

REGENT HEIGHTS SCHOOL COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF EVENTS 2010-11

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Dear Parents, Staff and Students;

It is the duty of the school council Chair to annually report to the school community on the activities of school council.

We have had a very busy year! The new school council began its term in November 10th, 2010. We had new faces to council this past year: Sunita Khandelwal, Vice Chair; Jessica Huang, Treasurer and Alex Yep as Secretary. They were welcome additions to our council and would like to thank them for their time and dedication this past school year.

School council worked in partnership with school staff, parents, students and community. We attempted to host a variety of fundraisers and events to appeal to a wide variety of individuals. From book sales, to popcorn days, parent workshops and our Community Fair, we had something for almost everyone.

Our volunteer base expanded considerable and we had many parents assisting us throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who supported our efforts throughout the year!

The mandate of school councils is to enhance student achievement through their activities and to ensure the accountability of the system. The reality is that most school councils devote the majority of their time to fundraising to make up short falls in school budgets.

We received funding of \$585 from the school board to assist with meeting expenses. This includes the purchase of liability insurance, childcare for meetings, paper expenses and printing costs. We used \$466.29 sea side panel for the specific amounts. The amount is based upon student enrolment.

School Council met in October, November, January, February, April, and May. The Community Fair committee met in June.

We attempted to establish working committees last year to balance the workloads and to involve a broader base of parents. We will be continuing the same this year. School council can engage in a broader range of activities through the use of committees.

We received a Parents Reaching Out Grant from the Ministry of Education, for \$1000 to fund a proposal to host three parent workshops. The funding covered the costs of the presenters, supplies, childcare and hospitality. Our workshop topics were: "Kids Have Stress Too"; "The Wild, Wild Web" and "Building Resiliency Through Cultural Diversity". We used \$981.05, see side panel for specific amounts.

RSHC Meeting Expenses

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| Oct 6/10 Childcare | \$50.00 |
| 2 persons 2 hrs @ \$12.50/hr | |
| Nov 10/10 Childcare | \$25.00 |
| 1 person 2 hrs @ \$12.50/hr | |
| Jan 19/11 Childcare | \$25.00 |
| 1 person 2 hrs @ \$12.50/hr | |
| Feb 16/11 Childcare | \$31.25 |
| 1 person 2.5 hrs @ \$12.50/hr | |
| Apr 20/11 Childcare | \$31.25 |
| 1 person 2.5 hrs @ \$12.50/hr | |
| Childcare TOTAL | \$193.75 |
| Former RH students assisted with childcare as volunteer community hours. | |
| Paper | \$186.14 |
| School Council Insurance | \$86.40 |
| Meeting Expense TOTAL: | \$466.29 |

Workshop Expenses

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|--|-----------------|
| Dec 1/10 "Kids Have Stress Too" | |
| Presenter - received bursary | |
| Childcare 2.5 hrs | \$31.25 |
| **Many volunteers assisted | |
| Feb 23/11 The Wild, Wild Web | |
| Presenter - | \$370.00 |
| Childcare all volunteers | |
| March 30/11 Math workshop | |
| Childcare 2 hrs | \$25.00 |
| Apr 27/11 "Building Resiliency through Cultural Diversity" | |
| Presenter - | \$250.00 |
| Childcare | \$31.25 |
| ***** | |
| Presenter totals | \$620.00 |
| Childcare Totals | \$87.50 |
| ***** | |
| Supplies; (Paper, Printing, Pens, Notepads, Flip Charts, Folders Name tags, etc) | |
| Supply Totals | \$135.81 |
| ***** | |
| Hospitality: Snacks, tea, coffee, serviettes, cutlery, snacks for children | |
| Food Total | \$117.07 |
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| Workshop Total | \$981.05 |

If you have questions concerning any of this information please contact school council via

Email regentheightsschoolcouncil@gmail.com or leave a message via school office 416-396-6535.

All RHSC records are kept in a binder in the school office; it is available for review by the parents and staff of RHPS.

