

## Toniata School Council

### Meeting Minutes

**September 26 2023– 6:30pm**

**Parent Attendees:**

Dana Pearce  
 Danielle St. John (community member)  
 Dana LaRock  
 Natalie Aitken  
 Tara Chenier-Beach  
 Kendra Atkins  
 Val Routledge (regrets)

**Toniata Representative:**

Tania Stover (Principal)  
 Julie Hunt (Teacher)

**Guest Attendees:**

No.	Item	Speaker
1.	<b>Welcome/Attendance</b>	Group
2.	<b>Previous Meetings Minutes approval</b> – approved by group <b>New Agenda Items</b> – See below	Group
3.	<b>Elections</b> <i>Co-Chair</i> – Dana Pearce <i>Co-Chair</i> – Natalie Aitken <i>Treasurer</i> – Dana LaRock <i>Secretary</i> – Danielle St John <i>Members at Large</i> – Tara Chenier-Beach, Kendra Atkins, Val Routledge (nominated by Natalie A.)	Group
4.	<b>Teacher Report</b> A. Start up to the year went well – surreal knowing this is the last “beginning of the year” B. Lots of things are new – times, schedules, classes C. Assessments – DIBELS – making literacy groups D. Open house, fire drills, Terry Fox	J. Hunt
5.	<b>Reports</b> A. Fundraising – discuss at next meeting B. Finance – \$1200 total to go to Mr. Kilgour for music/theatre program – approved last year – <b>All remain in favour</b> C. Hot Lunch – start with pizza only and online ordering only – raising cost of one slice to \$3.25 from \$2.50 – cost per pizza has gone up – notice to go out to parents. <b>All in favour.</b> Hot lunch day will remain on Wednesday.	
6.	<b>New/Old Business</b> A. See other reports	Group
7.	<b>Principal’s Report</b> A. Jungle sport – unsure if will happen, Tania to follow up	Tania Stover

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B. Rocks and Rings program – learn to curl, done in gym, sponsored by Egg Council of Ontario - \$235 per day plus travel – Tania will contact them – try for November</li> <li>C. 4 Seasons Dance – attempt to book them again this year</li> <li>D. This year’s musical “Finding Nemo” – May 6-9</li> <li>E. For end of year - Possible school reunion/BBQ – need small effective organizing committee that reports back to parent council</li> <li>F. Literacy and numeracy is huge board focus – using baseline assessments to figure out where students land – once data is compiled gaps are addressed</li> <li>G. Have a learning team (4 staff – 2 literacy and 2 math)</li> <li>H. Mrs Hunt now teaching 1/2 class, Jen Reid is now spec ed, Ryan McFadden now 5/6</li> <li>I. Orange shirt day on Friday</li> <li>J. Photo retakes Oct 6</li> <li>K. Cross country, first meet next week</li> <li>L. Soccer just started</li> <li>M. Milk orders underway and submitted</li> <li>N. Weekender program info sent in newsletter and by email – small group of parents responded</li> <li>O. Open house was success</li> <li>P. Terry Fox ongoing</li> <li>Q. 1 secondary school co-op student (half day), next week have 3 teacher candidates from Queen’s in older grade classes</li> <li>R. New school update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) On schedule – windows going in next</li> <li>b) Name of school yet to be determined</li> <li>c) Transition team working hard to make this a positive experience for all involved – Mrs Stover and Mrs Stone ensuring communication is the same for both schools</li> <li>d) Family fall fair Oct 11 (rain date Oct 12) 4-6pm at St Lawrence park – will be BBQ and activities – free event – shuttle being offered from both schools</li> <li>e) Board is working with STEO to determine busing; parents will receive emails to choose either new school or new boundary school – this is done by the planning department – open houses will happen at Vanier and Westminster so eligible parents can make an informed choice</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>A. <b>Tuesday October 24, 2023 – 6:30pm, Toniata Learning Commons</b></p>	Group