

Rockford School Council

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Minutes for May 28, 2024

Time: 6:30pm

Attendees: Ian Wilson, Kin Irving, Delia Jarczyn, Rachael Leduc, Maria Leilani Berioso, Alexey Golovan, Chantelle Service, Krista Arseneault, Colin Lee, Brian Seekalegga, Sheri Fineberg, Elena Yiltovskaia, Neal Francis, Nusrat Jahangir, Carla Herbert.

1. Welcome and Introductions, Review of the School Council Code of Ethics – Delia introduced meeting purpose and School Council Code of Ethics. Board members in attendance introduced selves.

2. Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2024

No quorum – postponed until fall meeting

3. Principal/Vice-Principal's Report – Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Irving

- **Mr. Wilson:**

- School model for next school year. 2024-2025
 - English stream: 4X Kindergarten, 4X grade 1, 1X1/2 split, 3X Grade 2. 1X 2/3 split. 2X grade 3. 1X3/4 split (mandated), 2X grade 4. 2X grade 5. 2X grade 6.
 - French stream: 2X kindergarten, 2X ½ split. 1X 3, 1X ¾ split (mandated), 1X 4/5 split, 1X grade 6 (virtual)
 - There is always the possibility of classrooms being reorganized in October based on number of students actually at the school vs. projected enrolment.
 - Staffing process. TDSB teacher transfer process, retirements, etc take place over the year. Today was end of posting process for vacancies.

- **Ms. Irving:**

- Field trips have started taking place (ROM, Reptilia) and are continuing. Grade 5FI went to High Park. Pawsitively Pets may come to the school for Kindergarten program.
- Grade 6 graduation ceremony is in the planning process. Sweatshirt sample sizes were helpful in getting orders placed. Graduation June 20th in the afternoon.
- Welcome to kindergarten event will be planned for June. In-person this year, during the school day.

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- There is a talk of a talent show (Ms. Braunstein) but not formalized to date.
- Math – Mathology program will likely be adopted. There is a possibility that they will be a TDSB vendor. Math PD will continue for the teachers. My Math Path for kindergarten.
- Play day – outdoor activities for the day. Date not yet scheduled.
- Students are discouraged from being on personal electronic devices during the school day, including outside at lunch time. Students are aware of the policies and rules.

4. Budget Updates

- a. School Buses for Field Trips
 - Parent council has already been approached to cover fees for some buses this year. Please ask teachers to continue to submit receipts.
- b. Request for Freezies for Play Day – has been funded in the past. Parent council will continue to fund freezies this year.
- c. Other requests/suggestions –
 - Parent council is supposed to use up their money each year, vs. carryover. We've been using our money however Pizza Day
 - \$37000 in bank account today.
 - 3X pizza lunch days remain to pay out.
 - \$9000 for Jungle program next year
 - Bussing for upcoming field trips.
 - Grad sweatshirts - ~\$2600
 - Freezies ~\$150
 - Staff breakfast - ~\$300
 - Outdoor dance in June ~\$800
 - Miscellaneous fees ~\$150
 - \$19000 will remain in account by the end of the school year, if everything that has already been approved has been reimbursed (Kindergarten book bag program, etc may not have been reimbursed yet).
 - IDEAS: update recess bags, recorders, math manipulatives, math workbooks for each individual student – will need a new one each year as the students write in the books.

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6. Rockford Community Issues

a. Gym wall update

- Gym wall has been fixed. Retractable wall was broken for over 2 years, dividing gym into 2 smaller gyms permanently.
- A parent attended school council meeting and found the company who was contacted and said that they could fix the wall.
- Wall has now been fixed and new key has been ordered. Wall now retracts and can be pulled out when needed.

b. East passage “swamp” update

- East side of school gets swampy in rain, snow, etc. Rough terrain.
- Mr. Wilson has taken pictures and shared with facility staff.
- Bringing community concerns to facilities team and superintendent can help.
- City of Toronto Park next to school – individuals come with cars and do wheelies, drifting in the lot. The lot had been chained but had been cut in the past. It is now padlocked at night again before facility staff leave.
- Exploring getting a gate (vs. chain). Due to board deficit, all facility projects are on hold until September 2024. Cannot be discussed until after Sept. At this time, only emergency facilities projects are being funded by the board.

7. School Council Update

a. Pizza lunches

- Fourth term update: 476 orders were places. 3 dates remain.

b. Movie Night

- Good/bad –
 - 20 people responded to initial email asking re: interest.
 - 122 families (375 people) attended.
 - Some parents didn’t support their kids in being respectful of others during the movie.
 - Overall, we’ve received positive reviews.

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- Suggestions for next time
 - IDEAS: there was a doors opening time listed (6:30) but no indication of what time the movie was going to start (7:30). Movie started later than expected.
 - IDEAS: try and make registration process faster and smoother. Have more tables to sign in. Not everyone knew which name they registered under. Tickets to kids in advance once the family registers. Show email to prove that they registered. Eventbrite can be used to send QR codes on receipt.
 - IDEAS: start the evening earlier. Buy pizza for dinner at the event? Sell snacks for a nominal fee, make them available for purchase throughout the movie so that not everyone has to line up before the movie starts.
 - Friday night was proposed. This doesn't work for some Jewish families due to Shabbat. Possibility of holding it on the night before a PA day.
 - IDEAS: separating the event into 2 age categories. On separate days or in 2 spaces in the school (e.g., gym + library). Hard to find a movie that appeals to JK through grade 6 age. Logistics of a caregiver remaining with each child must be considered.

c. TDSB Information Sharing

- More Joy Reading Series – Wednesdays May 1 – 29 2024 on Zoom.
- Mental Health and Well-Being – Parent partnership committee. 17 June 2024, 6:30-8pm – Google Meets
- Parent & Caregiver Fine Motor Q&A – Third Tuesday of each month, 12:30-1:30. Virtual
- Parent & Caregiver Sensory & Regulation Q & A – Third Wednesday of each month, 12:30-1:30. Virtual

d. Grad Sweatshirts

- Sizing and names update – Ms. Irving will send the completed spreadsheet to Council chairperson

e. Clothing Drive

- Storage space within the school to store items until the Fall has been secured.

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- Please bring items in bins/boxes vs. bags as they are easier to store.
- Please donate Fall and Winter items.

8. Questions & Answers

- TDSB Pride celebrations for June? Not to our knowledge. Not on the TDSB website yet. TDSB may not have released their full June calendar yet.
- Rockford has a Pride flag. There was a ceremony last year. Flagpole broke last year. Administrators will check if flagpole has been fixed. Pride month will be included in June daily announcements.
- Security procedure re: potential threats (in light of shots fired at a nearby school over the weekend). Lockdown drills are practiced throughout the year. Shelter in place/hold and secure – doors are locked – no one can come in/out of the building. During the day, visitors must be buzzed in through the main door and must sign in/out at the office. Security cameras are in place around the building.
- Grade 6 graduation is for virtual students and in-person students as well.

9. Other Business

- N/A

10. **Next Meeting Date. Tuesday October 8th, 6:30pm.**

11. **Adjournment – 8:30pm**

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