

TCS School Council Meeting Minutes

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Meeting: October 4, 2023 1400 – 1500 hrs

Learning Commons (Library)

In Attendance:

Parents: Sam and Alison Wery, Cynthia Michie, Dallas Halvorson, Arlene Reimer, Nikki Goertb, Maryna Kucheryava

School Council Exec: Stephanie Dyck

School Board: Audrey Klein

Admin: Michelle Duimel

Society Board: Mike Humphries, Lara Kozan,

Discipleship Team: Tim McAlpine, Victoria Scanks

Teacher Representative: Maury Michie

Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer – Stephanie Dyck and Tim McAlpine
2. Motion to Approve Agenda TCS School Council Meeting for October 4th, 2023
 - Motioned: Cynthia Michie Second: McAlpine **Carried**
3. Motion to Approve TCS School Council Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, March 23, 2023
 - Motioned: Kozan Second: Humphries **Carried**
4. Palliser Board Greetings: Audrey Klein
 - Our designated School Board Trustee, Debbie Laturus sends her regrets. She has provided an update from the PSB which can be found on the TCS website.
5. Principal/Executive Director's Report: Michelle Duimel and Mike Humphries
 - 470 Students this year.
 - Renovation expansion project to begin in the spring (after the cold months).
 - Norm McClellan is consulting with us. He has over 35 years of management experience with PCL. In his retirement he volunteers his time to ensure organization have the best and complete plans.
 - Baker Tilley is the new auditing company for this years audit. The Audit will be presented at the November 30 Society Meeting.

- Classroom reorganization to accommodate the renovations/expansion. Putting a game plan together to determine how to relocate 100 junior high students during the renovations
- Gym stage has been enclosed to create a classroom, as the project continues there will be some shift in class locations.
- One of the best school year start ups.
- Most classes have 2 adults; which has been a very settling experience for the students.
- 2 rounds of pre-service teachers have come through. A common theme from them has been "There is something different here!")
- Maury Michie will be this years teacher representative.
- Response/Questions:

6. New Business:

Discipleship Team: Tim McAlpine

- Tim has a new title this year: Director of Faith Formations. This change helps to better reflect the partnership with the local church pastors of our kids, and better describe the parachurch partnership between them and the discipleship team.

Executive Report: Stephanie Dyck

- Introduction to the TCS website: Menu, Parents, School Council.
 - Important information is at the top in blue.
 - Meeting Dates
- What is School Council?:
 - Purpose and Roles of the Council.
 - Legislated to exist by the Alberta government, under the Education Act.
- Volunteer Opportunities:
 - Lost and Found: Headed by Jessi Krahn.
 - Student Banking: Headed by Arlene Reimer. Partnership with Christian Credit Union.
 - Staff Appreciation: Headed by Sam Halvorson.
 - If you would like to be involved with any of these please speak with the lead person.
- School Council Evaluation: You can find the annual report of our activities and of how we use out yearly grant from the Alberta government (Alberta School Council Engagement Grant).
- The Executive section introduces you to the Executive Team; and currently lists the vacant positions.
- Agenda.
- Minutes.
- Email: We are mandated to keep in contact with the TCS community. Feel free to email at schoolcouncil@tcskids.com.
 - The three primary ways of communication:
 - Through the "Weekly Happenings" email.
 - The bulletin board located in the hallway beside the office.
 - The announcement board outside as you enter/exit the parking lot.

Resignation of the sitting council:

- The current council have all reached the end of their two-year term. It has been a honor to serve the TCS community in these roles on School Council. We are thankful to Mike and Michelle and the entire TCS admin for collaborating with us and demonstrating how much you value this forum for parent engagement. It has been a blessings to support our children through this partnership with you. As we have reached the end of our two-year terms, Nicole, Sophie, and I resign out positions respectively.
- Dallas Halvorson has stepped forward to fill the role of Chair.
- If you are interested in filling the Vice-Chair, or Secretary roles, please speak with Michelle, Mike, or Dallas.
- School Council Executive: Dallas Halvorson affirmed Chair of School Council.
- Filling of Vice-Chair and Secretary roles please speak with Michelle, Mike, or Dallas

7. Motion to Adjourn TCS School Council Meeting October ^{4th}, 2023

- Motioned: Maury Michie Second: Reimer **Carried**

8. Closing Prayer – Mike Humphries