

# Rockford School Council

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## Minutes for October 3, 2023

**Time: 6:30 pm- 8:20 pm**

Attendees: (44 people) Ian. W, Kin. I, Maryna. M, Joe. V, Sheri. F, Lydia. L, Sidney.S, Beverly. F, Cynthia. G, Nigel. M, Amanda. W-P, Selm. B, Rachael. L, Tayeba. M, Oksara. G, Mheliza. L, Alexy. G, Modrine. N, Vashkor. Z, Katelynn. B-L, Lynn. G, Swati. J, Leslie. C, Ellaine. H, Karen. C, Sheela. V, Hariwansh. K, Jeremy. H, Josephine. M, Nusrat. J, Liudmyla. B, Mike. L, Nataliia. P, Carolyn. D, Cliff. D, Jay AR. B, Kim. J, Tyson. A, Chantelle. S, Melissa. B, Ijulle. H, Aboscde. O, James. F, Delia. J

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Current members Introduced themselves (Delia, Kate, Nigel)

Kin-Vice principal, Ian- New principal

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

Can be viewed on the website at (link website)

Respect, make things better for our children, and work together.

### 3. Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2023 **(Only three members are here tonight, and we need four to pass the minutes.)**

### 4. Elections for 2023-2024 School Council

Less than 10 people applied, so no elections were needed. All got a space on the council. The current and new members are;

Katelynn Borg-Lacey  
Sheri Fineberg (Secretary)  
Ijulle Hausvater  
Nusrat Jahangir  
Delia Jarczyn (Chairperson)  
Nigel Mohammed (Treasurer)

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## 5. Principal/vice-principals Report – Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Irving

**Ian-** One kindergarten class was closed. Two ESL were needed for the school, a total of 32 students, which gave us 1.5 more ESL teachers. Miss. O has left the school, and we have a new kindergarten teacher. Currently Learning names and buses- so he can feel comfortable, (Ian and Kin are always around) and meeting as many parents as he can. We encourage our parents and community members to reach out to us by phone (416-395-2820) or email( [Ian.Wilson@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Ian.Wilson@tdsb.on.ca))

**Kin-** Parents are learning not to park in the bus zone area, as blocking off the bus zone has helped (the daycare and kindergarten teachers are noticing a difference). The community is beginning to work together not to block the fire zone in the bus loop. One parking officer has only given 8 tickets for parking violations. Let us know if there is anything you need to know or need help with safety-wise.

## 6. School Council Update

### a. Pizza lunches

Held as a fundraiser for the school every Friday. We are using Domino's Pizza. This is done in blocks to not have to buy the whole year, and we have many different options. **We need volunteers for pizza lunches, on Fridays from 11 a.m.-12-ish.** \$5 a pizza for two slices, they will not raise prices for the next two years as they want our business.

### b. TDSB Information Sharing (will be posted online)

- i. Virtual Employment Opportunity Fair (Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 10-2)
- ii. Raise a Reader (Oct. 11 6:30-8 on Zoom) K-8
- iii. Virtual Community Fair (Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>) special education
- iv. Mental Health & Well-Being Parent Partnership Committee (every week Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>)

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v. Parents and Caregivers Conference (Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>)

## **c. Staff Rep**

### **i. Budget requests**

Starting this year, we have a staff member Matt Gugula who will attend both the staff meetings and parents' council meetings to have everyone on the same page, and list any needs the staff may have.

A list of what we can help with and have helped with in the past,

1. busing (one field trip per class)
2. grad sweaters (Student and teacher names)
3. help to pay for grad trips.
4. laptops
5. recess bags(sports)
6. the wall in the gym????

Some Requests- help fill some of the recess bags.

Teachers- indoor recess kits

Music teacher- records, etc

## **d. Rockford Spiritwear**

i. Curriculum Night? Open the school back up so that we can meet everyone (new date Oct.26th)

## **e. Welcome Back Event**

TO late to have this year, might be able to work on it for next year.

## **7. Community Issues**

### **a. Drifting**

Caretaking staff- put up a chain when you leave at night, as we don't want people spinning around our parking lot. Cameras- can't see that much, but we are trying to stop it. Will follow up with the caretakers to find a better solution.

## **8. Slido Questions & Answers**

### **a. Anonymity**

Two questions

- 1) Bathrooms in kindergarten are dirty, A- We are trying to stay on top of it.
- 2) Dismissal time for all 3:40 pm

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## 9. Other Business

Q- Grade 3 test end of the month (universal screener CCAP 7-online).

A-You can choose not to do it; contact the school to let them know. (It's in English- maybe French??)

Q- can they provide in detail what the teachers are teaching in the current year?

A-Can look on the TDSB site to find details for the current curriculum, more details to be given on curriculum night.

Q- what are the guidelines for the temperature in class, the cooling center in the small gym, and fans?

A- cold policy is -20 -26 wind chill, can be kept in or reduced the recess, central system- for all the rooms, an open window if it's too hot, and every room has a HEPA filter.

## 10. Next Meeting Date

Tuesday. November. 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

## 11. Meeting adjourned:

At 8:20pm

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