

February 27, 2019

(*Indicates voting member)

School Council Executive:

Chair: Paul Mills*

Co-Secretaries: Roland Griesmayer* and Shannon Ruffell*

Co-Treasurers: Becca Hummel* and Janey Zhang* - absent

School Council Members:

Nohad Abdul-Gani*

Shannon Blumas*

Sandra King*

Ting Lei*

Zivai (Zii) Muvuti*

Mary Jane Snoeks*

Administration Representatives: Ingrid Agar and Jennifer Floris

Community Representative: Josiah Mathuranayagam*

CUPE Representative: Chris Steele*

Staff Representatives: Kate Laird* and Lynne Murdoch

Student Representatives: Danielle Hart and Nelly Korczak*

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by Paul Mills.

Call to Order

1.1 Approval of January 30 meeting minutes

- Paul asked Council to review tonight's agenda and the minutes from the January 30, 2019 meeting. He then asked Members if there were any errors or omissions.
- The following changes were indicated:
 - Chargers is new mascot not Charges
 - Josiah's name spelled incorrectly

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- Motion to accept the agenda and minutes from the Council meeting of January 30, 2019 put forth by Paul and seconded by Shannon R.

1.2 TVDSB Message

- Welcome message from Corrine Rahman, TVDSB Trustee – wards 2-6, 27 schools
- The Trustee is responsible for advocating for students and working with schools and the board to allocate resources. Trustees do not work directly with parents but instead directly with teachers and administration.
- Jen Floris, the new Vice Principal, was introduced.

Chair Report

2.1 Nothing to add

Administrator's Report

3.1 Mascot Update – Dani & Nelly

- Nelly said the students are very excited about the new mascot and the feedback has been fantastic.
- The logo design is still underway – a parent and 4 students are creating it then it will be opened up to more students to provide further feedback in a workshop.
- A mural artist will work in the foyer and the new Charger image will be in the gymnasium.

3.2 Ecoleague Action Project Funding and Reforest London, Parks Contest - Claire Gulliver, grade 8 teacher

- Funding of \$400 has been provided for plantings.
- The Reforest London project has initiated 60 seeds to be planted. There will also be a donation of 6 trees to plant and 6 shrubs.
- Parks Contest voting starts on Monday March 4th and as many votes as possible are needed. The grand prize is a 5 day trip for the entire class to a National Park.

3.3 TVDSB Operational Plan - Ingrid

- Completed in Fall 2018
- Objectives:
 - Improve student achievement in mathematics
 - Most relevant to Jack Chambers
 - Actions to be rolled out during staff meeting. For example, the opportunity to go into a colleagues classroom to observe their

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lesson. The fundamental foundations of mathematics newsletter as well as apps like Seesaw.

- Short term indicators – this will be part of the school improvement plan. Thinking questions were determined by grade level by the teachers and the information was gathered and the same test will be administered to determine the improvement. Results were 50/50 of meeting the ministry standards at the beginning of the year.
- Review EQAO data – thinking versus knowledge versus application questions and it was determined that thinking questions was to be the area of focus.
- Improve the Five Year Graduation Rate
- Enhance Communication and Engagement Within Our TVDSB Community
- Create Secondary Learning Experiences and Environments that are Engaging, Inclusive and Relevant
- Create Equitable and Inclusive Learning and Work Environments for Students and Staff to Achieve Success

3.4 School Improvement Plan - Ingrid and Jen

- Reflection - from June 2018 to create the school improvement goal.
- Plan – address thinking questions with a focus on math vocabulary.
- Act – it is an evolving document
 - 4 strategies
 - Increase Teacher capacity
 - Create grade level thinking questions
 - Teach problem solving strategies
 - Use rich math vocabulary on a daily basis
 - Lynne spoke about how she does it in grade 3 by using her abacus. They also do “math talk” and students explain how they thought about the problem and then it is discussed. They also use real math thinking to get them to relate to the math.
 - Kate uses an app called BitzBoard that can be tailored with images and audio which also has games.
 - Jen added that they are moving from the Act phase to the Assess and Observe to end up on the Reflect stage at the end of the school year.

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- Ingrid is using a booked called Visible Learning and this is to be shared during the next staff meeting.

Treasurer Report

4.1 Financial Update

- Balance as of January 29, 2019: \$10,535.85
- New transactions as follows:
 - + \$30 Movie night deposit
 - + \$1.25 Profit from basketball tournament

 - \$1,120.42 AED purchase
 - \$1,013.22 Forest of Reading
 - \$231.28 Popcorn maker

- Balance as of February 27, 2018: \$8,202.18
 - + \$1,633.76 January hot lunch (added late)

 - Previously committed funds:
 - \$1513.08 Volleyball equipment
 - \$1,000 Music repairs
 - \$817.18 IPAD's
 - \$2,281.23 Chrome Books

- Outstanding available cash balance \$4,224.45

4.2 Parent Involvement Fund - \$854.00

- \$500 allotted for this school year and \$354 remaining from last year.
- Shannon R. suggested a booth inside of the gym at this year's JK orientation with more materials and a signup list for School Council
- Shannon B. suggested to engage older students at Chambers Day and Meet the Teacher Night

Committee Reports

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5.1 Fundraising Committee – Coffee House – Kate, Rebecca, Shannon

- Kate relayed that the music staff and students have worked very hard with a mix of different musical styles and the event is sold out (capped at 250)!
- It will be a fancier evening with tables, tea lights, desserts, coffee and tea
- \$2,000 has been raised in silent auctions

5.2 STP - Update

- Surveys have now closed with 110 completed (60 higher than the program has ever had).
- They are moving forward to traffic counts on March 4th and 5th and they need more volunteers.
- The next step is the meeting to go through the data collected and MJ asked that council provide funds to purchase light refreshments for up to \$150.00. This motion was put forward by Roland and seconded by Shannon R. It was passed with 11 in favour. ***After the meeting it was determined these funds could be used from the Parent Involvement Fund.

5.3 Chambers Day – Friday, May 31

- Suggestions were made for a carnival and also to move it to after school. After discussion it was determined to keep the same event as in the past and make tweaks next year if desired.
- Chambers Day was envisioned as a celebration of school and community and is a 1.5 hour event over an extended lunch hour.
- Pizza, chips, drinks, freezies and ice cream sandwiches are typically sold.
- 20 volunteers are needed to run the event and set up begins at 9 am.
- The possibility of cash online was explored with the thought of a cash line and ticket line to make the event faster especially for full pizza orders.
- A committee was formed led by Paul and including Ingrid, Roland, Shannon R, Sandra and Josiah.

5.4 EQAO Night / TVPIC Parent Engagement Grant

- This event is at the end of March and a grant of \$1,000 covers interpreters, babysitting, take aways, refreshments (20% maximum).
- Nohad volunteered to help Ingrid with the event.

5.5 Pay-it-forward – Update – Zii & Ingrid

- A Thames Valley Education Foundation (TVEF) video was played explaining Toonie Tuesday and ensuring students are “Ready to Learn” which includes having food, clothing and shelter.
- Jack Chambers has the “Caring Fund” and the school has supported students in need of extra curriculars, eye glasses, etc. with support through the Optimist Club.

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New Business

- The School Council website needs content to be sent to Joanne (j.martin@tvdsb.ca). Shannon B. will send pictures of recent events and successes.
- Ting explored the freezing rain and why it wasn't all cleared on the school grounds. Ingrid explained that TVDSB uses a professional company and they salt and sand as large of an area as possible.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion put forth by Paul to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm.