

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

Monday, January 18, 2021

Start: 7:01 pm

End 8:08 pm

Members Present:

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| 1. Rebecka Mayne | 4. Tina Rakovsky | 7. Sherri Cicirello |
| 2. Paige Presswood | 5. Sheena Kanthak | 8. Jenn Gore |
| 3. Melissa Mackenzie | 6. Anna Lisa Wienecke | 9. Melissa McKeon |

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

Members absent: Susanna Jarvis, Katherine Hopkins, Krista Elford, Sheana McGregor Jesso

Opening

Virtual meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Co-Chair Anna Lisa.

Approval of Minutes (last meeting December 2020)

1. Motion to approve December minutes Melissa MacKenzie, second by Paige Presswood.
2. Motion to approve minutes from November (did not have quorum in December meeting) by Melissa Mac and second by Tina Rakovsky.

Principal Report - Mrs. Nixon

1. Parent & Staff appreciation during Learn @ Home.
 1. Our parents and students have been champions at navigating and participating in virtual learning. Thank you from all the Tec South staff.
2. Parent Internet Safety Workshop with Tec. Beeto...thanks parents for joining!
 1. It was great to see so many Tec South families present. Reminder about the importance of staying informed. Virtual presentation to Grade 6-8 classes from Constable Evans coming up for our students to talk about their internet footprint and safety.
3. Holiday Cheer @ Tec. South this year-appreciation for generosity!

1. Thank you to the Tec South community for your generosity. We were able to support 3 Tec South families to receive gift cards to various grocery stores to assist with their needs over the holidays.

4. PRO Grants -

1. Parents Reaching Out - \$500 to encourage school involvement. Please send ideas to Anna Lisa and watch your email for a potential vote. Submission is due by Feb 5th, please have ideas to Anna Lisa by Friday, January 22.

Teacher Update - Mrs. Kennedy/Mrs. Cousins

- On behalf of all the teachers, thank you to parents for their support of the students. Teachers couldn't be doing it without all of you.
- Grade 8 open house at Banting (virtually). They had a tour and a Q & A about course selection etc.

Fundraising

1. FundScrip ongoing - until March break. Paige will update in Feb on funds raised through it so far.

Old Business

1. Outdoor Learning: This is our main fundraising goal for this school year.
 1. we need to have a more concrete plan to present before we can start petitioning to the board etc. Anna Lisa mentioned creating a committee to narrow down the ideas. Shade, seats, blackboard/whiteboard. Picnic table like structures inside for seating to work as a classroom as well. Mrs Nixon will get pictures of the Adj Tos structure as it is in the direction we are hoping to go. Mrs Cousins will send a survey to Tec South staff to gather info. The goal is to have paperwork submitted by April so that ideally, construction can happen over the summer. Melissa MacKenzie will head the committee, if you are interested in participating in it, please reach out to Melissa.
2. Parent Council Google Drive Reminder -
 1. Anna Lisa will send out link again. Please remember to not share anything confidential on the drive, it's a great place to post notes from events, fundraisers etc.

3. Funds in Various Accounts -

1. As noted in December minutes, there are various accounts with money in them that will not be used this year or did not get used in the 2019/20 school year. Melissa motioned to move funds from these accounts into the general account. Paige was the second on this motion and all were in favour The Grade 8 Graduation account will NOT be moved.

New Business

1. FAMILY FUN EVENT!

1. discussion around a trivia night or other online event. Also discussion around a STEM challenge, snow sculpture, winter sculpture, scavenger hunt (build a snowman, do a good deed), a bingo card with tasks - maybe the 7/8's can provide input on tasks. Event is planned around family day weekend, possibly the week before and after. We want to give families enough time to complete tasks and it not be a source of stress. Discussion around what the "prize" could be. Covid protocols limit the ability to provide a class pizza party, but offering an extra outdoor period/play may be a great alternative. Members are in favour of rewarding the class with the most participants rather than the families that submit first. Upon completion, families can upload their card and pictures to the council FB page or to the council email where we will have a volunteer review and track.

2. Black History Month in February

1. each class will have a special presentation about black history. Covering inclusion and diversity. Rebecka brought up the importance of talking about actual black history and not only focusing on famous black people or the facts of black history that are easier to talk about.

3. Pizza Kits Fundraiser

1. Suggested to tie it in to a family fun event, thinking around Feb 14th. Mrs. Nixon will follow up with New Orleans Pizza to find out if we can run it for a week instead of one day.

4. School Council By Laws

1. Need to be updated. Rebecka and Anna Lisa have volunteered to take this on and re-view/update as needed. Stay tuned!

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm by Anna Lisa

Next meeting: Monday, February 8, 2021 @ 7pm via zoom - link to be sent the day of.