

Toniata School Council

Meeting Minutes

March 27 2023 – 6:30pm

Parent Attendees:

Dana Pearce (Co-Chair)
 Danielle St. John (Secretary)
 Dana LaRock (Treasurer/Fundraising)
 Natalie Aitken (Co-Chair) *(Regrets)*
 Simone Roddick
 Tara Chenier-Beach
 Matthew Meeks

Toniata Representative:

Tania Stover (Principal)

Guest Attendees:

Zoe Laushway (Student)
 Lauren Synnott (Student)

No.	Item	Speaker
1.	Welcome/Attendance –	Group
2.	Previous Meetings Minutes approval – Approved by S. Roddick and D. LaRock New Agenda Items – None	Group
3.	Student Report A. Grade 3-6, Little Mermaid, practice over recess and lunchtime recess. B. Handball tryouts grade 5-6, tournament at BCI in April. C. Dust pan award given to the neatest classroom. D. Toniata yard – very large – gives students lots of opportunities at recess, sports, activities. E. Grade 6 council – many opportunities for leadership. F. Real world learning project – designing outside classroom. G. Things students can work on would be being more quiet in halls and keeping halls tidy. H. At Toniata we are great at being friends and helping each other out. I. We love Toniata because of its big yard, amazing and kind staff, monthly awards, delicious and healthy snacks.	Zoe Laushway Lauren Synnott
4.	Reports A. Fundraising – Junglesport for one week is approximately \$4,000 – must fundraise to support this. Ideas for Fudgery/Cowans for Easter fudge. Big box of cards – former good seller – can start April 28, close May 19 – profit margin \$11.00 per box. Dana to meet with company to go over details. Prizes for best sellers. Other ideas - - - - Frito Roastery – Kemptville – coffee – Dana LaRock will look into for the fall. Rain barrels – company from Hamilton, cost is approximately \$60 per rain barrel, school makes approximately \$10 per barrel. B. Finance – \$4373 balance, only change is hot lunch (over \$1,000 left from fundraisers from a few years ago- these should be used ASAP).	Group

	<p>C. Hot Lunch – for next year could the order forms be sent out for multiple months at a time? Approximately half of parents still order by paper. Suggestion to put the instructions for myfamilyroom on the back of the order form so parents have specific instructions in front of them.</p>	
5.	<p>New/Old Business</p> <p>A. Online panel safety questions – event at Toniata April 3 – do we have specific questions that we would like to ask any of the panelists, for example – Recommended age for using social media apps, common apps, media smarts for use, how to manage as a parent when other students have an app to avoid exclusion? How do we know what to look for to protect our kids? Is there a recommendation for parental controls, ie SpyControl or Net Nanny. Panelists will be from RNJ Youth Services, Victims Services, Mental Health Lead at School Board, Brockville Police, School Superintendent.</p> <p>B. Spring BBQ Community Event Fundraiser</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. June 7, rain date June 8 2. Trevor will organize cake walk. 3. Fire truck confirmed. 4. Police car – Lyndsay Bigley confirming. 5. Book fair - Danielle will organize, Matthew offered to pick up and deliver if needed. 6. BBQs – Jenn Caldwell and Tara Chenier-Beach looking into – preference to get the BBQ and meat all in one place. 7. Gift Baskets – Tara Chenier Beach – 7 classrooms, will assign theme to each classroom, will suggest gift ideas for each basket. 8. Tania to invite our trustee, will see if TUSK can come to event. 9. Lyndsay Bigley offered to help with marketing and promoting event. 10. Simone offering to take on the organizing of volunteers. Will ask Swiss Chalet about donating napkins and condiments. Drinks/chips from Costco? Big Freezies?? 11. Community Involvement grant - \$500. 12. Natalie to look into Notice of Community Event. <p>C. Flowers for musical director (Trevor) and Sara and Julie for helpers – Dana will send out in an email for approval – all at meeting approve.</p>	N. Aitken
6.	<p>Principal's Report</p> <p>A. Today Hand Washing with the primary kids (JK to Grade 4) – Health Unit came in with Glo Germ.</p> <p>B. Tutoring update – up and running with Mrs. Raison but will end March 31.</p> <p>C. Internet Safety – student session was March 7, Constable Dedekker came in, grades 4-6, had partner from Children’s mental Health- good response from kids.</p> <p>D. Handball started up today.</p> <p>E. Dance instruction starting this week, each Wednesday, for 4 weeks.</p> <p>F. Little Mermaid performances – performances for Toniata, other schools, and the public.</p> <p>G. Little Mermaid Posters finished – beautiful!!!!</p>	T. Stover

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">H. Math/reading assessments – mid year to gauge where students are now compared to fall.I. Real world learning – Mrs Reid’s class – outdoor learning space; Mrs VanWinkle – Frontenac Arch Biosphere.J. Art (bus driver) is retiring – kids will make a card, last day Friday.	
7.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Monday, April 24 2023 - 630pm – Toniata Learning Commons	Group