

# Toniata School Council: Meeting Minutes

**February 27 2023 – 6:30pm**

**Parent Attendees:**

Dana Pearce (Co-Chair)  
 Danielle St. John (Secretary)  
 Dana LaRock (Treasurer/Fundraising)  
 Natalie Aitken (Co-Chair)  
 Simone Roddick  
 Lyndsay Bigley  
 Nikki Guerin  
 Tara Chenier-Beach  
 Kelly Drury  
 Brianna Sudnik  
 Suzanne Rozalowsky  
 Ben MacNeil  
 The Meeks

**Toniata Representative:**

Tania Stover (Principal)  
 Jennifer Reid (Teacher)

**Guest Attendees:**

Micah (Student)

No.	Item	Speaker
1.	<b>Welcome/Attendance – thank you to parents for attending!!!!</b>	Group
2.	<b>Previous Meetings Minutes approval</b> – Approved by D. LaRock and N. Aitken. <b>New Agenda Items – None</b>	Group
3.	<p><b>Student Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Little Mermaid play preparation going on – stage crew sign up has been very popular, around 20 students have signed up.</li> <li>B. Sports – soccer, volleyball, basketball</li> <li>C. Math – working on fractions, angles, geometry, decimals</li> <li>D. Social studies – in groups talking about world problems and their implications, ie, earthquakes, overuse of plastics, Canada and global participation in these problems</li> <li>E. Building bridges with popsicle sticks and glue – tomorrow testing will occur to see who has built the strongest bridge – testing to be done by engineer</li> <li>F. Recess – playing lots of sports, snow soccer</li> </ul> <p><b>Teacher Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Kinders – registration is open, enrolment good for September – virtual info last week, visits to take place in May – working on journals, 3D math shapes, St Patrick’s Day theme</li> <li>B. Mrs Bryan – working on math, reading buddies, phonics, work on caring for last assembly</li> <li>C. Room 3 – journals, sentences, Black History month</li> <li>D. Mrs VanAsseldonk – solids, liquids and gases, Black History month, math unit on time and Canadian coins</li> <li>E. Mrs Van Winkle – building bridges, making groups for Real World Learning – bio blitz Mac Johnson questions, Black Canadians and contributions to STEM</li> <li>F. Mrs Reid – bridge building, black Canadians and their contributions to Canadian history, math fractions and angles, language – literacy circles, rotating novels, will start Pixar writing program and students will follow process to write their own short stories.</li> </ul>	Micah Morris Julie Hunt
4.	<b>Reports</b>	Group

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Fundraising – ideas for yearbook, calendar, things to do with Toniata’s legacy, raffle for gift baskets</li> <li>B. Finance – Defer to next meeting. No significant changes to report – only additions would be hot lunch money.</li> <li>C. Hot Lunch – Council thanks the volunteers – more parents are welcome any time – handing out on hot lunch days starts around 11, takes 30-40 mins total.</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Principal’s Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Black History Month – focusing more on contributions by Black Canadians to society</li> <li>B. Snow day at school – typically kids go into their classes, put away their things, go to the gym and get divided into 3 groups, usually JK-1, primary, and junior, have recess only in primary yard, average of 60 kids attend</li> <li>C. JK registration – open now – virtual info session was on Feb 22, in person open house is May 17 and then classroom visits will commence – this drives the spring staffing census</li> <li>D. Grade 6 transition – BCI and TISS had a virtual teams meeting together with grade 6 students – took questions</li> <li>E. Toniata additional support – Mrs Raison, a Queen’s teacher candidate and SLC student.</li> <li>F. TUSK – UCDSB elephant of kindness came to visit school</li> <li>G. Real world learning – two teachers and principal attended professional development – Ms Van Winkle’s class had a bio-blitz with Mac Johnson, Frontenac Arch Biosphere about “Who Lives Here?” – lost words project</li> <li>H. Mid year assessments – will inform the rest of instructional practice</li> <li>I. Safe and accepting school team – invited Community Safety officer for BPD, will visit junior classrooms to discuss safety</li> <li>J. Health unit nurse coming in to perform “glo-germ” event to promote hand hygiene</li> <li>K. EQAO – online format, for grades 3 and 6</li> </ul>	Mrs Stover
6.	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. PRO Grant – Successful in receiving grant!!! April 3, Community Panel event – OPP, Community Mental Health, Board Mental Health reps will be in attendance. Childcare will be provided by Brockville Blazers girls basketball members.</li> <li>B. Dance – Katie Wilson and Mr Diego from 4 Seasons – will teach each Wednesday during gym starting March 29 for 4 weeks.</li> <li>C. Junglesport – Mrs Stover will look into booking in the fall – taking cost into account – kids really enjoy this experience.</li> <li>D. Toniata Memorial Ornament – defer to next meeting.</li> <li>E. Spring BBQ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Large group discussion – good turn out from parents who would volunteer to help coordinate.</li> <li>2. Formerly yearly and was a community and school event.</li> <li>3. Ideas – cake walk, treasure hunt, book fair, outside events - - fire truck, Butcher shop for BBQ items – cotton candy, popcorn, vendors</li> <li>4. Grade 6 Leadership group could help plan games</li> <li>5. Tentative date June 7 – rain date June 8, 5-7pm</li> <li>6. BBQ Volunteer group, planning committee to be organized.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Group
7.	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. <b>March 27 2023 – 6:30 pm – Toniata Learning Commons</b></li> </ul>	Group