

Toniata School Council

Meeting Minutes

January 30 2023 – 6:30pm

Parent Attendees:

Dana Pearce (Co-Chair)
 Danielle St. John (Secretary)
 Dana LaRock (Treasurer/Fundraising) **Regrets**
 Natalie Aitken (Co-Chair)
 Mackenzie Deamude (Hot Lunch) **Regrets**
 Simone Roddick **Regrets**

Toniata Representative:

Tania Stover (Principal)
 Julie Hunt (Teacher)

Guest Attendees :

Kate Taylor (Student)

No.	Item	Speaker
1.	Welcome/Attendance	Group
2.	Previous Meetings Minutes approval – Approved by group New Agenda Items – None	Group
3.	<p>Student Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Focus on writing elements of stories, how to make spelling stronger (long and short vowels), science – learning force and structure, pulleys, levers, etc B. Art – learning how to make optical illusions C. Music – instruments – on day 3 music is in the gym, practicing scales, playing specific notes – were able to borrow flutes from BCI because there was so much interest D. Recess – everyone loves it, favourite part – like to help out with kinder duty and primary yard – favourite games are soccer, ball tag E. Basketball – grade 5 and 6, very excited – coaches are Mrs VanAsseldonk, Mrs Van Winkle – practicing in gym F. Little Mermaid play – all parts are filled – Mr Kilgour with Mrs Hunt and Mrs Van Winkle helping. Started choreography today, chorus, lots of fun so far G. Principal McRae (Equity and Inclusion) – learned that it’s ok to be different, having choices, friends, a good teacher, and interesting things to learn about – visible and invisible differences. Learned about stereotypes. <p>Teacher Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Mrs Hunt – concert was a success, all enjoyed being together, in person, at BCI. Adjusting well at being back. Busy getting assessments done. Starting the UFLI (University of Florida Learning Institute) – focusing on sounding out words, back to basics. Math – sequencing, mass, shapes. Dramatic play area was “school”. Winter play activities. Wellness Wednesday activities, “Bell Let’s Talk Day”. Valentine’s Day – lots of excitement, friendship lessons. 	Kate Taylor Julie Hunt

	<p>B. Mrs Bryan – Snow experiments – testing the cleanliness of snow (field snow vs pavement snow) – writing a story together, just starting the UFLI program – Chinese New Year discussion – lessons value of money</p> <p>C. Other teachers – report card writing, musical, Mrs Rennick is moving to TISS for the intermediates (her last day is tomorrow Jan 31) – Ms Carruthers will fill this spot until a position is filled (has supplied at Toniata in the 3,4 class before). Mr Batu is back after 6 weeks in India – the kids are so happy to have him back. Thank you Mr. Mallette for filling in.</p>	
4.	<p>Reports</p> <p>A. Fundraising – Plantables – one school already doing a fundraiser for plants – product was good but process and concept are not as attractive to potential customers.</p> <p>B. Finance – Discussed current balance, money out. Biggest expense was cookies for holiday celebration.</p> <p>C. Hot Lunch – Dana is delivering the subs. Tallying is difficult as some parents are still paying cash – even the online is very time consuming. Children are enjoying very much!!</p>	Group
5.	<p>Principal's Report</p> <p>A. School profile has been updated on UCDSB site – contains all the data about Toniata</p> <p>B. Career week for skilled trades April 24-28.</p> <p>C. Report cards are being worked on at this time – going home Feb 16.</p> <p>D. Triple P workshops – consider hosting</p> <p>E. Feb is Black History month – each class will be doing something to recognize Black Canadians and their contributions to society and country.</p> <p>F. JK registration is now open, Feb 22, virtual session</p> <p>G. May 17 is in person open house – evening – could a rep for parent council be present to talk to new parents about joining parent council</p> <p>H. Grade 6 transition to grade 7 – high schools are registrations are due soon after – in person, high schools will work together to talk about the benefits and offerings of both schools</p> <p>I. Safe and Accepting schools – presentation by Dan MacRae, small survey done</p> <p>J. Big focus on real world learning – connecting learning to real careers in the community – Mrs Hunt and Mrs Reid going for training.</p> <p>K. Basketball tournament will be Monday Feb 13 at BCI. Do the kids have jerseys? Or Toniata wear? Mrs Stover will check.</p>	Mrs Stover
6.	<p>New Business</p> <p>A. PRO Grant – submitted – response received by Mrs Stover. Theme – virtual safety, safe play online. We have now been asked to provide an itemized breakdown of how the funds will be used. ie information night for parents. Try to time the event for beginning of April. Natalie will reach out to resources re child care opportunities.</p> <p>B. Junglesport/Dance possibilities – dance would work better, one day per week x4 weeks, possibly Wednesdays from end of March for 4 weeks? Dana will ask Katie – For next meeting – Could Junglesport could be considered for the fall?</p> <p>C. Toniata Memorial Ornament – move forward for next meeting. Pre orders only preferred.</p>	Group

	<p>D. Spring BBQ – Community BBQ. Message to be sent out before next meeting, in newsletter, asking for parent volunteers otherwise will not be able to happen.</p> <p>E. Tutoring – was very successful – on hold at this time but hope to resume early spring, however, there is a reading program (Empower) that will help some of those same students. The School Board (who will report to the Ministry) gets updates on each school’s success with the program.</p>	
7.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>A. February 27 2023 - 630pm – Toniata Learning Commons</p>	Group