

# TIMBERLEA SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

September 17, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE: Waleed Najmeddine      Kelly Koban      Tammy O'Brien  
                                 Jessica Josselyn      Chelsa MacKinnon

Meeting called to order @ 6:30 p.m.

Kelly welcomes everyone to the meeting.

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
  - Minutes from previous meeting have been approved
2. Approval of agenda
  - Approved nothing to add
3. Commendations
  - Huge thank you to the teachers that volunteered to spray paint activities for the kids on the playground
  - Mrs Skinner and the wonderful job on the yearbook!
4. Questions/Suggestions/Updates:
  - ASCA-Letter sent from District office via ASCA on behalf of the Minister of Education. They will begin work on the promised *Choice in Education Act* for tabling spring 2020.
    - i. What Does “Choice in Education” mean to our school council/community?
      1. We decided to send the question back to the ASCA to confirm what exactly this question means as it seemed far to large of a topic for us to answer.
  - Weekly Emails-Mr Najmeddine confirmed they will be starting on the upcoming Sunday.
  - Communications with Parents:
    - i. Facebook
    - ii. Email Sign Up
    - iii. Chair has requested that staff share Council/TSPA posts to whatever social media they use to keep in touch with parents.
  - Class sizes, registration, building usage
    - i. Class sizes are growing and there is preliminary consideration being taken to investigate the size of the Grade 5 class.
    - ii. Registration is up this year-see Principal's report for numbers.
    - iii. Building Usage-No plans to make any changes
  - Crosswalk at Brett Drive/Barber Drive

- i. At a stand still with the RMWB, though traffic studies have been done it was concluded that the street isn't busy enough to justify a crosswalk with flashing lights
- Construction on Brebeuf Crescent
  - i. Scheduled to be complete end of September
- School entry doors – signage
  - i. Currently there are signs at the ECDP Doors, K/1/2 doors but nothing in the back for the 3/4/5/6. No plans to add any signage to these doors.

5. Principals Report:

**Principal's Report - School Council  
Tuesday Sept. 17, 2019**

*"Timberlea Public School is a safe and caring community striving for excellence in learning"*

**1. Enrollment to date**

- Spring 2019 projection of 195 students ECDP-6 (District budget)
- Early Years attendance to date
  - ECDP - 20
  - Kindergarten - 34
  - Gr. 1 - 32                      Gr. 2 - 26                      Gr. 3 - 27
  - Gr. 4 - 26                      Gr. 5 - 29                      Gr. 6 - 15
  - Total = 210 students
- Large classes grade 1 and 5
  - Gr. 1 - 0.5 teacher hired to teach literacy and numeracy skills
  - Gr. 5 - possibility of converting Gr. 6 to a 5/6 combined class

**2. Networks Committee Meeting Dates 2019-20**

- Mon. Oct. 7 @ 6:00 p.m. (dinner - Joint Networks Committee)
- Mon. Nov. 4 @ 7:00 p.m. (Networks Committee)
- Mon. Jan. 13 @ 6:00 p.m. (dinner - Joint Networks Committee)
- Mon. Feb. 3 @ 7:00 p.m. (Networks Committee)
- Mon. Mar. 2 @ 6:00 p.m. (dinner - Joint Networks Committee)
- Mon. Apr. 6 @ 7:00 p.m. (Networks Committee)

**3. MicroSociety**

- 1st training sessions completed Aug. 28-29
- [Draft timeline](#) in place up to April 2020
- Constitution to be drawn up by Sept. 30, followed by campaigns and elections
- [Ventures and Agencies](#) are set for staff to initiate with students

**4. Promotional Video - Neville Video Productions**

- Filming completed May 30
- Student and staff interviews, classroom shots
- All district schools provided a video in November for posting on websites, social media

**5. House Team Games**

- All students ECDP-6 assigned to a team (Red, Blue, Green, Yellow)
- Games planned for Halloween season

#### **6. APPLE Schools**

- District facilitator, School Health Champion - Jenny Adams
- Approx. \$920 funding for 2019-20 (base \$500 per school + \$2 per student)

#### **7. Clubs and Extra-curricular Activities**

- Tech and Trades → Pre-Engineering and Multimedia (Oct to May)
- Volleyball - parent volunteer coaches
- Drama Club - October start

#### **Important dates**

- **Wed. Sept. 17 - Fire Drill #1**
- **Fri. Sept. 20 - Fire Drill #2**
- **Wed. Sept. 25 - Picture Day**
- **Thu. Sept. 26 - Terry Fox Walk @ 1:15 p.m.**
- **Fri. Sept. 27 - PL Friday (no classes)**
- **Mon. Sept. 30 - Orange Shirt Day; Rosh Hashana (Judaism)**
- **Thu. Oct. 3 - Earth Rangers assembly @ 10:00 a.m.**
- **Fri. Oct. 4 - PL Friday (no classes)**
- **Wed. Oct. 9 - Yom Kippur (Judaism)**
- **Mon. Oct. 14 - Thanksgiving Day (no school)**
- **Thu. Oct. 17 - School Council meeting @ 6:30 p.m.**
- **Fri. Oct. 25 - PL Friday (no classes)**
- **Thu. Oct. 31 - Halloween Costume Parade**

#### **6. TSPA Update: Executive Vacancies**

- There is a minimum of 3 positions that must be filled to be eligible for our license from AGLC
- School Council will do whatever they can to assist the TSPA in filling those positions

#### **7. Networks meetings: Schedule released and Council executive to review confirm who can attend meetings.**

#### **8. Future meeting dates:**

- Thursday October 17, 2019 @ 6:30pm

#### **9. Meeting Adjourned @ 7:40pm**