

Toniata Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2022

Parent Attendees:

Dana Pearce (Chair)
Danielle St. John (Secretary)
Dana LaRock (Treasurer/Fundraising)
Rob Shannon
Christina Covey-Shannon
Natalie Aitken
Doug Ault
Jessica Moore
Jennifer Demchuk

Toniata Representative:

Tania Stover (Principal)
Kaitlyn Robertson (Teacher)

Guest Attendees :

No.	Item	Speaker
1.	Welcome/Attendance	Group
2.	Additions to the Agenda / Agenda Approval None other than additions below reports – agenda approved.	Group
3.	Minutes from Previous Meeting March minutes – Approved by Christina Covey-Shannon, Doug Ault.	Group
4.	Student & Teacher Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Kinders – hair salon, grocery store, learning about weather, ECE student Esther.B. Grade 1 – Mrs Leeder – graphic organizer, editing, final copy, illustrations, when complete will present to class.C. Mrs. Bryan – science, compost, bringing in worms – sending local items to friends up North.D. Mrs. Robertson - Descriptive writing, measurements, sound/light in science through experiments.E. Mrs Coe – autobiographies with Booster Juice fundraisers – visit from engineering partners later this month.F. Mrs VanWinckle – looking forward to getting outside.G. Mrs Reid – preparing for EQAO.H. Mme Lacroix – social learning, spring in the environment.I. Mr Kilgour – playing guitar with junior students.J. Schools were given the ok for field trips – wondering if any trips could be covered in part by council. Doug Ault motioned to provide the funds, seconded by Christina Covey-Shannon.K. Marathon club – students run laps each recess, when they hit milestones they receive tokens on a necklace. Could funds for the tokens and necklaces come	Kaitlyn Robertson

	from parent council? Rob Shannon motioned to provide the funds, seconded by Natalie Aitken. Unanimous vote to go forward.	
5.	Reports	
	A. Fundraising Update Plantables has started. Only 6 order so far. On facebook page, email home, and paper copy sent home. Will increase the presence on facebook.	Dana LaRock, Group
	B. Treasurer's Report \$6,628.14 available. Recess toy order has been put in. Mrs Ross assisted in taking an inventory. Ordered balls, volleyball net, shovels for primary yard.	Dana LaRock, Tania Stover
	C. Hot Lunch Update Cost for subs went up. Will leave current price for parents until we revisit in September. Online may go ahead next month for May and June. Will hold off on milk until September.	Natalie Aitken, Tania Stover
6.	UCDSB Dress Code Guidelines Board wide review of student dress code – looked at from an equity point of view. Can be focused more on female students, problematic for various cultures. Prior dress code at Toniata included things like length of shorts, width of shoulder straps. Would like to see that the new code does not interfere with safety or health of the student; is not promoting or symbolizing drugs, hate, violence etc. New proposed code has clear and inclusive language.	Tania Stover
7.	School Council Grant Money can be used to support a school council initiative that provides an opportunity for families to participate in a school community event.	Tania Stover
8.	Volunteers in school – must have vulnerable sector check – now that volunteers are allowed to come back in reminder of requirements. Could we put this on the facebook page for those who want to volunteer in the future.	Tania Stover
9.	Principal Report A. Dance instruction – May 16-20 - - Just waiting on a quote. Council approved up to \$1,500. All in favour. B. Booster juice fundraiser for hard cover books, starts April 13. C. Kinder registration/information session – can now do visits at the school. D. ECE from SLC – Esther – here until the end of April. E. Supporting two co-op students from TISS this semester. F. EQAO going ahead for grade 3 and 6. E-assessment format this year, no longer booklets. Window is May and June. Staff involved are learning the new format, organizing delivery. Sample assessments can be viewed by parents when posted on the EQAO site. G. Grade 6 leadership council – active and gathering in person. Led by Mrs VanWinkle and Mrs Reid – monthly schedule of hot lunch, assemblies, other opportunities to take on leadership roles.	Tania Stover
10.	Round Table / Miscellaneous Items A. How will the grade 6 student awards work this year? Tania Stover will bring this up at next staff meeting. B. Only two more parent council meetings left for this academic year. C. Student council report – usually presented by a student at parent council meeting. Perhaps for next meeting? Tania Stover will put request forth.	Group

11.	Next Meeting A. Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:30pm. B. Agenda to be sent out prior to meeting.	Group
9.	Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm	