

Toniata School Council
Meeting Minutes
October 24 2023– 6:30pm

Parent Attendees:

Dana Pearce (Co-Chair) **Regrets**
Danielle St. John (Secretary)
Dana LaRock (Treasurer)
Natalie Aitken (Co-Chair)
Tara Chenier-Beach
Kendra Atkins
Val Routledge

Toniata Representative:

Tania Stover (Principal)
Trevor Kilgour (Teacher)

Guest Attendee(s):

Owen Ferguson (Student)

No.	Item	Speaker
1.	Welcome/Attendance/Introductions	Group
2.	Previous Meetings Minutes approval – approved by group New Agenda Items – None	N. Aitken
3.	<p>Student Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Sports – soccer, cross country B. Play auditions starting soon, many students signed up so far – cast and stage crew C. Possible Halloween dance coming up D. Activity for naming the new school, some good names brought forth E. Student Teacher provided education regarding brain science and screen time; teaching coding; many students in training at Toniata right now <p>Teacher Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Mrs Bryan – science of reading; song unit about Brockville B. Mrs Hunt – working on UFLI, magnetic letters, cookie sheets, progress with struggling readers, student presentations, mini science unit on pumpkins, partnering with Mr McFadden’s class regarding computer program Knowledge Hook (math program) C. Mrs Hawkins – place values, formal letters, working to keep personal effects (toys, stuffies etc) at home D. Mrs Coe – coding using Scratch Jr program, graphic novels that tie in with habitat learning E. Mrs Van Winckle – robotic program, building robots will be animated F. French – working on reading G. Music – primary classes; Remembrance Day songs, Christmas material – junior classes; instrumental classes, some grade 4’s excelling H. Play – auditions mid-November 	Owen Ferguson Trevor Kilgour
5.	<p>Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Fundraising – is there a need? Possible fundraiser for yearbook for all?? Stuffed Tiger?? - - - It was decided to do a cheese fundraiser before Christmas – Dana L. will get the ball rolling – Tara and Val have volunteered to assist. ??? Prize for highest selling class. 	

	<p>B. Finance – funds confirmed transferred for last year’s musical, individual classes will have a deadline for claiming \$150 miscellaneous class fund earmarked by end of October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5,028.80 were our total expenses last year • \$7,470.00 current balance <p>C. Hot lunch – Megan Lysko, Val can help; request for monthly calendar for families with due dates, hot lunch dates etc so parents have notice</p>	
6.	<p>New/Old Business</p> <p>A. School activities – Rocks and Rings 1 day (approx. \$350-\$400), Four Seasons dance 1 day per week x4 weeks (approx. \$1700-\$2000) --- group approved these funds set aside.</p> <p>B. End of year Reunion/BBQ – Reunion is going ahead – tentative June date; organizing committee to be formed; joint adventure between school and community; important to recognize the impact of the school to the community over the years</p> <p>C. New school update – transition team meeting; two children from each school present, staff members, parents in attendance; another meeting Nov 2 to map out activities throughout the year Naming process – had to meet criteria set out by naming committee - - two names are Swift Waters Elementary and Island Park Elementary – this has been sent back to families for voting, will have more info next meeting; surveys went out re school choice; fall event went well</p> <p>D. Proposal in new bell times – proposal to adjust bell times for elementary and secondary times; would be initiated at next school year - - the recommendations and information will be shared at School Council Meeting, possibly December</p>	Group
7.	<p>Principal’s Report</p> <p>A. Sign ups for Finding Nemo</p> <p>B. Dates on calendar for Holiday concert – December 7</p> <p>C. February 15 concert – joint Primary Toniata and Commonwealth concert</p> <p>D. UC Cup (Cross Country) – lots of kids from Toniata, good showing</p> <p>E. Fire drills – BFD came with truck, presentations in junior classes</p> <p>F. Lockdown drill, two per year; one done with police who assist with drill</p> <p>G. Soccer in progress, FOY tournament November 2 (grades 5-6)</p> <p>H. Halloween information to go home</p> <p>I. Remembrance Day info has gone home</p> <p>J. Student climate survey – 8 questions for kids regarding their experience at school; results become part of school plan</p> <p>K. Safe and accepting schools team – meets 4 times per year; includes 1 teaching member, 1 non-teaching member, 1 community member, 1 student and principal</p>	Tania Stover
8.	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>A. Tuesday December 5th, 2023 – 6:00pm, Toniata Learning Commons</p>	Group