



Tiffany Hills Elementary School

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School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: November 19, 2024

Attendees: Ria McNicholls-Ramrattan, Suzie Pierre, Ashley Buligan, Andrea Hitchcock, Fatema Bhabrawala, Krishna Patel, Hilla Nabi-Shaikh Makarim Siralkhatim, Cassidy Allan, Lucy Feng, Louise Young, Trang Dam, Melissa Pistolkers, Laura Varga.

<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"> Motion to approve: 1st Lucy Feng, 2nd Melissa Pistolkers. Approved unanimous. <p>Review and Approval of current Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve: 1st Krishna Patel, 2nd Lucy Feng. No new items to add. <p>Business from previous meeting: N/A</p>
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<p>Principal's Report-</p>	<p>Ria McNicholls-Ramrattan and Suzie Pierre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since last meeting in October Progress Report Cards were sent home, and EQAO results for grades 3 and 6 went home. Educator/Family Interviews will be this Thursday and Friday. Remembrance Day Assembly – whole school in gym, Nov 11. Working on school improvement plan (numeracy, literacy, well-being). November 14 and 15 CCAT test for grade 4's took place (used to determine gifted placement etc). Grade 6 trips upcoming: Crawford Lake trip and Warplane Museum. Ashley and Ria completed the application for Parents Reaching Out Funding - \$1000. Money will be used for dual language books for library. November 6: we had students from grade 8 go to Ancaster High for a 'Day in the Life'. Ancaster High School has invited families of grade 7/8 students for tomorrow at 6pm.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Schools Certification: would like to submit application on behalf of school (due Nov 29). It is a Canada wide certification for the building, would be led by Student Council with support from school and community. Need a parent volunteer to work with the teachers, students, community. Point system and by May you receive either gold, silver, or bronze certification. First step is to form a team and then look at initiatives in the building that can support a healthy school. Team would then develop an action plan, implement, and hold a celebration in May. Need volunteers for December to May, likely would meet at the school every 2 weeks. Ria will email more info. Hillay may be able to volunteer depending on time commitment during working hours.
Teacher's Report-	<p>Ashley Buligan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erica Gocentas and Mary McGillis started a checkers team. Training has started. • Backpacks of Joy flyer went home. Last few years we did Holiday Hamper which supported a family in the community. This year, there is a school in Hamilton that has asked for support, so we will help with Backpacks of Joy initiative. Each grade was assigned a different type of item to donate (ie backpacks, books, school supplies). Ashley requested that Andrea post on FB. All the donations will be sorted by Student Council, put into backpacks and donated to the students at the noted school. • Chef a L'Ecole – Erica Zucker asking for \$1000 from Council. She applied for a grant and got \$500 through that grant. Still looking into other grants. So ask has gone down from 1500 to 1000. Goal is to keep costs down for parents. All grade 4-8 students will be participating- last year was just trial. Last year they had a



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	<p>cancellation and we squeezed in – high energy – they get booked by September. French songs, cooking. They stay in one room, classes come to them. Grades 4-8 so all our French learners. Total cost is over \$4000. Last year per student would have been \$12 per student, but parents only paid \$6 thanks to what Council covered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Question: How do we supplement programs. How do we decide what programs to subsidize and what is expectation for parents how do parents know that all kids will be participating? Response: Teachers present to Council what they would like funding for. The ask comes from the school, Council does not drive which program. Teachers decide what activities kids will participate in. We have an approved list of vendors/organizations we know school board supports. If it's coming home the hope is that everyone will want to participate.• Parent Question: Is there a fund for parents that can't afford? Response: Angel Fund. Andrea will post on FB to explain what the Angel Fund is. It is accessed by the school as they know the families that need support. Laura asked if we can advertise that you can get a tax receipt? Ria confirmed if someone donates through the Board but notes they want it allocated to Tiffany Hills, Board would distribute accordingly. Has to go through Hamilton Foundation – can drop off the cheque to the office at the school, but needs to be made out to the Foundation.• Poinsettias Fundraiser, under way, pick up is next week.• Mrs. Bosma is doing Candygrams – cashless this year – must pay through SchoolCash Online. Will be candycanes.• Parent Question: Do all the teachers use the same form of communication with parents for examples Instagram? Response: No – each teacher uses tool they are comfortable with.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Question: Does Tiffany Hills have an Instagram account? Answer: No, school does not have any social media. • Upcoming Winter Dance, other choices for students who don't want to participate in dance (games room, movie room). • Lots of Spirit Days coming up. Last week before holiday break will include a Spirit Day, Winter Dance on the last Wednesday before holidays, potentially holiday concert on the Friday. Thursday may be Joy Day. • Joy Day: students pick 3 activities and rotate, meeting new friends and doing new activities. Kinders spend 20 minutes in each room. We need lots of supplies if there is any money left to allocate, would appreciate for Joy Day supplies. • Spring Fling is May 15th, 2025. Ashley has emailed Lottery License people, but has not heard back yet.
<p>Treasurer's Report- Krishna Patel</p>	<p>Krishna Patel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October: \$15153 received for pizza. This will be used across 9 pizza days. Total last week after 4 pizza days was \$11642, need to subtract \$5500 for next 5 pizza days. Also need to set aside money allocated for apples (\$160 for remainder of the year until December – Ria noted will be less as she did not order for one week). Left with approximately \$5800 to allocate.
<p>Chair's Report-</p>	<p>Andrea Hitchcock and Fatema Bhabrawala</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Lunch box program' – Fatema reached out to Frank Panabaker contact, has not heard back yet for more info. Laura's school looked into it and only offered subs and pizza which would not work for us as we already have these. Ashley got an email from Lawfield where the Home and School runs it. Their review included <i>'my thoughts are prices are higher than getting your own vendor.'</i>

