

Toniata Parent Council

Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2022

Parent Attendees:

Dana Pearce (Chair)
 Danielle St. John (Secretary)
 Dana LaRock (Treasurer/Fundraising)
 Rob Shannon
 Christina Covey-Shannon
 Doug Ault

Toniata Representative:

Tania Stover (Principal)
 Monique Coe (Teacher)

Guest Attendees :

| No. | Item | Speaker |
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| 1. | Welcome/Attendance | Group |
| 2. | Additions to the Agenda / Agenda Approval Additions below from Mrs Stover | Group |
| 3. | Minutes from Previous Meeting January minutes – Approved by Dana LaRock, Christina Covey-Shannon February minutes – Approved by Dana LaRock, Christina Covey-Shannon | Group |
| 4. | Student & Teacher Update A. Virtual Assembly, Black History month, winter outdoor activity day B. Intramurals with Mr McFadden class by class to stay within cohort C. Grade ¾ - 100 book reading challenge D. Grade 3 & 6's – after March break will start working on EQAO – will be virtual E. Mme Lacroix – poetry, healthy food F. Mrs Coe – working on autobiographies – will be hardcover bound and published – possibly doing Booster Juice fundraiser to cover cost | Monique Coe |
| 5. | Reports | |
| | A. Fundraising Update Will be going forward with Plantables fundraiser. | Dana LaRock, Group |
| | B. Treasurer's Report Nothing new to report. Approx \$5000 available. Mrs Stover reports the school is getting closer to putting in request for equipment with these funds. | Dana LaRock |
| | C. Hot Lunch Update Starting this week again. Counting went well – 3 people for counting. Mrs Stover will discuss going forward with online ordering with Natalie. | Tania Stover |
| 6. | Principal Report A. Gif or gif?? B. Hot lunch – online ordering; myfamilyroom online payment is in some schools, each school goes about this differently. | Tania Stover |

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| | <p>Most parents are signed up for myfamilyroom – can be used online or with an app. Some concerns from Mrs Stover – if people have difficulty myfamilyroom has troubleshooting assistance; must pay through paypal. Strongly recommend that the same form is used each month, keep the options simple. Have both systems in place so that parents may choose online and paper form; this creates a dual system which must be brought together to create one large order. Possibly use the remainder of April as a test month.</p> <p>C. Activities – dance instruction (Mr Bill previously) – staff were supportive of having another option (4 seasons, Love to Groove) – Dana will reach out to Katie Wilson (4 seasons) to start the process.</p> <p>D. COVID update – masks are now optional in kindergarten; daily screening remains.</p> <p>E. Safe and accepting school team – meet 3-4 times per year. Part of anti-bullying and inclusion planning. Next steps – put together a culture scan – are the children happy? Are children feeling excluded or bullied? There is a need for data for how comfortable kids feel at school. Also part of School Improvement and Equity Plan – goal for 100% of students to feel safe and accepted while at Toniata.</p> <p>F. Developing positive school culture – part of equity and inclusion – Toniata highlights – staff members can write a note to recognize positive contributions by students. Students have made positive comments about staff as well.</p> <p>G. Kindergarten registration is ongoing. Virtual information session April 13 2022; will be a teams webinar.</p> <p>H. Ms Robertson – recommending Marathon program; a recess activity which kids sign up for – kids do a lap around the yard, can track how far they run and set goals. This would be a school wide activity – looking for support from school council – will discuss at next meeting.</p> <p>I. Dress code – defer to next meeting.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Round Table / Miscellaneous Items A. Discussed above.</p> | Group |
| 8. | <p>Next Meeting A. Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:30pm. B. Agenda to be sent out prior to meeting.</p> | Group |
| 9. | <p>Meeting adjourned 7:43pm</p> | |