



Tiffany Hills Elementary School

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School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 22, 2024

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<p>Co Chairs- Andrea Hitchcock & Fatema Bhabrawala</p>	<p>Welcome and Land Acknowledgement Review and Approval of Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved with 1 amendment (add Makarim as Member at Large/Voting Member • Motion to approve: 1st Krishna Patel, 2nd Ayaan Ali. Approved unanimous. <p>Review and Approval of current Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve: 1st Hillay Nabi-Shaikh, 2nd Andrea Hitchcock. No new items to add.
<p>Business from previous meeting</p>	<p>Set meeting dates for entire school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ November 19 ○ January 21 ○ February 18 ○ April 15 ○ May 20 <p>*all meetings will begin at 6:30pm</p>
<p>Principal's Report-</p>	<p>Presented by: Mrs. Ria McNicholls-Ramrattan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since last meeting, school completed re-org. Sent out a communication to families using School Messenger. - Meet the Staff Night took place on September 20th. - Had a few teachers go on leave. We have occasional teachers in a few classes: grade 5, 2, and 8 classes and kinder and upcoming leaves for an LRT and the grade 5/6 teacher.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- We have had one fire drill. According to secure school procedures, need to have 3 fire drills first term and 3 in second, 2 lockdown.- Photo Day Oct 29, retake day November 26- Fri Nov 1 PD Day - no school for students.- November 4 school bus safety assembly K-8 not just for kids who ride bus daily, for all since we do field trips using school buses. Sharing safety expectations when riding.- Nov 19 report cards will go out.- If student wrote EQAO last year, might have already received reports, but it will go out on Nov 19 (These kids would be in gr 4 and 7 now).- Teacher family interviews Nov 21 – starting 3:50pm - 150 min block. Nov 22 in morning or afternoon.- Nov 22 - PD Day so no school for students, but family/teacher interviews will take place.- Parking lot on side of school is very congested. Sent out messages to families requesting that they do not come into the lot, but some people still come in. There's no one patrolling or blocking before 9am, so this is when these families are pulling into the lot. We are encouraging families to park on streets, however if someone comes in before 9am we are not asking them to leave.- EQAO: Grade 3 had 63 students last year, math results about the same as last year ~ 68% achieved level 3 or 4. Grade 3 reading results were 78% achieved level 3 or 4. Grade 3 writing 75% achieved level 3 or 4. Grade 6 Math went up a little from last year to 60% of students achieving level 3 or 4. Grade 6 reading was the same as last year with 86% and 93% for writing. 62 grade 6
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	<p>students last year. Now that we have these results, looking at school improvement plan. November 1st PD Day Suzie will be leading the School Improvement portion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have to submit school fundraising plan to Superintendent by Oct 31. Anticipated revenue last year was ~\$135K. Anticipated costs were ~75K. \$59, 365 to spend in school. Using the same numbers this year. Out of the school budget bought technology – another 30 laptops for intermediate. Also gym equipment (lacrosse). This year looking for different equipment to engage students. Also will be buying outdoor play equipment which includes equipment for Kindergarten. Would like to purchase library books. Put some money towards indigenous garden in front of school (set aside money to maintain the garden). Also will use the funds towards, Grade 8 commencement trip, school enhancements and Kindergarten pen shade.
<p>Teacher’s Report-</p>	<p>Presented by Principal Ria McNicholls-Ramrattan on behalf of Ashley Buligan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moccasin Identifier Assembly, \$1100 for grades 1-8 - Volleyball, swimming, have begun - Spirit Wear order forms will be going out Oct 28, not mandatory to buy - Over 100 kids in cross country this year – wrapped up now. - Terry Fox Run was a success - Remembrance Day assembly will be in November - Big Box of Cards Fundraiser ends this Friday (Oct 25) - Halloween Dance Oct 31



