

# Cleardale School Council Meeting Minutes - October 7, 2024

## **Attendance:**

Jordanna, Ryan, Kata, Steph, Charlotte, Chara, Phil, Amanda, Houda, Jennifer, Daryl, Jim, Susan

## **Regrets:**

Dee, Anmari, Matt

## **Review Mission and Goals**

### Mission

- The Cleardale School Council shall provide a forum for parents, educators, students and the community to actively participate as contributors to improving student achievement, success and wellbeing.

### School Council Goals:

- To enhance the accountability of the education system by prioritizing student achievement, equity and well-being.
- To promote and develop strategies for parental involvement in the education of their children.
- To share information by communicating with parents and the community and to seek their ideas and views about matters under consideration by the council.

## **Elections**

Nominations as follows:

### Parent Members:

- Dee Deman
- Stephanie Legdon
- Matt Gruden
- Kata Law
- Daryl Diotte
- Amanda Mazurkiewicz
- Anmari Kiosis
- Jennifer Matz
- Houda Babetti
- Charlotte Hermans
- Phil Brom
- Jordanna Jones

### Community Member:

- Susan Gruden

### Principals:

- Ryan Ewaskiw
- Candace Hartnett

### Teacher Representative:

- Chara McIvor
- Jess Gaspar (as fill in)

Parent members have been passed by the school community. Executive members nominations:

- Jordanna - Chair
- Dee - Vice Chair
- Steph - Secretary
- Matt - Treasurer

Motion to elect the executive as nominated: **M:** Jordanna **S:** Phil

- Motion passed

### **Principal's Report**

- Safe and inclusive school plan:
  - Second Steps ordered
  - Peer Pals still in process
- Various programs being purchased for use in the school:
  - Reading A to Z (K-3) for reading at home (School Council paying approximately \$450 for licenses)
  - Mathology (1-6)
  - Edwin (7-8)
  - Knowledgehook and Matific - for student reinforcement (could be used at home)
  - Spec. Ed Specifics
    - Lexia
    - Zorbits - last year covered by the Ministry, this year it is available for purchase
      - Used for multi-language students and those struggling
- EQAO results have been sent home to those who were in grades 3 and 6 last year
  - Shows percentage of students at various levels - interventions are aimed at getting students from level 2 to level 3
  - Grade 3 Reading - 3.5% at level 4, 56% at level 3, 37% at level 2, 3.5% at level 1
  - Grade 6 Reading - 0% at level 4, 80% at level 3, 18% at level 2, 2% at level 1
  - Cleardale is in line with the Board and the province
  - Doing well but could be doing a lot better -
  - Link for different types of questions on EQAO: [www.eqao.gov.on.ca](http://www.eqao.gov.on.ca)
  - **Action Item: Add EQAO parent communication to February or March agenda**
- Student Ambassador updates
  - Kids have applied in grades 6-8 for positions (40 in total)

### **School Council Setup**

- Operational budget was emailed out
- Anticipated budget of \$18,000

- If there are students who have a greater financial need for field trips or other items, there is a new portion of the budget that can help cover those costs
- Per classroom fund - most teachers used it last year
  - Jordanna and Buffy have a tracking spreadsheet for this
- Per student fund - 510 students in the school with \$5 per student
  - Kindergarten has used it for field trips already
- Potentially a per division fund
  - Primary - RAZ Kids
- Want to encourage the teachers to take advantage of the available funds to support students and have activities for them
- **Action Item: Add to December Agenda re: guest speaker for grade 8 transition to high school, motivational speaker, grade 9 students, etc**

Motion to pass the operational budget: **M:** Jordanna **S:** Phil

- Motion passed

Motion to pass the School Council Constitution and Bylaws: **M:** Jordanna **S:** Kata

- Motion passed

### **Funds Requests**

- Ms. Gaspar's request for approximately \$500 for four licenses for K-3
  - Each grade will get one premium membership to share which is funded by Ryan's fund
  - Motion to approve the request for funding of approximately \$500: **M:** Jordanna **S:** Kata
    - Motion passed
- Intermediate trip being considered for a camp to grade 7-8s
  - No concerns

### **Financial Report**

- Not enough information to review in detail at this meeting

### **Advocating for Students**

- Potential for a subcommittee with Candace

### **Committee Reports**

- Leave these as needed
- Brought in \$1929 from Meet the Teacher (baskets \$1657 and food trucks \$272)
- Only expense will be pizza party for Ms. Lindenfield's class

### **Next Meeting Date**

- November 4, 2024

**Action Item: Send a communication out re where Minutes and financials are housed, school council Mission and goals and ask for Parent input via our school council email and give an update on meet the teacher community event.**

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:15pm by Jordanna

Employee Group Leaders are asked to share this information with their membership. For details, public input deadlines and contact information, please visit: [TVDSB Public Input](#).

Public input is requested for the following document:

- [Director of Education Performance Appraisal Policy \(2031\)](#)
- Deadline: October 23

*Policies, Procedures and Independent Procedures posted on [the web page link above](#) are at the draft stage. Your input is appreciated by the designated deadline date for each item. Share your comments using the "Public Input" link provided in the chart next to the Input Deadline date. Once an item is approved by the Board, it is saved under the Policies and Procedures section of our web site.*