



Meeting Minutes

Tecumseh Public School Council
March 18, 2025; 6PM; School Library

Present: Zeeba, Christine, Megan, Melanie, Jill, Kelly, Svenja, Stu

Virtual: Heather, Beth Moore (Teacher Rep)

Admin: John, Rebecca

1. Call to order - @ 6.03pm

2. Agenda Approved - Yes

3. Minutes for Oct 2 approved - Yes

4. Reports

A. Admin report:

- Long winters, also in terms of student behaviors. Many parents have called in the last 2-3 months wanting details of 'incidents', even when their own child wasn't involved (and the parent was trying to confirm things they had heard from a child). Behavior issues occur regularly at school (and online).

This is relevant to council in terms of setting a boundary on what information is appropriate to share with parents, so that they feel comfortable sending their child to school, while still protecting the privacy of the children involved. Admin is actively working with the school board to make sure appropriate channels of communication are followed.

When the behaviors are severe, the school board prescribes the procedures to be followed and Admin refers to those according to the requirements.

- Snow removal has been an issue of complaint. Admin reported immediately to the board that the parking lot and pathways needed to be redone. Parents also called the board. There was no response or action from the board. It seems that this was just a very large amount of snow that overwhelmed the entire city and all snow removal services. (NB: Council is referring to the snow that accumulated during back-to-back storms Feb 13th & 16th)
- Accessibility and card reader access at the Kindie doors is a project Admin is pursuing.



- Term one report cards went well in terms of the process. Preprinted signatures have led parents to question whether all report cards are reviewed: Yes, Admin reviews and looks at every report card. The electronic signatures are to ease the work load on admin and are mandated by the school board.
- Enrollment for next year is at 390. This is an increase from last year's. There are going to be 3 kindergarten classes. The 3rd class would go in the 'daycare room'. There is another room being renovated to be used for before and after, which parents will also be able to access directly. Its not expected for a large number of students to switch to French Immersion.
- Feedback form will be sent to parents regarding requesting classmates (not teachers!) as this was well received last year.
- Breakfast club is running well, getting some new equipment.
- Announcement from Beth Moore: Staff gave her some feedback they feel that the following hasn't been circulated enough: This Friday is Rock Your Socks Day for Down Syndrome awareness. Admin: Communication has been sent to staff and will be sent to families.

B. Treasurer report:

- was sent digitally by Heather to Melanie. We have 1424.80. Nothing currently outstanding. We will need to pay 1425.80 for the bouncy castle. The deposit is only 50%, this would normally have been paid already, but the supplier is waiting to receive one of the items and won't take a deposit until its received.

C. Chair Report:

- No separate report was made, chair updates to be found recorded with relevant agenda items

D. Committees:

- **Fundraising**
 - i. submitted digitally by Kortney (see below)
 - ii. Every Thursday in April at Sly Fox, if you mention Tecumseh, there will be a 10% kickback for the school. The comedy show on the 10th at 8.30 will require tickets.

- iii. Beth: question for art fundraiser: can the kids do 2 pieces instead of one?
Can more templates be sent (quickly)?
Grade 8 – are making crafts that they would like to sell to kids (and parents). Donations for a bake sale.
Clothing fundraiser from Ms. Barrie. This just goes by weight, no work required from council.

- **Events:**

- **Fun Fair:** Megan worked with the Rotary Club and they will cook and distribute the food and have donate CAD 1000 for the food. It will be free for the kids (Hamburger/hot dog/bag of chips – will need to be some sort of preorder system, plus extra. Dietary restrictions to be considered). The man power will be a game changer for volunteer burnout.
Melanie has booked 'Burlington Batman'. This will be a photo opportunity, meet and greet style.
Also, Halton stem club, Burlington library, coders, goldfish swim school (tentative), city of Burlington (tentative). They will all need tables, Megan and Melanie have begun a map and list of requirements for tables etc. Ice cream truck (for purchase), fire truck,
Beth: popcorn and cotton candy (for purchase) to be confirmed. Melanie needs to start the permit process, so we need to know about food vendors by the end of the week.
Raffle baskets by theme/class are confirmed by Beth
- **Colour Run:** Planned for May. Its likely to be very close to the fun fair date wise, it will not be a school day (Sunday, May 25th tentative).
5k through neighborhood (rough map in development), 2k on the property.
Its not a school day, but school event rules apply: Any kids running the 5k, will need to be accompanied by a guardian.
Staff will not be expected to be on site.
There will be a permit for access to the washrooms and water fountains.
School will pay for custodian to clean up afterwards.
Potential for Grade 8s to do their bake sale (candy, Gatorade, concessions).
Water will be supplied by council.
City has agreed that if we keep everyone on the side walks, we will not need a permit for a road closure.



Color powder is expensive, plus we don't want to make too much of a mess in the neighborhood. We are brainstorming other stations (like bubbles).

CAD 5 for any kid/student, adults CAD 10, family (4+) for CAD 20

Moving forward, if this event is successful, council is hoping to time it for the fall (October).

- PIC Grant Event (Zeeba): School board gives CAD 500 for an event for parents. We will have a workshop with Jennifer Paul, child development specialist, titled "Helping Parents Understand Stress" with actionable items for self-care, plus a yoga session afterwards led by a 'Power Yoga Canada' instructor. Some food and refreshments will be supplied. Zeeba requested additional grant, so now we are up to CAD 750, which will cover all costs – including having the refreshments catered so that no Breakfast Program materials will be necessary. Hoping to reach 30-40 parents.

Wednesday May 7, or 14. Council suggests May 7 as its further away from long weekend and our other events – approved.

5. Old business:

- Skating as been working well. Kids have been engaged. Only one injury. There is one more week for this program and the kids are looking forward to it. Next year, Melanie hopes we could book central arena and walk (to save money on transportation, as this year kids were bussed).
- Donation button (there is a button on the Tecumseh website, it will go to the school board without an allocated purpose for a tax receipt). There will also be a QR code shared that anyone can use to donate directly through SchoolCash Online, and specify a purpose (ie extra pizza slices)
- Council email address cannot be done through hdsb, unless its already attached to an individuals hsdb account. Decided that it will be connected to Svenja (because she is an employee (nutrition supervisor)

6. New Business:

- These agenda items were discussed during the respective committee reports above.

7. Open discussion:

- No items were brought forward



8. Next meeting for April 29th - Approved

9. Adjourned @ 7.13pm