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nutrition program: school funding \$40 every 2 weeks to buy apples. Bushell from Bennetts - school price. - Food and beverage days can have 10. We have scheduled 9.
<p>Treasurer's Report- Krishna Patel</p>	<p>Presented by Krishna Patel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pizza: collected \$14 641 for October to December. Out of that reserve \$9900 and have \$4700 left for council to allocate. - Angel Fund \$450 rolled over from last year \$590 donated this year – so \$1040 for school. - Currently we have \$4700 we usually over budget for pizza so may have \$5000 to allocate. - Principal: Reminder there is \$500 sitting in school account for parent engagement. Have to spend by end of year. Could use this for the banner as this would foster parent engagement.
<p>Chair's Report-</p>	<p>Presented by Andrea Hitchcock and Fatema Bhabrawala</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introducing sub-committees. Walked through what is important to the council. It would build confidence in what you enjoy doing and how you can contribute. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Pizza Day (led by Andrea) o Sponsorship/ Fundraising o Gardening o Social media – Lucy had said she would start our Instagram account.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Spring Fling -able to have reps from School Council be at that decision table right from the start. Everyone would volunteer and help but core committee.○ Passing around sheet for ppl to sign up. Hope is each Head of Committee can provide updates. Discussions will be conducted outside of meetings, present progress at the meetings.- Situation on the FB posting about selling t-shirts. This was a scam. Due to this, from now on, if anyone wants to post must be approved by admin.- Additional food day: Ashley suggested lunchbox. It's through School Cash Online, it abides by school rules. Parents would just sign into school cash online and select lunch option and pay. They provide Hamilton providers we can discuss which ones. You sign in, Lunchbox opens, you click what you want. We choose what it is. Parents buy it. Need someone from School Council to head up and divide food on that day. Ashley said students can help deliver it to classrooms. Monthly to start and then see if we increase frequency.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Parent question what options are – Fatema will gather more info and send.○ Wouldn't do subs as teacher's running Andy's Sub Days.○ Need to determine what our price point is.○ Need person to be here 2 hours at second break to distribute.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hillay volunteered to lead, Ayaan volunteered to help out – likely Thursday once a month for 2 hours. Cassidy wants to help too. So does Laura for stuff outside of school hours. ○ Parent question - concerns around Pita Pit and wants to know if other schools did and which businesses they used. Andrea said we can change it up and try different things and determine what works for us. ○ Suzie asked will they have halal veg options etc Fatema said yes variety of school approved options. - Projection for subs is \$5K if we continue with once a month. - Another fundraising idea for spring: preorganized Macmillans. Parent question – can we plan for December? No because teachers have one. We are looking at the spring now, teachers planned over the summer. - Teachers are doing Big Box of cards, candy grams, poinsettias, DJ dance, Halloween and winter dance. - We are looking at spring for next fundraiser. Allan soaps wants to put forward proposal. Sub committees are important for this. - Spirit wear is coming up. Most fundraisers end by December for teachers. - Krispy Kreme idea - have to be approved by school board for one of those 10 days. Could piggy back on one of the dance dates to have Krispy Kreme - Oct 31, Dec 18, Feb 14, May 15 Spring Fling, May 23, 30, June 5, 13, 20 – freezies, other fun stuff. If we have pick up on one of these days can do something like Krispy Kreme.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tastebuds Funding: no funding yet, we are still on wait list. Hillay will continue to follow up. Hillay will look into Presidents Choice and/or Breakfast Clubs of Canada as alternatives. - Pizza day starts tomorrow. Starting gluten free for 9 families 3 or 4 pizzas. Couple kids tried it and liked it. Pizza orders are on track to last year. Pizza usually picks up and grows too as the year goes on. - Gardening: we want to support Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Russell and work on it through summer. Parent volunteered Abiodum. - Ayaan Ali banner update: Ayaan shared mockup she created. Waiting for Lucy to make insta so she can add QR codes to FB and insta. Looked at ancaster meadow banner 'participate make a difference' 'family and community coming together to make a difference.' Want to make it usable for everything we do. Need to mention school too, it's a partnership. Ayaan will send picture and then we will decide what it should say. Cost \$210-220 up to 250. Comes with stand. Vista print. Faded picture of kids. Stock photo. - School Council Start Up Dinner Meeting: Jan 14th at 6pm to 7:30pm. Suzie went to the October one, good way to network and see what other School Council's are doing. - Andrea and Fatema will send out Sub-Committees list so everyone can create their own Whatsapp groups and bring updates to next meeting.
New Business	Vote for funding apples - \$40 every 2 weeks for a bushel. \$700 for remainder – approved.



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	We haven't hit maximum voting numbers, so we can vote in new voting members. Laura and Melissa voted in as voting members. Cassidy will be member at large (non voting).
Next Meeting Date	November 19, 2024: 6:30pm <ul style="list-style-type: none">On agenda for next meeting 'business from previous meeting' will be fundraising. Allan Soaps will talk about idea for spring fundraising. Allan soaps will send email options for spring ahead of meeting.