

Tom Thomson PS

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Library / Hybrid

Attendees:

Robert Iannuzzi

Scott Carmichael

Andrea Day

Amanda Robinson

Deanna Rando-Kowalewski

Caitlin Johannesson

Jasmin Elliot

Jackie Noble

Marilyn Campbell

Leslie Gentleman

Leanne Glawdel

Regrets

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Meeting called to order at: 6:30

Notes:

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Approved - 1st: Leslie G and 2nd: Leanne G

3. Principal's Report

We have had an amazing transition back to school! Our students have quickly learned routines and have enthusiastically engaged in learning opportunities both within and outside of the classroom!

Meet The Teacher-Monday, September 29, 2026

We had an amazing Meet The Teacher Night on Monday, September 29th!

Thank you to our amazing school community for coming out and supporting our children!

We had an awesome turnout and it was great to connect with our families!

Terry Fox Day:

Thank you so much to Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Gradson, Mme Collins, Ms. Coric for organizing our amazing school wide Terry Fox event on Friday, October 2nd! We are pleased to share that we have exceeded our school goal of \$7200. We raised just under \$10,000 with additional contributions coming in. Thank you so much to our school community for your generous support!

Sharing Assemblies:

Thank you so much to Mme Castro for organizing our Sharing assemblies! We have had our students participate in these sharing assemblies in the capacity of MCs, presenters from our Youth In Action team as well as students across the school! Our two sharing assemblies have focused on the Tiger Traits of Teamwork (September) and Initiative (October). Our November Sharing assembly will recognise our students who have demonstrated the Tiger Trait of Giving! TT Tiger came out to have photos with our Tiger Recipients!

Franco-Ontarian Flag Day Assembly:

Special Thanks to Mme Sachs and Mme Johnson for organizing our Franco-Ontarian Flag Day Assembly! Our MCs and student participants did a great job throughout the

assembly! Special thanks to Mrs. Trebble and our Tech team for set-up!

Cross Country:

Special thanks to Mme Segreto, Ms. Pereira, Mrs. Gradson, Mr. Nichols, Mme Collins, Mrs. Paterson for coaching our Cross Country team! We had about 130 participants who represented Tom Thomson at Sherwood Park! Go Tigers! The Results were shared in our Tiger News!

TT Schoolwide Cross Country:

We are excited to have our 2nd Annual TT School Wide Cross Country Meet on Tuesday, October 20th! Thank you so much Mrs. Gradson, Mme Segreto and all staff who will be contributing to this wonderful event.

Flag Football:

For the first time, TT has a Junior Co-ed Flag Football team. Thank you to Mr. Carmichael, Ms. Phonthaphanh, Mr. Sicilia and Mrs. Gradson for coaching!

Teacher Report

We have had a vibrant start to the school year. As a staff we spend the first few weeks of the year building classroom connections, and community. We want everyone to feel welcome and connected to their teachers, their peers and their school community.

Here are some Key highlights:

Our welcoming assembly and our first TIGER assembly - hosted by grade 6 students morning announcements have an updated format - now a google meeting everyone morning, hosted by our grade 6 students - we are finding it more meaningful, primary learners are more aware

Celebrating the success and teamwork of 130 cross-country athletes,

Honoring French-Ontarian Day with a school wide assembly

Ongoing Terry Fox Run fundraising efforts - we are SO proud of the incredible efforts of our community

A few specific highlights from classrooms - Drumfit with Mme. Castro and Nature Buddies with Mme. Segreto and Mrs. Day

4. Treasurer's Report

Opening Funds \$7070.15 (1840 saved from last year that wasn't spent in classroom enhancements and 5229 earned from pizza fundraising near end of year)

\$2687 - approved commitment use this money towards Jungle Sport instead of bussing Bronte Creek this year, \$7 cost/child,

Jungle Sport - the gymnasium is set up for indoor Rock Climbing, the program are inclusive for children with special education needs, the date would be in May so that classes may be rescheduled outside

Money from year end BBQ - money was approved to be sent for OZObots/stem approx **\$2772.13 - approved**

Classroom enhancements - due to government budgets allowing for classroom funds @ \$750 - Council is going to reduce funding slightly from \$15 to now **\$5 per child, per homeroom teacher - approved (for a total of \$2000)**

\$250 per coverage teacher Trebble, Ms. P, Strinich, Chipps, Sachs, Special Education Team (for a total of \$1500) - approved

Expenses must be spent by end of April

Teachers - please try to plan in advance for wishlist items for council so they can appropriately fundraise to help meet our needs

Council will revisit classroom enhancements numbers in January

Angel Fund - \$1500 - approved. School also contributed 1500

- more families than previous years are requesting food assistance, more students are accessing the breakfast program
- last year spent 2797.54

Breakfast Program - \$300 approved, funded from Halton Food for Thought, private funding, and school generated funds, donations -, Council will look at funding again in the Spring (School contributed \$1000). Breakfast program has a lot of saved funds at this time

Glow Dance - moving the date to mid-January instead of October, money raised from this event will go towards field trip transportation/in class experiences

Each class gets \$400 for each class to go towards bussing OR classroom teachers can choose to bring an experience into their classroom, plus the bigger pizza days - **approved**

Yoga Night with Kim Gradson - looking at a date, on a Thursday night in early November - Thursday, Nov 12 7-8pm - please bring water, a yoga mat, wear comfy clothing and an open attitude

Big Crunch - this will occur on October 20th after school Cross Country event. BP has ordered apples - cost is \$300 - **approved**

Consideration and discussion about future fundraising for Athletics (tournament fees, sports equipment, jerseys etc) as well as STEM

5. Committee Updates

a. Fundraising

- i. Food Days (including pizza, ice cream sandwich, milk and cookies). Funds raised will go towards field trip transportation or in-class experiences. **Nov/Dec Pizza Day funds approved to go towards field trip transportation/in class experiences**
- ii. Glow Dance - Kindness Theme - likely to be in late January. Funds raised will go towards field trip transportation or in-class experiences
- iii. Silent Auction
- iv. Grade 6 Graduation - consideration to increase to \$1500

b. Events

- i. Wellness Yoga Night - coming up in November. Maybe another in the spring. Event will be free and donations will be accepted

c. Other Updates

6. PIC Rep

Needs to be determined

7. New Business

Discussion about "playground puddle" - consideration about how to address this

Teacher Appreciation Event - discussion about how to fund this type of event

Other Lunch Programs:

Kidssentials/Food For Good - lunch programs that could be offered at school.

- This is not a fundraiser but an option for parents who wish to purchase lunches for children. Amanda to look into more and will consider options at next meeting

8. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at: 8pm. Next Meeting Nov 2, 2026 at 6:30pm