

Templeton Mini School Parents' Association

- MINUTES Wed, November 30, 2022

Attendance:

Templeton Staff:

Christina Koblbauer (Head Teacher)

Association Executive:

Zoe and Yee Jee (Co-Chair), Jeff Chang (Recorder & FB engagement)

Regrets:

Richard Poult (Member at large), Elisa Gutierrez (Contact list coordinator)

Parents:

Raymond Ying, Andrew Smith, Ron Wallace, Jackie ?

1. Call to order, welcome and introductions

Hybrid meeting protocols

Call to order at 7:30 pm

2. Regarding Minutes

There are no minutes from the last meeting. It was our first hybrid meeting and the regular secretary (me; Jeffrey) was not in attendance.

3. Treasurer/Treasury Update

As of November 30, 2022 we have a balance of \$3290.55.

June was former Treasurer Julie Morey's last meeting as her child graduated.

4. Head Teacher Report (Christina Koblbauer mixed with Q&A)

We have a mailbox, and a bunch of statements from Vancity. Can we go paperless?

- Jeffrey to look into that

Ms Soderlund and Ms Koblbauer went to Ikea with some students to furnish the newly designated student space. There are a few more things they want to get but that were out of stock. Currently it's quite dark (no lights); that may change. Glad that this space is moving forward.

We are revamping the hoodie design. Students will submit proposed designs by December 2nd and a winner will be announced at the Winter Celebration on Thursday December 8th. An email should have gone out Monday with details. We would like people to bring food, however you may also donate money which will be used to order some pizzas. A suggested contribution is \$10. Instructions were attached to the email.

Reminder:

If you are bringing a dish, please label it so that we can return the dishes.
Please do not include nuts in any dishes and label anything that contains typical/common allergens such as: eggs, milk or shellfish.

Ms Soderlund wants to do (or maybe already did?) an edible plant walk and wants to make a salve as part of this. She asked that I see if the TMSPA would be interested in funding this for ~\$300.

Yee Jee made a motion for the TMSPA to pay for this; Approved unanimously by all in attendance.

Regarding upcoming field trips: Bamfield did not accept our bid. They are having staffing issues and cannot offer as many sessions / slots as in the past. There are other groups that didn't get to go last year or this year; at least our kids got to go last year albeit last minute.

Ms Savic is looking at alternative trips for Grade 9 for this year. She recently attended a workshop and they are now considering a Vernon trip where there are a number of science related activities.

Yee - FYI: There's The [Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve](#) in Chilliwack that could be an interesting thing to do on the way there or back. Someone (in attendance) has a relative (sister?) who is the director there. They will be in touch with Ms Savic to facilitate that discussion.

One advantage of doing something other than Bamfield is that we have more flex on dates, which could be better. We are hoping to do it some time in May. Whatever the trip is, we want it to be a science based outing.

How do parents feel about Strathcona in terms of when they go (Grades: 8/10/12 or 8/9/12 in the past)? One challenge with going in Grade 10 is that it conflicts with YOЕ

(Youth Outdoor Education). Should we go in a different year? Both these trips are the same week each year in September. While in theory one could be moved, they are both looking to capitalize on good weather, so neither are likely to move.

VSB still have not given the OK for Ashland. VSB has OK'd travel to Washington state, but not beyond (at this point).

Yee - What trips happen in what years?

Victoria 10, Ashland 11, Strathcona 12

Normally Ms Vadacchino would have booked Ashland for next year already, but we are currently not allowed and don't want to risk losing a deposit.

Yee - Regarding the current cohorts, what's going to happen with each of them? There's been a bit of chaos with trips; but is there a way we could put together something about what we think will happen; a list of Plan Bs.

Grade 12s did Strathcona this year. Grade 11s this year did Victoria since they couldn't do Ashland.

Yee - Maybe we can have a template for back-up plans so that we (parents and student) know what will happen if the primary activity falls through. I (Yee Jee) will reach out to Ms Savic and coordinate with this and figure out what other trips there might be.

Regarding the dedicated student space, I got a chess set and we are shifting tables around to find things that work in the space. The other items that we wanted from Ikea are currently out of stock. Once they come back in then we probably have everything we need.

NOTE: One of the parents working in the film industry is on a show that when they wrap may be giving away some stuff. He will provide photos to Ms Kloblbauer in case there's anything they want. They are still looking for an open bookcase and a table.

Yee - Can we get a pic of the space to share with parents?

Sure

5. Treasury

Currently we have 2 signatories. We need 2 to approve an expense. We should have at least one more in case someone is unavailable. We also need a volunteer for treasurer. Julie has set everything up last year, so in principle it should be pretty simple.

Reminder: I (Jeffrey) will be leaving as Natalie is graduating this year.

Raymond Ying volunteered to be another signatory.

- Jeffrey will follow-up to get him added

If we don't get another volunteer, Yee Jee and Zoe already bank with Vancity and would consider being the extra signatory once I (Jeffrey) leave council.

6. Events and event planning

We have wanted to have this more to promote more interactions between parents.

First off though we want to get an idea if there is a desire / willingness to attend events?

Secondly, is there someone willing to take this on to organize an event or events? The last one was a few years ago at Tamam for a dinner. This event was well attended and enjoyed and even ended up making a small sum of money, while also covering the costs for the teachers who attended.

Andrew Smith (and wife Sarah) was (were) on a special events committee at their other school. While not the heads of the event, they were materially involved and have a good deal of experience in running large events. They organized an annual large carnival at SFA Elementary with games, food trucks, wet bar etc etc. That was their "donation" to the school. This event was not intended as a fundraiser, but it always ended up making money to go towards the school. They would be happy to lend their experience to do something here at Templeton.

7. Meeting concluded:

8:10pm

8. Next meeting

Wed Feb 22, 2023 (agreed upon by those in attendance, but Ms Koblbauer to double check against the school calendar for conflicts).

Meeting minutes to be sent out by email and posted to the website.

9. Other

Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/tempminiparents>

Info about contact list (see attached PDF about its usage)

<http://tinyurl.com/TempMini>