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	<p>Pro is that it is easy to distribute - assigned to classes then everything individually labeled. Volunteer gave it 9/10 for ease. When did subs separately was half the price. They used it for Harveys, east side, wok bok, pita pit. Noted that portions could be very small (east sides).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Better to replicate pizza model with our own vendors. Start January/February. Not through lunchbox. Explore some of the mentioned vendors and reach out on our own directly.• Sub-Committee Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fundraising Committee: Proposed 'winter eco market' will push and align with Earth Day. Ask families to donate a new unused item. Then parents buy money online, then child comes to gym to buy stuff. Promoting financial literacy. Week of April 22nd. Melissa noted her school does this shortly after Christmas because people get stuff they don't want – like this idea – will explore for Jan/Feb.- Cassidy didn't get added in to the sub-committee she signed up for. Fatema will add her going forward.- Still on the waitlist for TasteBuds funding. Hillay looked into Breakfast clubs of Canada and asked questions around how the funding can be used (ie timing of 'breakfast'). Hillay will apply. Presidents' Choice no longer open applications – website notes that schools must be emailed directly from President's Choice in order to apply. Hillay has reached out to understand what the criteria is for a school to get contacted.• Pizza Day Committee: Going really well. Next round January to March – entire time except March Break. Cash online will be open from Dec 2 to Dec 20 to order. Also going to be putting gluten free
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	<p>up online. It's done pretty well not making us any money but allowing kids to participate. Both gluten-free and regular will go in one form. Just cheese for gluten free as only 9 students participating.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spring Fling Committee:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Last year Allan Soaps did a table at Spring Fling. Idea for this year is that we offer tables for purchase. Charge the vendors for a table, and promote them on our flyer. 700 students so lots of reach. If we charged per table, would not take percentage of sales. Not sure how much we would charge – will determine soon. Allan Soaps gave us around \$117 last year 25% back (percentage of sales). Cassidy shared perspective that most vendors won't pay more than 50\$ for a table.- Andrea looking for more people to join Spring Fling Committee.- May 15 finalized date.- Food trucks: Andrea asked Louise if she can reach out to the food trucks from last year and will add Louise to committee. Can't have propane outside of truck Ria confirmed – inside the truck is ok. Louise said Optimus Club is an option to look into, but they might cook outside of their truck. Louise will look into a few. Amy booked ice cream trucks last year. 2 ice cream trucks and 2 food trucks. Ria will reach out to Ancaster Meadow for their food trucks list.- Could do pizza again it was profitable. But sell at the event too. Ashley asked about Harveys – Louise said timing is not good makes it cold. Cold pizza is ok, cold burgers and fries are not tolerable for most. Last year we didn't sell on the day of. But we made higher percentage on pizza.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lucy asked if food trucks pay, Louise said not last year. We tried last year.- Instead of ice cream truck could sell our own freezies and frozen yogurt.- Louise will find out about Optimus, Andrea will find out how much pizza made us. Melissa said hotdogs in a slow cooker were a huge hit at her school. We did hotdog lunch day it was great but HWDSB won't let us use propane tanks anymore. Melissa will let us borrow the slow cookers from her school.- Need more volunteers for Spring Fling sub-committee. • Social media Committee: no updates, everything fine for now.• Gardening Committee: Melissa can volunteer since it is outside of her work hours on her own time. Looking for more help for the spring. Will post on FB. Andrea noted she posted last year on FB and didn't elicit response, but will post this year again. Ms. Kelly would love to help.• School council stand up sign: Ayaan completed draft and sent for review. Ashley pointed out shouldn't be capitalized (family and community), few other edits. Thank you, Louise, for QR code. Andrea will send Ayaan edits. Ria requested we change the picture to either an approved image, an image of our students, or a picture of the school. Thank you, Ayaan!• Allocate money: \$5800<ul style="list-style-type: none">- \$1500 approved for Chef a l'ecole.- Joy Day: generic winter crafts, meeting new faces based on interests. Will do email vote, Ashley will send more info.- \$500 sitting in parent engagement will use for stand-up sign.
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New Business	N/A
Next Meeting Date	January 21, 2025: 6:30pm February 18, 2025: 6:30pm April 15, 2025: 6:30pm May 20, 2025: 6:30pm