins, Krista Elford, Sherri Cicirello, Anna Lisa Wienecke, Sheana McGregor Jesso

## **Opening**

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Virtual meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Co-Chair Melissa MacKenzie

## **Approval of Minutes (last meeting Nov 2, 2020)**

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Melissa approved minutes, Tina was the second. All in attendance were in favour.

## **Principal Report - Mrs. Nixon**

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Mrs. Nixon thanked all the members that operated the wreath fundraiser as well as all families/caregivers that purchased.

1. Holiday Cheer @ Tec. South 2020
  - a. Everything looks different this year and staff are looking for different ways to support. Staff have discussed how there will not be a traditional Holiday concert and that instead teachers will be creating their own class performances, recording them and then they will be shared virtually with all classes on the last day of school before break. The last week of school in 2020 will include 5 days of spirit days and staff are hoping to be able to have the entire school go outside to have the chance to sing together.
2. SCDSB Parent Surveys re: Learn @ Home or Learn @ School (Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>)

- a. An email has been sent to families/caregivers to inquire about those wishing to switch learning modes. If a student wishes to change from at home learning to in person, Mrs. Nixon and board will approve reentry based on classroom space.
3. SCDSB Numeracy Learning Goal
  - a. Coming in the next newsletter, 4 pillars.
4. Snow Shoes Update
  - a. 30 pairs of snowshoes have been ordered! Delivery date has not been scheduled at this point. The shoes will fit small and large feet so can be used by the entire student body. Cost was shared by parents council and the school.
5. Foodbank Fundraiser
  - a. Donate directly instead of through the school. Information sent home to families/caregivers via newsletter.
6. Holiday Cheer fundraising discussion
  - a. A need within the school community for families that need assistance over the Holidays. Mrs. Nixon is thinking that Gift cards to support the family to buy food, gifts, clothing etc. Mrs. Nixon will find out how many families and be in touch with parent council. Anyone interested can make donations as they wish, please contact Mrs. Nixon. Fundraising dollars will not be used.
7. Pizza Kits Fundraiser introduction
  - a. New Orleans Pizza, Beeton has offered to have pizza kits delivered to student homes that order. Delivery to school is an option and will allow for more profit. More discussion on this in fundraising section.

### **Teacher Update - Mrs. Kennedy**

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1. Book Fair
  - a. Virtual book fair generated around \$400. Thank you Mrs. Cousins for organizing this and all the families/caregivers that ordered online.
2. Forrest of Reading
  - a. In library in new year, forrest of reading. Canada wide program where children listen to or read a book and then vote on favourite. Results are tallied and then the winning author is awarded a prize. 1 book/week - primary will have it read to them.
3. Spirit Days
  - a. Look alike day was a success! A lot of participant and the students seemed to really enjoy coming up with ideas with each other and as a class, in some cases.
4. Day of pink -
  - a. Students spent the day learning and discussing bullying. Students then each made a link to create a paper chains of pink paper with a commitment on each link, discussing how they

would stand up to bullying in our school community. The chain is currently linked around the library to encourage ongoing discussion and reminders of these commitments.

5. Remembrance Day
  - a. This year was a virtual assembly and was still wonderful! The assembly was impactful to students via slideshows and videos.
6. Student Led Interviews
  - a. Teachers wanted to thank families/caregivers for their time attending meetings virtually.
7. Engineer in the Classroom
  - a. Reminder - every class at Tec South is getting an opportunity to meet virtually with an engineer. This will continue over the school year so that each class has their turn.

## **Fundraising**

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1. Wreath - Raised \$540.16 - 88 units sold
2. FundScrip - currently in progress, December 8th is the cutoff for Christmas delivery. Percentage of our profit varies by card purchased. We need to develop momentum and hope that over time sales will increase. Paige will contact FundScrip about leaving this fundraiser open until Spring.
3. Pizza Kits - New Orleans in Beeton has offered pizza kits as a fundraiser for our school. The date appears to be flexible but Mrs. Nixon will confirm with Crystal. Mrs Nixon will share the details via email to council member and then we will vote to move forward or not. Kits include everything needed for one large pizza, pepperoni or extra cheese. Kit is \$20 including tax and delivery. Delivery to home by New Orleans Pizza would result in \$5 profit for the school and pick up at school is \$7 profit. Payment can be made to New Orleans online or in person at the storefront.
4. The Card Project
  - a. Not an option due to Covid-19 this year. Rebecka continues to be in contact with Marcelle and will update once TCP is able to accommodate orders again.

## **Old Business**

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1. Outdoor Learning: This is our main fundraising goal for this school year.
  - a. Mrs. Nixon will gather information from staff about what they feel would be the most useful type of shelter and what the needs of the school are. Mrs. Kennedy expressed that some sort of white board would be most advantageous for outdoor classes. Council discussed ways to speed up the purchase of one, but no decisions were made. Guest, Kim Seimens, offered the support of her partner who owns a landscaping design business at any point during the process. Ideally a design or concept will be done soon so that a budget can be developed to share with the larger school community.
2. Donation Request Letter
  - a. Melissa has drafted a letter as discussed in a previous meeting. The letter/request will be shared with the school community in the late winter. It outlines the opportunity to make a donation in lieu of participating in fundraisers.

## **New Business**

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### 1. Accounts

- a. Mrs. Nixon notified that there is \$2350 in library fund to be used for the updates to the library.
- b. \$6000 in total accounts.
- c. A variety of accounts have money in them from last years fundraising and because of the abrupt ending of the school year were not cleared up or moved to other accounts. There are also accounts that have money in them that will not be used for this year, like Field trips. A motion to move funds from last years accounts, fundraising accounts to the general account was put forward by Melissa, Paige seconded, all in favour. We will leave the money in the Grade 8 Graduation Trip account and change the account to be Grade 8 vs Grade 8 Field Trip.
  - i. Recipes in a Jar - not designated.
  - ii. Lunch Programs - \$298
  - iii. School Clothing (fundraised from Entripy) - \$158
  - iv. Drysdales - not designated

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm by Melissa MacKenzie

**Next meeting: Monday, January 4, 2020@ 7pm via zoom - link to be sent the day of.**