

TCS School Council

Meeting: Thursday, October 7th, 2021 10-11am

Link in "What's Happening"

APPROVED on Nov 25, 2021

Chair:
Stephanie Dyck

Vice Chair:
Sophie Kolterjahn

Secretary:
Nicole Sharpe

In Attendance

Parents: Deonne McCausland, Chris Kroeker, Cynthia Michie, Ann Bannister, Julie Vanden Heuvel, Kim McLachlan, Samantha Parker, Crystal Fode, Arlene Reimer, Katie Mattson, Neil Gilbert, R Lam, Melissa Schwann, Kim Hills, Daniella Adeyinka, Elena Deryabina and Jessica Laur

Admin: Michelle Duimel, Tim McAlpine,

Communications Rep: Dawn Peart

Society / Board Representative: Mike Humphries, Audra Chase

Teacher Representative: previously Kendra Lake, need a new rep

Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer – Stephanie and Pastor Tim
2. Motion to Approve Agenda
 - Sophie Kolterjahn motion, 2nd Dionne McClausland
 - No discussion
 - Vote- Motion carried
3. Motion to Approve TCS School Council Meeting Minutes of *June 16th, 2021*
 - Mike Humphries motion, 2nd Arlene Reimer
 - No discussion
 - Vote- Motion carried
4. Principal/Executive Director's Message:
Notes:
 - Start of School – really great start to the school year, our goal is to have the student's in school, in-person as much as possible
 - Experienced colds in the school for the first few weeks
 - 4 covid-19 cases, no in-school transmission determined at this time, TCS has been contract tracing with support from Palliser
 - Attendance 98% on average in the last week and a half
 - Recent field trips: Gr 1 Telus Spark, Gr 5 Ralph Klein for a wetlands trip- great experiences, very positive for the students

- Fall Retreat for JH students at Southern Alberta Bible Camp occurred, and was very successful
- Goal to continue doing as much as we can with regards to special activities, trips, etc.
- Committed to making Grade 6 / 9 experiences happen in some way this year; will commit to making one happen for the grade 7s that didn't get it last year
- School Goals – will be available on the website
 - Shared with Palliser School Board – one goal should focus on literacy/numeracy and one on a safe and caring goal
 - School values guide everything we do at TCS including goal development- Tenacious Curiosity, Authentic Community, Undeniable Truth
 - Accountability Pillars will be available for review on the website – due to covid-19 the government was not able to collect the amount of data they normally would, so some data is incomplete. These results guide direction for school goals this year
 - TCS had strong results
 - Parent involvement declined 2020-2021 (naturally due to covid-19)
 - Quality of education declined very slightly – grade 7 report- 2 questions of note
 - is your work interesting, is your work challenging- results were lower (79% said it was, 21% said it wasn't)
 - Outcome: staff are going to be working on increasing the interest and challenging the students
 - **Goal #1-** TCS will endeavor to provide differentiated instruction using universal supports in a learning environment that acknowledges and values differences in student learning strengths, needs, interests and abilities
 - **Goal #2-** TCS will endeavor to create a community of GRACE, SUPPORT and RESPECT as we navigate a challenging world together
 - What do our parents need to help our students navigate this world? Speakers? Resources?
 - Q: Chris- how do we ensure students are getting in to supports, groups, etc. that they need when there isn't enough room/ resources
 - A: Michelle – we all need to work together, connect with the teacher, it is a work in progress, we are continuing to work with teachers on PD, reach out to admin
- Palliser updates
 - Contact Tracing

