

Tecumseth South Central Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 3rd, 2023

Members Present:

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| 1.) Melissa Mckeon | 5.) Megan Bender | 9.) Kathryn Spencley |
| 2.) Melissa MacKenzie | 6.) Katherine Hopkins | 10.) Tina Rakovsky |
| 3.) Sherri Cicirello | 7.) Alana Ciolfi | 11.) Anna Lisa Wienecke |
| 4.) Krista Elford | 8.) Rebecka Mayne | |

Members Absent: Robyn Hryniewski

Staff Members Present: Tana Ward (Principal)
Marianne Kennedy (Teacher Representative)

Opening

Meeting called to order by Chair, Melissa MacKenzie at 6:07 PM.

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved for March 2023. Melissa Mackenzie motioned to approve minutes, Anna Lisa seconded.

Teacher Report: Mrs. Kennedy

Character Trait

The character trait for the month of April is Optimism. Students will be learning how focusing on what is going well or what they are doing well can help them to feel more successful in both their academic success and also their interpersonal relationships. They are learning to acknowledge what they need to work on but to remember that there are many things that they can already do well.

Rugby

Co-ed rugby team for grades 6-8 will be starting up after the long weekend. The tournament will be on May 10th. Thank you to our coaches for offering our students this opportunity.

PALS

The PALS leadership group has been completing training sessions with Mrs. Briscoe and Ms. Ayisi. The PALS are ready to begin their work as recess monitors within the next week.

Chess Tournament

Last week, a grade seven student from Tec. South earned the title of County Champion in the Chess Tournament. Congratulations to Jacob Fisher!

Student Teacher

Ms. Howland has a student teacher from Lakehead University. She is in the first year of the Teacher Education program and will be Ms. Howland and her class for the month of April. Ms. Howland, her student teacher and the Changemakers group have been hosting a food drive. The food drive will wrap up on Friday. The Changemakers are hoping for 500 toiletry, food or pantry items to donate to local families in need.

Math Road Rally

Mrs. Mailman is taking a group of Ravens to the Math Road Rally next week.

Scientists in the School

Last week's Scientists in the Schools evening was well attended and fun for Ravens and their families. We had three spaces going... two called Ride and Roll about the science of roller coasters and one called Spread Your Wings about the science of flight. Junior Scientists all left with their hands full of models they had created under the direction of the Scientists in the Schools team. Thank you to all who were able to help with this event and all who participated by coming.

Field Trips

Mrs. Santo, Ms. Howland and Ms. Conti's classes all went to the McMichael Gallery for a tour and an art activity.

Ms. Gale, Mr. Gary, Mrs. Briscoe and Mrs. Kennedy's classes all went together to the Tiffin Centre for Conservation to explore maple syrup production methods and enjoy a day outdoors in the woods.

For anyone in grade two or below this was their very first field trip, for some students, their very first time riding on a school bus! The excitement was palpable leading up to the adventure! Our students made us proud and were great ambassadors of our school in the wider community.

Thank you to School Council for subsidizing the cost of these field trips for our students!

Although our students LOVED the opportunity to be off-site learning in a new environment, we would like School Council to know that bussing is making these experiences more difficult for our students to have.

Admin Report: Tana Ward

Financials

There is a yearbook being produced this year for students to purchase. The cost will be \$16.44 per book. \$1.44 per book will be paid for through our SGF "General Needs" to make the cost of a yearbook \$15.00.

We have booked the bus for Track and Field Zones on June 14th, with a cost of \$505. There is only approx \$400 in the SGF - co-curricular account, so we will vote to re-allocate some of "General Needs" money to this once the payment is made.

Monday going into General Needs includes:

- Spirit wear sales end this week. \$2 from each item sold to general needs
- Green Apple has sent the fundraising cheque in the amount of \$143.60
- Bank Interest (approx \$25/month) also goes to General Needs

Field Trip contributions have been made to each trip - \$10 toward Tiffin trip for 3 classes, \$10 toward McMichael Trip for 3 classes, \$10 toward Snow Valley trip for 6/7/8.

Any money left in Field Trip fund will be allocated to school yard enhancements in a motion in June. There is a healthy amount of money here as the lunch sales have done extremely well.

Grade 8 trip was supplemented \$67 each and \$40 of sweaters was paid for through their fundraising.

Grad planning has begun and we have \$668 to use toward awards, decorations, refreshments. May need to motion for some of General Needs money to go toward grad.

Our alumni wall will be getting a refresh with a new banner and set up. We are looking into a group photographer for before the ceremony, at cost to families. Following the ceremony, there will be a short reception in the library with cake and beverages served, and planning a little treat for the grads as well. We are also looking into ordering in breakfast for the grads the next day, also at cost to families.

Literacy: Staff shared best practices tonight at the staff meeting to help carry over some of the PD our Primary teachers have been able to be a part of into our J/I classes. This involves developing from a "phonics" focus in Primary to more of a "word study" focus in J/I to expand on vocabulary and spelling/writing skills.

Math: next PLC is mid April to review formative assessment data and determine the success of small group math instruction practices and "Building Thinking Classrooms" PD, as well as to introduce some new resources such as Knowledgehook (allows for differentiation and data tracking_ and Math Menus (also allows for differentiation and in particular provides opportunity for extensions.

Clintar landscaping was here last week to review Spring site work. Two dead trees to be removed, Gaga ball pit installed, jumping pit tilled. Cost of grading track is \$1000. Council approval?

Financial Report: Sherri Cicirello

Fundraising Report: Megan Bender

Booster Juice: Snack size smoothies \$5.00 (grade 3 up), Kids size (grade 2 and under) \$4.00. We get 10%.

Make it Sow Fundraiser - Completely sold out and did not have enough staff to complete the order.

Motions:

Council voted to spend \$1000 of school yard enhancement funds to have the track tilled, scraped, and re-graded.

New/Open Business

- May 3rd: Ice Cream Social 2-3pm Melissa Mackenzie and Megan Bender have volunteered to help if needed
- May 29th Track and Field: Popcorn and freezies sales (will need volunteers)
- Ice cream sale June 16th (bring a toonie)]
- Spring Fling committee: raffle baskets, food options, events and activity centres, parents/staff versus older students baseball game
- June 8th Spring Fling (will need volunteers)
- Next spring fling committee meeting: next Tuesday April 11th 7pm at Melissa's house
- Staff thank you lunch

Next Meeting: Monday, May 1st, 6-7pm

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm by Melissa Mackenzie.