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We were able to explore some new fundraising ideas last year. We focussed on community building with our Festival of Lights Dance, potluck appreciation lunch and our Community Fair. The numbers of volunteers and the funds raised were evidence of our success. See below for a glimpse of the fundraising events and results. All funds listed are the amounts raised and amount in bold in brackets is the net (after expenses).

SEPTEMBER:

Freezie sales at the
Welcome Back BBQ
Raised \$156.80 (**\$156.80**)
Funds to Scientists in the School

NOVEMBER:

"Festival of Lights Dance" and popcorn sale
Raised \$894.27 (**\$ 797.43**)
Funds to Junior Robotics Kits
Parents and students created Rangoli and shared
information about Diwali to students.

USED BOOK SALE

Parents, and staff donated gently
used books to promote literacy
Raised \$606 (**\$606**)
Funds to Library Headphones and
Primary Home reading program books

DECEMBER:

Parent Workshop "Kids Have Stress Too"

This workshop was well attended. We
learned to identify stress, the physiological
and emotional characteristics of stress in
our children & ourselves. Strategies shared
to assist to reduce/manage the stress in
parents and children. The feedback was
positive and parents requested more
workshops.
Parents assisted students to create salt
dough ornaments and shared the history of
the Christmas tree.

December Concert Raffle

Donated items from Louise, Kool and Galt
were raffled at December concerts
Raised \$450 (**\$450.00**)
Funds to Home game referees for
basketball, Volleyball & Soccer

JANUARY:

Popcorn and Juice Sales:

Raised \$586.24 (**\$421.48**)
Funds to purchase of popcorn
machine

ONGOING FUNDRAISER

**Mabel's Labels on-line
fundraiser.**
Raised \$ 36.42

Purchased get well gift for
Mr Alfano, caretaker who was
recovering post surgery
\$135.60

FEBRUARY:

RHSC Entertainment Coupon Book Sales

Raised \$998.25 (**\$588.25**)
Funds to keyboard

Purchase of Popcorn machine from Wonderland
Food Ltd \$678 plus popcorn purchase \$164.75

Parent Workshop "The Wild Wild Web"

The information shared discussed various
web sites, parent controls to monitor on-line
activity and the necessity of having family
rules around computer usage, including
appropriate web sites, time of day and length
of time on the computer. We learned about
privacy settings, what personal information to
share and rules around acceptable, versus
unacceptable on-line conversations on
FaceBook and other social media sites. The
feedback from parents was very positive.

MARCH

Parent hosted Staff Appreciation Lunch

*This is the time we call on parents to bring
their favourite homemade food to share with
staff to express our appreciation for their
hard work. It is also a time to connect
parents, cultures and cuisine. Our parents
did not disappoint!*

APRIL

Parent Workshop "Building resiliency through Cultural Diversity"

Participants shared stories,
concerns and identified their
values and focussed on goals.
Parent feedback was positive.

MAY

Ice Cream Sandwich Sale

Chapman's Ice Cream donated 120 ice
cream sandwiches.
Raised \$444.70 (**\$334.15**)
Funds to Kindie and Grade 8 Graduations

POPCORN SALES:

APRIL

Kindergarten sales \$114.05

MAY

Primary to Intermediate \$405.00
** Extras given to Boys and Girls Club

JUNE

Popcorn sold at Fair
Information not available
Expenses: \$248.15
*** Additional juice boxes sold at Fair and
upcoming BBQ

JUNE

Community Fair

Games, demonstrations by Dance Kids Canada
Sport Play, Desantos Karate, RH Folk Dancers
RH Hip Hop Dance Club; Food sales- International
food tables, Bake Table, freezie sales, Hot dogs; Henna Art, Tattoos,
Bouncy Castle; Raffles Almost all supplies, prizes, food donated
Raised \$2897.55 (**\$2627.60**)
Funds to Scientists in the School and Nutrition Program

Ice Cream Sandwich Sale

Raised \$439 (**\$273.03**)
Funds to Kindie and Grade 8
Graduations