

Toniata Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2021

Parent Attendees:

Dana Pearce
Liz Hynd
Natalie Aitken
Dana LaRock
Rob Shannon
Christina Shannon
Kelleyanne MacKenzie
Danielle St. John
Doug Ault
Jennifer Demchuk

Toniata Representative:

Tania Stover (Principal)
Julie Hunt (Teacher)

No.	Item	Speaker
1.	Welcome/Attendance	Group
2.	Additions to the Agenda / Agenda Approval No objections	Group
3.	Minutes from Previous Meeting Approved – by Natalie Aitken and Rob Shannon	Group
	Treasurer's Report No change	Dana LaRock
4.	Student & Teacher Update A. Kindergarten report – working on kindness and gratitude – introducing wellness Wednesdays – working on how to be a Terrific Tiger – cards for seniors – working on Heggerty (can divide the groups between jr and sr) – book and a bag program – math surveys, measurement – performing two songs for concert tomorrow B. Kaitlin Robertson grade ¾ - holiday letters for armed forces – using whits – holiday concert – math representing numbers in different ways – working on generosity C. Could posters be shared with parent council/posted on facebook page	Julie Hunt
4.	Principal Report A. Follow up from last meeting – parent teacher interviews – teachers make own judgement about ongoing communication – no interviews at this time – a teams meeting could be set up – reach out to teacher / Tania	Tania Stover

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. Follow up – alternating teacher representative Jan (J. Reid), Feb (D. VanAsseldonk), Mar (M. Coe), Apr (K. Robertson), May (T. Kilgour), June (S. Van Winkle). C. Classrooms – jr team – involved in indigenous inquiry, literacy based, involved in webinars – inquiry question about Toniata village that the school is named after – information on Toniata website D. Classrooms – posters – focus on mental health across the board, School mental health ontario – resource for teachers, help build wellness in students – seeing, thinking about, and naming feelings E. Director’s Annual Report (for 2020-2021) – Toniata is featured for supplying cards to local seniors F. Continuation with COVID procedures – ongoing – daily screening, masking of all attendants (students/staff) inside school - - - Active screening will happen again after xmas break G. Thank you to volunteers to organized hot lunch, especially Natalie H. Fundraiser – going ahead this week – thank you to KelleyAnne – guidelines around fundraising, ie COVID procedures, acceptable use of funds I. Bullying awareness week – focus on whits – all classes spent time defining terrific tiger based on traits from Upper Canada School Board J. TUSK visit – promoting kindness, involvement of all K. Student involvement – grade 6 leadership council – no elected council, but have subcommittees where they can lead according to their interest – worked on spirit week with a different activity for each day – equity is important in spirit week - - - work with grade 5s to mentor for next year L. Had first assembly – focus on kindness – next assembly next Thursday theme is generosity M. Tony the elf is back N. Holiday concert – taping is tomorrow – each group will record separately, link will be shared with everyone O. Cards for seniors – funds provided to the school for a project – Sherry Leeder proposed the whole school make cards – approximately 200 cards created for seniors P. Questions for PHU, if there are any please forward to Tania Q. Calendars left over (about 75) – Tania checked with privacy officer, can be distributed with no issue – would council like to proceed?? Yes. R. Pro-grant – Jan 31 S. Back to school on January 4, 2021 T. Question – Christmas cookies on last day of school – discussion about possibility of continuing for this year – Sweet Life vs Wish Upon a Donut – motion brought forward by Rob Shannon that parent council fund the cookie, KelleyAnne seconded, all in favour – motion passed U. Question – electronic payment for hot lunch – would like to go forward – issues are not everyone signed up to family room for payment – parent council does not have access to data – Tania making sure it’s do-able at school – Tania and Natalie to meet outside of this meeting V. Anything but a back pack day – come up with a creative way to bring your school materials to school without using a backpack | |
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	<p>W. Question – rapid test going home at xmas – what are the rules, regulations – rapid antigen test kit will go home – 5 tests in each kit – instructions in a letter from the board and health unit – for ASYMPTOMATIC testing during the holiday period – completely voluntary – do not have to use them in order to return to school</p>	
5.	<p>Hot Lunch Update</p> <p>A. Natalie shared screen – cost – January order form will include gluten free – this option will be one dollar more- group agreed</p> <p>B. Pizza went up in price – keep cost per slice same for now - in the new year due to availability hot lunch will be on Wednesdays – make sure communication is clear to parents – no hot lunch first week back – Tania to ask Sharon about Big Brothers Big Sisters buying pizza for students in need – if that is not available we would support buying extra slices of pizza for those who need</p> <p>C. Liz Hynd able to help out with counting – thank you!</p> <p>D. Reminder to send out on facebook that hot lunch is this Friday, and in children’s announcements in the morning</p>	Dana Pearce / Group
6.	<p>Fundraising Update</p> <p>A. Donut campaign delayed, it will be a short turn around but hopefully successful. Post is up on facebook</p> <p>B. Idea to fundraising for certain areas in the school yard</p>	KelleyAnne Mackenzie/Group
8.	<p>Round Table</p> <p>A. QUESTION: For next meeting could we have a member from the board plus a member of the health unit? ANSWER: Tania will follow up.</p>	Group
9.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>A. January 11, 2021 at 6:30pm</p> <p>B. Agenda to be sent out week before meeting</p>	Group
10.	Meeting adjourned 8:37pm	