

Runnymede C.I. School Council Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

January 19, 2017: 7:10 p.m.- 8:50 p.m. : Runnymede C.I. Library

Present (parents): Pi-Yu Cheung, Donna Miato, Richard Villavicencio, Kimberly de Witte, Salwa Mohamed, S., Lisa Truant-Tan

Present (other staff): Mr. Edwards,

Regrets: Mr. Pollice, J. Ardell

1. Meeting call to order: 7:15 pm
2. Review and approval of last meeting minutes – minutes were distributed in advance.
3. Staff Update of 2016/17 RCI's Action Plan
 - I. Student Achievement: focus on Literacy and Math, in-service training as there are significant number of students who require assistance; Math coach with focus on Grade 9 and 10; has been happening since mid-Nov so interested to see their progress. EQAO math will occur in 2 parts: two days, during math class, only those requiring more time will miss next class.
 - II. Wellness: being formulated, asked for \$15K for teacher replacement when they go for PD; produce posters on Mental Health services, laminated and put in each classroom.
 - III. Equity

More detailed report from individuals deferred to next meeting;

2nd Information Night went fairly well, same# of people showed up; perhaps only one night needed. Masters Test update - 70 sat for the exam, decisions made last night; letters to go out next week. In discussion - perhaps have test in November and have letters sent out by Christmas. Need to submit dates to the Board by end of May 2017. Reason for earlier is primarily to reduce stress on students. Dress Code: would like to start enforcing; communication will go out to students in Feb; will start to implementation in May with target of full implementation by September 2017.

4. Report from the Planning team (Harpreet, Nora, Khaleel, Donna and Kimberly) decided on four key things:
 - Fundraising for the school: Had a pizza lunch \$184.50 profit; International food festival – asked for more details before coming to School Council for help. Suggestion was to combine with Arts Night.
 - Parent involvement at School Council Meetings: Nora was going to try to get ideas. Voice message more effective than email to invite parents to come out.
 - Hold a Ward council meeting at RCI.
 - Next fundraising: Feb 23 (Thur) – possibly next pizza lunch.

What is involved for parent help? Need a parent to be here 11:30 – 1 pm. Pizza will be delivered, some students help to sell. Ordered 20 (8 Halal peperoni 8 cheese 4 veggie) last time; probably 15 will be enough; Price - 2/\$5 or \$3/slice. Advertise Halal, 2 volunteers needed (perhaps Kimberly and Salwa TBD, Donna backup, Lisa might know a week before).

Should we think of other options? Ask Pegrolls for “Runnymede day”; they have Tuesday and Friday specials so perhaps we should stay away from those days. Salad for healthy options.

5. Budget Report from Treasurer:

- School Council does not have separate account; could get a P-card for the School Council to pay for the pizza. Or pay upfront and then take out the cost. Decision: Ask one of the Vice Principal’s to use a P-card; need to check with vendor if he will accept.
- Use of \$1,000: Pamphlets in different languages, what is the script? Support one of the three action plans in (3). What are the Goals? Increase parent participation in school; support multiculturalism.
- Kimberly knows of a speaker: Motivational speaker for children
- Salwa knew of a speaker who spoke about supporting parents around addiction issues.
- Arrange for a speaker for **March 30, 2017**
- Job Fair for parents and children; currently RCI has job fair for the summer jobs; there will be a career fair in cafeteria; network is available already – need to check with Wilma.

6. Report from Ward 7 Council – deferred. Next Ward 7 Council Meeting: **Tuesday Jan 24, 2017 at 7 pm**, Garden Avenue Public School. 225 Garden Avenue.

7. Presentation of May 6, 2017 Reunion update – John Maniezzo (tel: 416-231-2090 or johnmaniezzo@gmail.com for information)

11 – 5pm, FREE for all

11-12 Old staff will meet

12- 5 pm rooms will be open: Decade room;

3-4 Assembly recognize Trustees, former Principals; some teachers

4-5 Cake etc.

10 things you should see

1 room with 3 events (celebrate 150th Canadian years)

School council can fundraise on that day.

School has committed to \$2,000

Last School Council donated \$500.

8. Other Business

Upcoming School Council Meetings

- a. February 23rd – Option Selection Process for school.
- b. March 30th - Speaker
- c. April 20th – Centennial celebration
- d. May 25th – Celebration (with potluck)

9. Adjournment @8:50 p.m.

Next meeting – Thursday, February 23rd, 2017: 7 p.m. Library.