

Runnymede C.I. School Council Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

April 27, 2017; 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Runnymede C.I. Library

Present (parents): Donna Miato, Kimberly de Witte, Sahra Isse, Deke Nur, Lisa Truant-Tan, Salwa Mohamed, Anthony Allie, Pi-Yu Cheung

Present (other staff): Mr. Edwards, Ms. Lovell

1. Meeting call to order: 7:15 pm
2. How can we support the Runnymede 90th Reunion Celebration
 - List of duties: sign up
 - Supervise students who are doing the work; there are around 60 children volunteers

AREAS OF HELP NEEDED:

- Day Before (May 5):
 - One adult to supervise students decorating the 7 Decades room (3:05 pm – 5 pm);
 - 2 parents for supervising decorating the cafeteria; Kimberly, Pi-Yu
 - Time capsule 1:30 pm in the gym; 1:45 school assembly
 - On the day (May 6):
 - 11- 12 noon: Teacher social; set up at 10 am – Lisa and Deke
 - 12-3 pm: open to everyone to come into the school; games; BBQ; \$4 all halal; silent auction for scholarships; raffle; Runnymede mugs \$10; water bottles \$20; robotics presentation in large hallway
 - 3 pm: special presentation in auditorium
 - 4-5pm: final social in cafeteria with cake
 - Purchase 12 bags of ice for 10 – 11 am to be taken to the cafeteria: Donna and Khaleel
 - Registration (11 – 1 pm): one parent: Pi-Yu; front doors
 - Supervise kids (5-6 pm) to clean up decades room – Salwa, Donna
 - See Ms Lovell in Room 214 to volunteer; can get community service volunteer hours or sign up per the poster; sign up on the google form.
 - Items for silent auction and raffles still possible to donate. Send letter to parents so they can ask organizations for donations.
 - Other ideas: ask City of Toronto for the water truck.
 - School Council sponsored the BBQ
 - Reunion people will be using walkies
3. Other Business:
 - a. Spring Art Show: Thur May 18, need parents 7-8 pm for registration and snack bar (Lisa)
 - b. Student Council through RUSTCO has donated one microwave;
 - c. School council will donate one more microwave.

4. CHANGE in 2017/18 calendar:

Placement of Parent Teacher interviews

Current order: Letters of concern sent out, parent teacher interview, then report card. However, participation in parent teacher interviews is low (about 50-60%). What can we do to ensure the conversation is more critical – that the 30-40% kids can get 50%; those with 60% can get higher?

Proposed order: Letters of concern sent out, report card, then teacher interview. This way the focus will be on the report card marks so parents will be encouraged to come for the parent teacher interview.

Concern voiced was that this would allow less time for students to increase their marks.

Response given: 70/30 split – latter half still will have 30+35% = 65% of the mark.

Drop out date for a course: 5 days from mid-term report.

Some other concerns – consistency in teaching; Math 10 to 11 is the biggest change.

School Council – highest priority is how is my kid doing? Would like to try to have these meetings on Mondays to increase parent participation. This will mean changing Evening school from Mon/Wed to Tues/Thur (Mr. Edwards does not foresee this to be an issue). Ward 7 meetings are on Tuesday. Also propose to start these meeting earlier in the school year so we can impact students in September. Hence there is a School Council Planning Session: Wed Sep 6, 7 – 8:30 pm to plan for Sep 12th Grade 9&10 Curriculum Night for Families.

Grade 9 BBQ – changed from May to 1st Friday in September (Sep 8).

5. Adjournment @8:30 p.m.

Next meeting – Thursday, May 25, 2017; 6:30 - 8 p.m.(pot-luck social & wrap up meeting)