

**Tisdale Elementary School Community Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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**Date:** Thursday, November 16, 2023    **Time:** 7:00 pm    **Location:** [Microsoft Teams Link](#)

**Members Present:**

Principal:	Mrs. Sandra Norum	New Chair:	Janelle Higgins
Treasurer:	Kaylynn Friswell	Secretary:	Michelle Allgrove
School Rep:	Leeyan Brinklow	Member:	Jessica McKee-Howes
Member:	Darla Sklapsky	Member:	Giselle Huvenaars
Member:	Sana Jamal		

Previous Chair: Scott Janke (no longer on the SCC board)

1. **Call to Order** 7:06pm
2. **Motion to Adopt Agenda:** KayInn, Second Giselle
3. **Motion to Adopt the Minutes of the Prior Regular Meeting:** Giselle, Second Leeyan
4. Presentation of Financial Report (Friswell)
  - \$4560.59 current balance, 2 outstanding cheques totalling \$617.22
  - SCC receiving cheque from the division for \$2470.84
5. **Motion to Adopt Financial Report as Presented:** Jessica, Second Giselle
6. Old Business:
  - SLC- Book fair helped bring in people. Staff was present to assist families with Edsby issues. Overall successful evenings.
7. Presentation of Principal's Report (Norum)
  - 2 new EAs hired. Resignation of another EA. Interviews were held yesterday.
  - The School Outreach worker resigned. Interviews were held today.
  - School Councillor resigned (Last day will be Dec 8). Job is currently posted.
  - Thank you to the SCC for support at SLCs. The share the warmth campaign was held beside the book fair. There was not a lot of traffic but did have some heart warming stories where families were able to utilize the store. Hope to have another opportunity in December.
  - Kindness activities will be planned for December and may include classroom activities such as carolling downtown, cards, decorations, and notes.
  - Christmas time - donations for the children's hospital. The foodbank is in need of food donations, nutritional support continues.
  - Pumpkin decorating was successful. Ended up with extra pumpkins that were donated to families.
  - December 14th Madison Cameron Presentation for parents
  - School had a soft lockdown today with regards to a wandering coyote around the back area of the school. RCMP and conservation officers contacted and on surveillance. All well and no one was harmed.

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- November 20th is the SIP day for teachers and there will be no school for students. EAs will also be receiving training this day. Teachers will be working on goals with regards to assessment, mental well being, edsby, behaviour problems.
- Scavenger hunt coming up on December 13th. The Store of Giving will be on December 7th and 8th. Possibility of a BINGO event.
- Last month teachers voted on sanctions and we are looking into the potential loss of teacher lunch supervisor support. Looking at getting people prepared in case there is a loss of supervision on the teachers part. Usually there are 3 teachers who supervise. May need to reach out to the SCC and community but they will also need to get a criminal record check. Unsure what is the best way for this to happen and whether or not people need to pay to have this done.
- Looking ahead to planning staff appreciation week and having the SCC committee help out. Start brainstorming ideas to share appreciation to our staff.
- There have been some opportunities to rent out the gym after school and on the weekends. We would need to find out TMSS's rate and charge a similar amount. The issue is that there is no one who will be paid to clean up and a staff member would have to be present in the school to let people in and be there while the groups are using the facility. Also have had issues in the past with equipment being damaged which would be at the expense of the school.

8. Discussion arising from Principal's Report

- Lunch supervision. How can the SCC help? It is difficult to get commitment if people need to pay to get a criminal record check prior. It is uncertain if there will even be a loss of supervision at noon.
- Rental of the Gym. Funds earned would be used for school based budget related items. Often used to repair broken items. Will renting out the gym benefit the school especially if it requires a teacher to be present during this time? We will need more information about who is renting and if it will be beneficial to do this.

9. New Business:

- Store of Giving Collection – Dec 4-7. Sign-up Genius for volunteers. It would be much appreciated if SCC could sign up. We will begin collecting items the week before as space in the school for storage is very limited. There is a committee who will make up the schedules that will be sent out soon.
- Winter Lights Scavenger Hunt – Wed Dec 13. SCC will cover the cost of hot chocolate and cookies for the evening. SCC can ask at Tim Hortons for any discounts on food/drink for the event. A sign up will be created and sent out to SCC and then the community to help out on the afternoon/evening of the event. Michelle volunteered to create a family

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engagement basket that can be used as a raffle prize for the return of scavenger hunt forms (Look into movie theatre for donation of passes).

- Other items
  - i. Madison Cameron- Parent Engagement presentation in the evening of Dec 14 is strictly for parents only. Councillors and outreach workers will be available. Could be beneficial to have a parent perspective from the SCC to promote the event about social media awareness for students grades 4 and up. Members of the SCC could share their thoughts on the topic that could be used in a promotion piece for the event(one parent to another parent).
  - ii. Christmas Bingo will be tabled and maybe look at doing it around Easter as the Christmas season is usually quite busy with all the events taking place.
  - iii. Edsby- SCC could help provide support to parents regarding edsby. All members are in agreement that Edsby and the new reporting system has been well liked and a great opportunity to get involved in their child's learning. SCC members could help promote Edsby in some way like testimonials about our own experiences.
  - iv. SCC committee agrees that parent engagement activities are well received and that we have a good amount of opportunities for families to get involved at the school.
  - v. School photos feedback has been not well received. Some pictures continue to come back blurry and the service through the company has been less than desirable. There has been confusion on the classroom photos and families who did not order packages are not receiving a classroom photo. This was not communicated with the school at all and Sandra is trying to contact the company to come up with a solution to this as no one was aware that this was happening. Hopefully we will get some information soon and can send out a message to families about this piece. If anyone has any contacts for companies that we may want to try instead, they can send them along to Sandra. Lifetouch want the school to sign a contract but until we are able to sort things out and rectify the issues we have been experiencing, there is no contract being signed.

10. Reminder of upcoming SCC Meetings (all noted below are Regular meetings)

**Next meeting: January 18, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**

May 23, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

March 21, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

June 20, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

11. **Motion to Adjourn meeting at 8:21** - Kaylynn