**RICHVIEW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – Oct. 11, 2016**

**Welcome/ Introductions/Approval of Agenda & Minutes – Michelle Minott**

* Minutes from September were approved by Tracey Davison and Omila Tickeram.
* Agenda was approved.

**Business arising from the Minutes – Attendees at Council**

* None.

**Student Council Report –  Tamia William and Hrithik Sharma**

* This month the student council did “toonies for turkey”. They raised $700 for the Scott Mission.
* Raised over $300 going class to class the rest was raised at commencement
* On October 28th there will be a Halloween BBQ.
* Venue for prom is expected to be at Palaise Royales - finalizing details and then will require approval.
* Planning future events for fundraising.
* Clothing line - in process of designing.
* There will be a dodge ball tournament before Christmas break.
Intermural sporting events throughout the year.
Student council has a 5k goal for this year.

**Principal’s Report –Sam Miceli, Principal**

* As Jennifer Ladouceur, Vice Principal mentioned at our September meeting we are over enrolled (or understaffed) we will have classes over acceptable limits by end of October. However we have received 1.5 teachers from the board -three half teachers supporting grades 9.
* Literacy scores - useful insights.
* Numeracy score down to 56% down from 80%. There are 25 in the Applied program.
* Academic 225 students 85% level 3 or higher.
* Literacy score grade 10 juncture assesses grade 9 learning
235 kids 96%.
* Joy, satisfaction and gratitude around commencement - finishing that milestone is meaningful and significant. New features such as grad gowns, decorations and hospitality - it was magical.
* Tracy, Lisa, Omila, Anne Marie, Ulrike and others - big crew that helped out.
* Will ask the three groups for input for next years’ commencement.  It won't be in June. Feedback: ideally the Friday before Thanksgiving.  Universities piloting reading week at same time, could be helpful with attendance. Thursday is really tough for students to miss, Friday is best.  Usually we have 1/3 that don't attend.
* This year very successful having it on the Friday.
* Students made an effort to come.
Surveyed parents, students and staff - not unanimous but a majority did support having on the Friday.
* Would we consider the Saturday? No couldn’t ask staff to do that.
* Commencement only two guests per student. Only one parent was upset and went above Sam to complain.  People did bring more than two and dealt with as they arrived.
* Have we thought about streaming the commencement, something to consider for the future.
* Welcome extra guests but we can't guarantee seating. Don't turn away - as long as you are ok with standing.
* Next year will include two tickets in the mailing.
* Dr. John Malloy he comes out to every event - asked that we share message with staff and parents.  Working together for our students. Enhanced learning culture.
* Watched online video

**Treasurer’s Report – Heather Smith**

* Nothing this month no change.
* Balance remains the same $8835.77.
* Slow moving account.
* Money will be coming out for technology initiative.
* Completed the annual filing.
* We have received a Pro Grant.
* 1k grant for school council to put on talks.
* Math was our chosen topic.
* Two parts - TDSB to speak about math in high school and where Richview sits.
* Second part - have our math department speak to partnerships, accessing help, general preparedness for exams.
* Need to set a date. Far enough from exams so it is helpful to parents and students, perhaps in January or February.  Not on a Thursday.
* May need help from Sam to identify someone in TDSB and line up Richview teachers.
* Additional topics - Bridge the gap from high school to university - what do kids need to go on. Get feedback from guidance department as well.
* One hour for the session.
* Would hold as a stand- alone night.

**Staff Report – Olga Calabria**

* No update

**Committee Reports**

***Fundraising -Technology: Lynn Campbell***

* $12,300 to spend on technology.
* $6,800 carryover and online donations.
* Two bank accounts school and parent.
* We are in our second year of three year technology plan.
* Computers in business program library labs updated.
* Computer and projectors in every classroom.
* Music was not addressed but they did ask for a couple of computers and projectors - will supply.
* Assessing needs vs wishes. Address what we can and some of Sam’s money.
* This year have raised $6,500.
* We could do a postcard campaign - every few weeks an email went out. Can do email if parents have consented. About 80% have.
* We are in good shape financially.
* Another fundraising round closer to Christmas if we have a need on technology side.
* Next year we will have the big gala and silent auction.

***Commencement – Tracey Davidson***

* Tracey Davison discussed this year’s October 7th commencement.
* Only thing to add - the co-chairs organized and had volunteers.
* Grade 12 parents should take it over and chair.
* Send out an email early in the school year to check the commencement link and get volunteers.

***Mental Wellness – Michelle Minott for Josie D’Agostino***

* Josie D’Agostino organized an expo last year and held workshops on resilience and coping with anxiety. CAMH is offering sessions this fall: October 18th, Nov 3rd & Dec.6th.
* Need to get this organized. Heather Smith offered to assist Josie with creating a flyer to send out to parents

**New Business**

***Rob Janes******- FSLAC***

* New parent and French as a Second Language Advisory Committee (FSLAC) for Ward 2.
* Meet once a month and talk about how we can improve French Immersion.
* If you have ideas or suggestions Rob would like to hear from you.
* Issues now are around retention.
* Possible suggestions - Do an exit Interview to find out why students and parents are leaving the program?
* Within the TDSB Ward 2, Richview is the only public high school that does Immersion.
* Another suggestion - Testing - how well are students doing in the program?
* Similar to an EQAO in grade 12.  Not covered by board.
* Sam - Cutting teachers and only ones being hired elementary/French .
* Unable to draw and retain teachers with bodies let alone preferred candidates.
* Create more spaces and incentives as we staff our French Immersion.
* Email address for FSLAC Rep Rob Janes: janes.rob@gmail.com

**Chairs Report – Michelle Minott**

* Food and Nutrition Program.  Went into the room and saw it was in need of supplies and equipment. Mixers, plates, cutlery etc.
* Spoke with teacher because they have such a shortage, half the class sits while half does the preparing and cooking.
* Teachers Emmy Manitaros and Maureen Mcdonagh-Vella have provided us with a PowerPoint to provide parents with an idea of what they need. Not fully prepared to discuss numbers but gives parents an idea of why they are in need.
* Equipment is required. Currently 54 enrolled in class.
* Department didn’t receive anything from the three year IT plan.  They are looking to see if parent council can assist.  School budget money has to go through TDSB approved vendors.  If it's parent council money used to purchase supplies/ equipment then no vendor approval is required.
* There may be some money in the Council account that could possibly be allocated to assist some purchases.
* Fundraising Suggestions were discussed- A student can set up a bowl at Friday Night Lites and ask for donations to the Food and Nutrition program to purchase new mixers. – the funds from Poinsettia Sales around Christmas can be utilized for this program
* 6 hand lenders and mixers/3 hand mixers/Pyrex dishes/Woks
(If you wish more information please ask Michelle Minott for more details: highviewhs@gmail.com)
* We will ask them to put prices to the equipment.
* Sam dealing with health and safety and work orders and a letter from Parent Council to Chris Glover to get facilities to move this along.
* Michelle Minott will ask food and nutrition staff for Friday fundraiser?  Emmie and Maureen.
* Students currently in the program pay $50/student to purchase food items.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 22, 7:00pm – 8:00pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:03pm