

# Rockford School Council

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## Minutes for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Time: 6:30pm**

Attendees: Nigel, Delia Jarczyn, Beverly Fortune, Chantelle & London, Cynthia, Fadumo Rirash, iPhone, Kin Irving, JN, Shawn Gauthier, Mirwais Nahzat, Victoria Nagraga, Vladslav Mustafin, Ariana, Matthew Price, iPhone, Nashaw, Burucany, iPhone, Andrea, BT, Chantelle S, Rhea, Sylvia Kim Cota, Jamie, Joanna P, Regina's iPhone, Samsung SM-A715F, Tahereh, Nicholas, Shaneka Shaw Taylor, 7-Melissa

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

### **2. Reminder of the School Council Code of Ethics**

### **3. Approval of Minutes from February meeting**

Postponed until later in the meeting when there is quorum.

### **4. Principal/Vice-Principal's Report – Mr. Gauthier and Mrs. Irving**

- **Preparing for 2023-2024 year**
  - Staffing model discussed
    - Next phase, trying to establish where students are best placed for success
    - Sometimes unable to accommodate various requests made by guardians
  - 5/6 Virtual class
- Bookfair raised funds to purchase approximately 2,000 books
- Graduation
  - 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm
  - 2 tickets/family for guests to attend due to space constraints

### **5. Rockford Community Safety Issues**

n/a

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## 6. School Council Update

### Pizza lunches

- 444 orders latest round of orders
- 3<sup>rd</sup> session May 12<sup>th</sup>
- 6 week session; ability to order various weeks

### TDSB Information Session

- Summer school options listed; URLs provided

### Parent Survey

- Sylvia presented survey for parents
- Survey should be sent out in coming weeks

### Rockford Spirit wear

- New options & pricing presented by Delia in slide
- Discussed graduating class receiving a hoodie as a gift
- Generally store open for 2 weeks for purchase
  - Approximately 3-4 weeks shipped to school for pickup
    - Option to ship to home for additional fee

## 7. Slido Questions & Answers

***Do all classes only have 15 minutes to eat lunch? If so, what is the logic behind this?***

- Approximately 15-25 minutes due to 40 minutes required for teachers to have their own personal time for their lunch
  - Supervision scheduling is challenging
- Students always have the opportunity to finish lunch elsewhere

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***My Grade1 child was told by a teacher,that there are some people identifying as "them". I didn't consent to my child being indoctrinated by any agenda at school***

- Principal is open to speak to the poster privately if desired
  - School is fully inclusive

***What time is morning supervision in the yard suppose to start at? I have been there many times at 9am and only the daycare teachers are out.***

- 8:55- 9:10 daily
- Various supervisors outside
  - Not all wear distinguishable vests so not always visible but they are there supervising

***What is taught in Human Development and Sexual Health in gr.1? Please elaborate on the curriculum.***

- Kin explained it is about body parts & awareness
- Hygiene and nutrition
- Curriculum can be viewed online if desired to see full specifics

***Does the school have any after school clubs? What grades do they begin?***

- The school or TDSB does not, but Toronto Parks & Recreation have an afterschool program at Antibes
- Various programs & clubs during the school time, such as lunch or recess supervised by faculty

***I have concerns students at Rockford are exposed to gender bigotry at home that is not compatible with our society. Education is key to combatting intolerance!***

- More of a statement

***For the parent who says the school is filthy. How do you expect a school of 700+ kids to stay clean ALL DAY? Perhaps you can volunteer your time! 😊***

- Response to earlier, deleted post
- Very busy school with daycare and other rented space
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- Caretaking busy cleaning frequently
- Students are school proud and take initiative to help keep their premises clean

***I understand this year there will not be any SK grad pictures. Will there be some sort of a ceremony for the SKs?***

- Ceremony can take place, but coordination is sometimes challenging
  - Will be on an individual basis; not students walking across a stage as grade 5/6 graduation ceremony

***Grade 6 Graduation - Has a date been set yet? Will it be indoors or outdoors? Will parents be able to attend? Will extended family be able to attend?***

- Discussions held; final determination will be made shortly

***What is the status of the gym walls previously discussed? Is there anything being done to resolve this outstanding issue?***

- Awaiting report
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> time this is being inspected

## **8. Other Business**

- Birthday food is not encouraged due to allergy risks
  - Non-food items are welcome
- Jungle Sport ask for physical activity
  - Approximately 3-5k depending on details
    - No objections or questions; item approved

## **9. Next Meeting Date:**

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Meeting adjourned: 8:12pm**

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