

TAS School Council Meeting
November 14, 2016

Present: Sandra Scott (Chair), Jennifer Jickels (Co-Chair), Jeff Stewart (Principal), Cathleen Martherus (Vice-Principal), Marianne Donovan (Teacher Rep), Marney Sisel (Treasurer), Sherry Brundle (Secretary), Rose Mantilla, Sheena Symington, Jenn Life, Nicole Bell, Michelle Anderson, Dana Heard,

Regrets: Jennifer Knox (Vice Principal), Janelle Bates

A. Meeting called to order – Sandra Scott

B. Welcome guests & new members – Sandra Scott

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve meeting Agenda dated Oct. 12, 2016 as presented – Sandra Scott

Vote: Approved by all

D. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve meeting minutes dated Oct. 12, 2016 – Sandra Scott

Vote: Approved by all

E. Old Business

1. By-Laws revision review

Motion: Council approve By-Laws as revised– Sandra Scott

Second: Dana Heard

Vote: Approved by all

F. New Business

1. Tower Gardens – Sheena Symington

- 3' x 3' garden made by Nasa – “Juice +” -\$1300.00/kit (complete delivered)
- Curriculum connections in numerous subjects
- Healthy Living/ Healthy Food Funding possibly?
- Sub-committee (Sheena Symington, Jeff Stewart, Jennifer Jickles, Jenn Life) established to discuss/research feasibility, funding, teacher involvement, etc.
- Another option – foodrising.org boxes can be printed off on 3D printer – need to be cautious that ink and contents of paper don't leach into food.

2. Table Display – Sandra Scott

- A display would make the council location more visible at school functions. This may help attract more parents and therefore get more of them involved.

- Sandra to send mission statement to Craig Harris (Comm-Tech teacher) for class to design display

G. Reports

- a) Treasurer Report – Marney Sisel
 - \$606.00 in Ministry Account
 - \$721.08 in the TAS School Council Account
- b) Principal Report – Jeff Stewart – See report
- c) Teacher Representative Report – Marianne Donovan - None provided this month as very busy
- d) Student Representative Report – None provided - No student rep in attendance
- e) Peterborough Regional School Council Meetings – Jennifer Jickels attended - Oct. 27, 2016
 - Intentional Learning - KPRDSB will be changing evaluation for Kindergarten students – will eventually bleed up to higher grades
 - Board is looking for more volunteers for Parent Involvement Committee
 - School Playground Equipment Policy – Board looking for School Council input – It was agreed that as TAS is a secondary school our council has “no comment or changes to the content”.

H. General information updates and inquires

Parent concerns brought forward:

- Crowding in main hallways between classes – students say they are having difficulty getting through – *Suggested they take an alternate route. Principals and teachers routinely ask students to keep moving, as some stop to hang out with friends.*
- Where do parents get advance info on upcoming sports, clubs, etc. to encourage their student to get involved? *On the school website under the Student Life tab. The new website will eventually have a calendar. Also, information is given to students on announcements.*
- A parent suggested having interviews with teachers in classrooms instead of the gym – *Jeff Stewart indicated it would be too complicated and therefore not possible.*
- Kelly Grady would like to have someone new take over Twitter feed for TAS as she no longer has a student at the school.
- Literacy test will run in March (one-time only)
- Buses running very smoothly

I. Future Meeting Agenda Items – Tower Gardens, Table Display

J. Next Meeting Date – Wed. Jan. 11, 2017 in Room 113

K. Meeting Adjourned – Sandra Scott