



TA Norris School Council and Parent Advisory Council
Sept, 21st, 2022 7:30 pm

Meeting Link

TAN SCHOOL COUNCIL Meeting

Call to order: 7:40pm

Attendees: Stephanie Millie, Grace Nylund, Tyne Lunn, Jon Pittman, Moïse Dion, Christine Findlay

1.0 Welcome and introductions -

2.0 Review & Approval of Last Minutes: 19MAY2022 - deferred; Tyne to follow up with Kim Gangon

3.0 Executive Elections -

Current (2021/2022): Tyne Lunn (Chair), Emily Smith (Vice Chair), Kim Gagnon (Secretary), Christine Findlay (Treasurer)

- **Call for Nominations - Tyne corresponded with Kim & Emily prior to the mtg and both agreed to let names stand for Exec if no one else willing/wanting the roles**
 - Emily notes that she does not have capacity to routinely stand in as Chair, can be available as support if she continues in the Vice Chair role
- Tyne nominates Emily Smith as Vice Chair and Kim Gangon as Secretary
- Emily agrees to let name stand for Vice Chair
- Kim agrees to let name stand for Secretary
- No additional nominations, no contestment, roles stand uncontested
- Tyne desires to step down from Chair role - will work with Jon to find replacement; Tyne's replacement efforts will not be indefinite
- Tyne nominates Christine Findlay as Treasurer; Christine agrees - no additional nominations, role stands uncontested

Election for 2022-2023 School Year:

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- Chair: **Vacant**; Tyne will support in decreased and limited capacity in interim
- Vice-Chair: Emily Smith
- Secretary: Kim Gangon
- Treasurer: Christine Findlay

4.0 Principal's Report

- Future plan/format
 - Plan to have hybrid option for mtgs moving forward; including agenda & Principal's report in digital format (hyperlinked)
 - Set up Googleclassroom - standard meet for School Council
- Hot lunch
 - (3-5 years) Longer Term Vision of school-wide FREE lunch program for students; working with Wanda Laurin & food animators; grant from Peavy Mart; goals of partnering with farmer for cows, farm to table plan; interim make changes to Hot Lunch Program
 - Current - order from town, pre-prepared meals
 - Proposal - charge flat rate \$5, serve it "family servings, family-style"; need support from parents to help serve; desire for 5 days a week
 - Tyne - role for students to help with serving? Jon says yes with some serving training, will still need parent help
 - Punch Cards, Parents pay online, ability to donate for students in need, supported by nutritional grant
 - Council in full support of moving forward with
 - Tyne - diversify holidays that get celebrated; expand to other cultures, not isolated to Christian Holiday meals

5.0 New Business - Jon requests practice of deferring any new business that comes up during mtg time to next mtg, allowing time for preparedness to consider agenda items

- Phone Policy (Christine Findlay)

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- Concerns over students being on devices; need to enhance social skills; online safety; inadvertent/non-consenting exposure to inappropriate content;
- Tyne asks if there is any current device policy? Considerations for burden of teacher enforcement.
- Stephanie - will removing phones increase social interaction?
- Jon unpacks existing device policy:
 - Current: Gr 5/6 not allowed personal devices in classrooms. Gr 7/8 teachers choice.
 - Philosophy “how do we model responsibility with tech?”
 - Concerns over incorporating into policy - how do you police?
 - Jon acknowledges concerns over loss of social connectedness opportunities & risk of exposure are valid
 - School Efforts to enhance social connections
 - Project Peace
 - Athletics
 - Arts & Journaling
 - Additional programs
 - QSA/GSA
 - Christine - proposes “digital-only” time; council not in favor of enhancing policy at this time
 - Jon reaffirms challenges of policing behaviours, burden on teachers
 - Current Digital Citizenship lessons
 - Alternately to device policy change - teachers seek opportunities enhance value of connection, socializing, belonging culture
- “Shipping” - TikTok - Tyne raised awareness, incorporated in general device usage/safety conversation
- School Ventilation - HEPA in classrooms (Tyne) - can schools/classroom have HEPA air filtration devices in them?
 - Moïse will ask Board if parents or community members can donate HEPA filtration devices
 - Jon inquires about sustainability pieces to idea

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- Tyne suggests CR Boxes as student projects? Incorporate into science curricula.

6.0 Trustee Report

- **Moïse Dion** - last mtg 15SEP2022; some restructuring of School Division roles; Jeff presented data about academic metrics comparative to province - encouraged to view report on PRSD site, need to further stratify metrics across structurally oppressed & minorities

7.0 Round Table

- information /clarification only
- Grace suggests proving highlights from council mtgs in Principle's Concern portion of eNewsletter
- Newsletters - Jon read it. Mobile Friendly. Reduce redundancy.
- Moïse - revisit diversifying imaging with superintendent msg; rationale behind alway image of Superintendent? Better use image space to highlight salient pieces.
- Clarification:
 - School Council - advisory to governance, programming of school
 - Parent Advisory Council - provision of fundraising
 - See hyperlink bottom of agendas

8.0 Date of next meeting: **consider SEP/OCT/NOV - MAR/APR/MAY**

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Agenda for next mtg:

- Goals/plans for Farm-to-Table
- Opportunities for Family Resource Nights; facilitate school hub
- Effective comms? Social Media vs Newsletter format
- Update email?

SCHOOL COUNCIL Meeting Adjourned: 9:14 pm

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