- AHS will be taking this over, but TCS was already working with Palliser to do this
 - TCS will continue to do this when it is self-reported until AHS takes over
 - Q: Chris- can all grades be informed if the classes are crossed over in classes such as phys. Ed? Example - In JH cohort
 - A: Michelle- JH is considered one cohort and all classes will be informed if there is a case in any of the JH grades
 - Volunteers welcome at TCS this year
 - Wear a mask in the building, please ensure you are not experiencing symptoms if you are coming in
- Hot Lunch
 - Begins October 12, 2021
 - You should have received an email to activate your students spending account
 - You will be receiving another email from Event Planners Plus- Lunch at TCS Kids (email address) to describe the program in more detail
 - This is an optional program
 - Price range \$5.50-\$7.50 per day
 - Grade K-9 – asking you to pre-order meals from daily drop down menus; meals will be delivered to K-6 classrooms
 - 10am cut off time for the day of
 - Q: Arlene- does this benefit the school financially or is it just an alternative lunch program?
 - A: Mike- There is a financial benefit, TCS gets a %; we will also continue on with our traditional hot dog days to fundraise the Gr 9 experience every second Wednesday
 - Q: Melissa- is there any possibility of other families donating money to provide a child/family who is struggling (to get groceries) to ensure students a have lunch
 - A: Mike-Yes, we can discuss this further – may be a part of the blessings committee (Audra Chase)
- Sports
 - All JH teams are playing competitively against other schools, tournaments are occurring
 - Home games- spectators allowed, 1 spectator per player to reduce the number of people in
 - Follow all health protocols
 - No spectators at tournaments, but live streaming the games to limit the number of people in the school
 - Goal is to keep the students playing
 - Q: Chris- can volume be added to the live stream to make it a more immersive experience?

- A:Michelle- Yes, we will look in to this
- Learning Loss Intervention Funding – Alberta Education Funding available this year
 - Available to TCS - funding for extra resources
 - Money is funded for assessments to be done, and looking at possible gaps in learning to provide targeted intervention for students impacted by covid-19
 - TCS - FTE available for 25% of one staff's time to target intervention in the K-3 grades through 1:1 or resources for teachers (Lauren Brown) – in the process of starting the targeted intervention

5. Executive's Update:

- Quick re-introduction of Executive – Stephanie Dyck (Chair), Sophie Kolterjahn (Vice Chair), Nicole Sharpe (Secretary)
- How we communicate:
 - online (our mandate, goals, meeting agendas/minutes), bulletin board, What's Happenings, School Council email
- You can access us anytime on the school council section of the TCS website
- Reach out to us via our email: schoolcouncil@tcskids.com

6. Old Business

- a. Topic: School Council to brainstorm outdoor spaces/ enhanced recess programming

Notes:

- Recommendations for sand toys
- Q: Cynthia- Can we please ensure sand play is seasonal to not interfere with JH track and field?
 - A: Yes, we will look into how this can be executed
- Nicole Sharpe shared the following resource links for admin to review:
 - Refreshing Recess: <https://everymomentcounts.org/refreshing-recess/>
 - Ever Active Schools Loose Parts Play: <https://everactive.org/projects/mentorship/loose-parts-play/>

7. New Business:

Committee Reports and volunteer opportunities:

- a. Topic: Banking – Arlene Reimer

Notes:

- Available K-9, different bonuses for different grades
- Christian Credit Union partnership (First Calgary Bank in Shawnessy)
 - Easy and tangible way for kids to start saving
 - Good interest savings rates
 - Deposit money at the school, debit card to withdrawal at the bank
- Looking at streamlining the new options, minimize parent time at the school, minimizing contact
- On hold due to covid-19

b. Topic: Lost and Found – Melissa Schwaan

Notes:

- 2x per week to organize items
- Trying to coordinate a place to donate – if you have suggestions please contact school council
- Need a volunteer to deliver
- Display every day after school this week at 2:30
- Can we establish a lost and found parent volunteer group to help with the display weeks? This involves bringing out the items to display and returning them in to the school.
- Contact school council if you are interested in volunteering

Action:

- Nicole to follow up with donations to church (Oak Park Church of Christ free clothing rack)

c. Topic: TCS Prayer Group – Melissa Schwaan

Notes:

- Meet at the playground on Wednesdays after drop-off
- Moira collects prayer requests for the week in the prayer journal at the office
- Please join, rain or shine
- WhatsApp prayer group for parents to connect quickly- if interested in joining contact Moira to be added

d. Topic: Staff Appreciation – Stephanie Dyck

Notes:

- Small committee that supports staff and teachers consistently throughout the year
- Consider joining us, just contact school council

e. Topic: Blessings Committee – Audra Chase

Notes:

- Looking to have a small supply of meals on hand at the school when a need arises for a family/staff member at the school to support them in their time of need
- If you are interested in providing a meal, cookies/muffins, yogurt tubes or other easy to freeze items that can be ready to go – in the freezer at the school- please reach out to school council or Audra
- Please package it in something that doesn't have to be returned to you

8. Motion to Adjourn TCS School Council Meeting *October 7th, 2021*

- Nicole Sharpe motion, 2nd Deonne McClausland
- Vote- Motion carried

9. Closing Prayer – Mike