

TCS School Council Meeting Minutes

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Meeting: Thursday, March 23rd, 2023 7:30 – 8:30pm
Online

In Attendance

Parents: Bola Dada, Jessi Krahn, Deonne McCausland, Julie Vanden Heuvel, Terrin Kerr

School Council Exec: Stephanie Dyck, Nicole Sharpe, Sophie Kolterjahn (regrets)

Admin: Michelle Duimel

Society Board: Mike Humphries

Discipleship Team: Tim McAlpine

Teacher Representative: Jennifer Munton,

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer – Stephanie Dyck and Pastor Tim
2. Motion to Approve Agenda
 - Motion: Deonne McCausland, 2nd: Tim McAlpine
 - Motion carried
3. Motion to Approve TCS School Council Minutes of *February 2nd, 2023*
 - Motion: Mike Humphries, 2nd: Nicole Sharpe
 - Motion carried
4. Palliser Board Greetings
 - Debbie Laturus was not able to attend the meeting: Debbie's full March report is posted on the School Council section of the TCS website
 - Highlights: Palliser's School-Family Liaison Counselling Program, Palliser's Human Resource Services, Palliser's Technology Services, and Palliser's 4-year capital plan
5. Principal/Executive Director's Report – Michelle Duimel and Mike Humphries
 - Michelle Duimel:
 - Staffing updates:
 - Erik Holder is retiring after 33 years of teaching. He is on the sub list already. We will recognize him later in the year.
 - Leslie Wenzel is leaving this year. We will celebrate this year.
 - Alyssa Blake is expecting her first baby in a couple of months
 - Melissa Hodge is expecting a baby in the summer

- All of these positions are looking to be filled. Admin will keep TCS updated in the coming weeks
 - We do not have our final 2023-2024 calendar approved by Palliser yet, but anticipate this happening following Easter
 - Information coming soon: TCS Walkathon-Thursday May 18, 2023 in the afternoon. We are reimagining how this will look. Currently working on the details, but stay tuned for that. We will be raising funds for our playground enhancement project.
 - Playground Committee meeting scheduled after Easter, stay tuned for an update
- Mike Humphries:
 - Putting budgets together for next year. Staff are in the process of submitting their budgets
 - June 1st, 2023 Society Meeting – budget will be presented there
 - Michelle, Tim and Mike are currently in Chicago at Wheaton College, attending a conference on Creating Communities of Care.

Response/Questions

- Q: Deonne: Can you confirm the exact dates for the grade 9 Green Bay Camp Experience trip?
 - A: Pastor Tim – June 5-9th, 2023

6. Old Business

- None

7. New Business:

- Parent Resources – Pastor Tim
 - Tim has been doing a bi-weekly video that is posted online and shared to better equip and resource our parents
 - Waiting to hear back from Sid Koop as we are hoping to have him back before the end of the year
- Teaching and Learning at TCS – Jen Munton

Mrs. Munton has compiled a snapshot of each grades' learning activities!

Find it here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PmDmqh8nQdyUMJ7EbztU3qWkeobD24UItsWrPAR_ZB4/edit?usp=sharing

Highlights:

- K-4 PE: rhythmic gymnastics/gymnastics. We had an amazing time skating!
- K: Easter, with Resurrection Eggs, Benjamin's Box and treasure hunt. Jelly bean math, fairy tales, "popcorn words", Treehouse field trip, writing sentences
- Gr 1: In-class field trip about communities. Narnia Day!

- Gr 2: In-class field trip on French-Acadian culture; they got to make butter and see how wool is turned in to tapestries!
- Gr 3: Financial literacy: looking at the cost of toys for recess, did some investigating and voted. Data points are being used to make purchases
- Gr 4: Marble Run projects happening in science
- Gr 5: History and Stories of Canada, made fruit salad to look at mixing in chemistry
- Gr 6: Celebrating their study of Ancient Athens with Mrs. Theissen dressing the part!
- Gr 7: Alpha Youth course in bible class; looking at circumference in math, studying planet earth, essay writing
- Gr 8: Budgeting; participating in a project called “Married In Middle School” where they are assigned jobs, salaries...etc
- Gr 9: Financial literacy; students are learning to budget for life after high school. Comments teachers shared from students: “Hw am I supposed to afford these things?”, “Why is life so expensive?”
- Q: Stephanie Dyck: Is the Financial Literacy piece new to the Alberta Education curriculum or something added by TCS?
 - A: Jenn Munton: Financial Literacy K-6 is part of the new Health Curriculum from Alberta Education
 - A: Michelle Duimel: In grade 9, it is part of the CALM (Career and Life Management) Course that is a high school course. This is the last year TCS can offer it, as Alberta Ed is no longer allowing it to be offered in Jr. High
- School Council Executive Report
 - Join the Executive Committee! - Stephanie Dyck
 - We are looking at executive succession
 - Congrats to Sophie (Vice Chair) and family as they welcomed twin boys this month
 - All 3 exec members will reach the end of their term this June.
 - We are looking to fill all 3 roles – Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary
 - Email us at schoolcouncil@tcskids.com if you are interested in more info about any of these roles
- Committee Reports and Volunteer Opportunities:
 - TCS Banking – Stephanie Dyck for Arlene Reimer
 - TCS students can open a bank account with Christian Credit Union and make their deposits at TCS
 - Arlene is typically there 1x per month
 - Total monthly deposits average \$200-\$300
 - To volunteer with Arlene, email her at schoolcouncil@tcskids.com

- Lost and Found – Jessi Krahn
 - Lost and found is going well
 - Would love more volunteers to help display items about 1x per month
 - To volunteer with Jessi, email her at schoolcouncil@tcskids.com
 - Staff Appreciation – Stephanie Dyck
 - Hosted 2 events this year
 - Will begin planning for the 3rd event in May- staff birthday celebration
 - 12 parents who volunteer
 - We meet and plan online, and execute day of
 - To volunteer, email schoolcouncil@tcskids.com
 - Blessings Initiative – Stephanie Dyck for Audra Chase
 - We provide a freezer meal or two when a family is in need at TCS
 - TCS has been able to bless a few families recently
 - Our supply is diminishing
 - Make a meal, put it in a container you don't want back, list ingredients, and bring to the school to be stored in freezer
 - Feel free to contact Audra Chase for more info
8. Motion to Adjourn TCS School Council Meeting *March 23rd, 2023*
- a. Motion: Bola Dada, 2nd: Mike Humphries
 - b. Motion carried- meeting adjourned
9. Closing Prayer – Tim McAlpine