

Runnymede C.I. School Council Meeting

Minutes of Meeting

March 30, 2017; 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Runnymede C.I. Library

Present (parents): Donna Miato, Kimberly de Witte, Issaq, Lisa Truant-Tan, Harpreet Gulri, Salwa Mohamed, Pi-Yu Cheung

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

1. Meeting call to order: 7:10 pm
2. Review and approval of last meeting minutes – minutes were distributed in advance.
3. RUSTCO (Student Council) Update (President: Brennan Stanfield)
Upcoming: Blitz – an event every week, groups of two, each group plan an event.
Spring Dance (April 13, 6:30 – 10 pm, doors close 7:15, tickets \$5 students, \$7.50 guests, in school); BSA will provide refreshments for sale; funds will be used for Mental Health education.
Spirit week in 1st week of May - 4 events leading to 90th celebration;
Events in June to end the school year – another Spirit week, pep rally
Other things they did/want to do: Girls washrooms do not have individual waste bins, custodians did the research and now they have it.
Q: How do students respond? Different events get different support and encouragement; Rap battle turned out well; started as a karaoke; crazy hair day did not have a lot of participation.
It was proposed that students and parents (RUSTCO and RCI Council) partner together to rally support for events. Will be added to RUSTCO constitution that there a Rep in RCI Council.
PROM – May 12th at Chateau Le Jardin in Woodbridge 6 pm – 7:30 pm reception (doors open 6 pm; close 7 pm), photos taken; 7:30 dinner, then dancing till midnight, cost: \$75-\$90, committee has been doing a lot of fundraising. Still want to do a car wash for next year's PROM. Theme: "We are going to party like it is 1999"
4. Runnymede 90th Celebration – see handout
 - Fundraising for scholarship for students; Alumni has a bank account for scholarship but the \$ is dwindling.
 - Aisley (Grade 11) will head up a Student Committee of volunteers.
 - Unearthing the capsule – colour day will be outside; was buried 25 years ago (Canada 125th anniversary), was intended to be unearth on Canada 150th anniversary.
 - Event will be open to everyone

AREA OF MOST NEEDED HELP:

- Behind the scenes help needed by Student Council, lunch meeting on Mondays, volunteer hours; 1st interest meeting on Monday during lunch.
- May 5; 1- 8 pm need both parent and student volunteers
- May 6: 8 am set up for social
- May 6: Help needed for 5 pm to box up decade room stuff for storage till it can be taken away by those it belongs to.

5. Report from Principal

- Paul thanked the Council for working well together this year.
- Currently planning for next year – timetable based on # projected students and teachers
- Interviewing for new 3 Heads of departments (Many used to have 5 Position of Responsibility (POR) at \$5K; many have split to 10 ACL – Assistant Curriculum Leaders at \$2.5K); RCI was given 6 Heads of department and decided on acquiring 12 ACL; have chosen 9 after March break, hence still have 3 positions outstanding. It is likely that some heads will be different; of the 12, not all 10 are returning.
- There will be 38 teachers for projected 614 – 640 students for 2017-18 (150 coming from Grade 8).
- Added Head of Wellness and Equity, deleted head of student and parent engagement as Council is doing a good job. So the outlook for the next year is looking bright.
- Q: How is staffing information communicated to the children? Mr. Edwards explained that the process is very contractual, staffing is very fluid as surplus teachers sometimes may be called back; by June, 99% of teachers know what they should be preparing for September, however the process does not end until Aug 31.
- Parent Teacher interview: April 6, online booking for everyone. Need student# to book.
- Decision was made to have these before the mid-term so there can be a push to get their marks up.
- April 24 – report cards going home with students; students have 5 school days after the mid-term is sent home to drop a course if they do not want the marks to show up on their score.
- Summer School run by Continuing Education part of TDSB – they choose schools that will offer; Offerings open mid-May; generally only Careers and Civics for Grade 10; there are more Grade 11 and 12 courses. Good to have a credit summer school for Grade 9, but that is not available any more. Elearning registration opens Monday April 3.

6. Update on **April 20th (parents) presentation**: 30+ parents have signed up; parent volunteers (Donna, Salwa and Lisa) to set up. Council parents were informed they also needed to sign up.

April 21st (student) presentation: Mental Wellness morning Two groups: 9&11; 10&12. There will be many organizations setting up booths for information. Students will need to get their Passport stamped for each booth they visit; at the end, they can submit their passport for door prizes. It should be very educational and exciting for students.

TDSB and Pineriver – having a FREE session with HumberSide; they have reached out if we want to have one; we agreed to move to Fall 2017.

7. Report from the Planning team (Harpreet, Donna):

- Model Schools: Changes are happening and it might include secondary schools based on LOI; discussions are happening at a higher level and perhaps we should wait to hear the recommendation before we act. We expect a communication to come out of Malloy's office

about “model schools”; one way is to keep in touch with Superintendent (Tracy) – parent council write a formal letter to let her know to consider RCI for a model school if the new model allows, since our LOI decreased from 11 to 10; also build relations with Trustee and Director of Education. **Action:** It was agreed that Joseph Pollice and Harpreet will help draft the letter and include French Immersion as well by the end of June.

- Donna will try to get information from Nora for next meeting.

8. Budget Report:

- Pizza fundraising this Monday raises \$133 profit.
- We have agreed to give \$500 from the \$844 for the 90th Celebration Reunion.
- Have a balance of approx. \$750 so we will explore purchasing two microwaves.

9. Report from Ward 7 Council – Michelle Munroe (from parent engagement department) did not contact Nora back; need to appoint a new Ward 7 Council Rep as Nora is no longer able; since there were no immediate volunteers, Harpreet agreed to attend next meeting - April 25?

10. Other Business

- **Leadership Camp** (Grade 10) is a great program but attendance is limited which is why it is not widely published; not enough traction currently with students to get two trips – don’t want to say NO to anyone. It was a great weekend for building leaders.
- Observation / Challenge – getting information to parents so they can get involved.

11. Adjournment @9:30 p.m.

Next meeting – Thursday, April 27, 2017; 7 p.m.(tentative depending on Robotics schedule)