

Rockford School Council

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Agenda – April 2, 2024

Time: 6:45pm

Attendees: Delia Jarczyn, Monica Azad, Rashad Mehdizade, Kismat Patel, Jahan Mehdizade, Kateryna Stopina, Sheri Fineberg, Ijulle Hausevater, Nusrat Jahangir, Chantelle Service, Nigel Mohammed, Racheal Leduc, Nina Rizza Bacurin, Neal Francis, Ian Wilson, Kin Irving

1. Welcome and Introductions

Executive members, principal, vice principal and attendees introduced themselves.

2. Review of the School Council Code of Ethics

-Delia reviewed school council code of ethics.

3. Approval of Minutes from February 27, 2024

5/6 council members present.

Motioned by: Nigel Mohammed Seconded by: Nusrat Jahangir

All in favour: 5 -yes - passed

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

Mrs. Irving

- Literacy books for book bags have been purchased. Waiting for them to arrive.
- 3 presentations to teachers re: math curriculum resources. Mathology, My Math Path and Math Up. Teachers will discuss and decide which program to follow. Available in English and French.
- New signage has been posted around the school (e.g., no dogs, no parking at certain times, no trespassing). The signs are there for the safety of students.
- Sign at the end of the parking lot says no left turns from parking lot. The times on the sign reflect the old school bell times. Will look into updating the sign to reflect current school bell times (?city of Toronto sign).
- Yard play – Continuing to separate the play areas by grade to ensure safety and monitoring.
- Board game indoor recess bins have been assembled and distributed.
- Snack program – Kindergarten, grade 1 and 2 are now receiving snacks. Extra snacks are kept in the office in case anyone doesn't have a snack (non-perishable items only as no fridge is available). Working on figuring out

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- the frequency of the program. Working on paperwork to opt-in/out for next year. Money for the program was received from the City of Toronto.
- Graduation day – Thursday June 20 – Grade 5 French Immersion, Grade 6 English.
- Grad trip - Tues June 25 – Bowling alley within walking distance from the school. Was a lot of fun last year.

Mr. Wilson

- ?Add a gate near the portables to prevent trespassing when the kids are at school.
- Staffing process: staffing committee proposes a model to the superintendent. Consult with teacher about their assignments and give out teacher assignments. Consult with parents re: student placements in relation to peers in the classroom.
- Projected enrollment and teacher allocation for 2024-2025:
 - o Project 30 classes (current 31)
 - o Project 6 kindergarten classes (current 8)
 - o Projected 14 primary classrooms (current 13)
 - o Projected 2 grade $\frac{3}{4}$ classes. (Current 1)
 - o Projected 8 junior classes(current 9)
 - o 2024-2025 projections:
 - o English – 4FDK, 11 primary, 1 grade $\frac{3}{4}$ (mandatory), 6 junior classes, 1 grade 6 virtual.
 - o French – 2FDK, 3 primary classes, 1 grade $\frac{3}{4}$ (mandatory), 1 junior class.
 - o 42 teachers (42.5 current)
 - o 2.0 Special education resource (current 2.0)
 - o 0.5 library (current 0.5)
 - o 5.34 prep teachers (current 5.52 in person/0.19 virtual)
 - o 1.0 self-contained ESL class (current 1.0)
 - o 3.0 ESL resource (current 2.0)
 - o 1.0 Vice Principal allocation (current 1.0)
 - o Projected enrolment 710. (755-760 now, families continue to enroll throughout the year).

5. Budget Request Updates

- a. Budget overview/update
 - Parent council to pay for the indoor recess bins. We haven't received the receipts yet.
 - Jungle gym activity to be pushed to next year before March break.
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- Parent council has received request to fund bussing for grade 1 field trip to the science centre.
- Other field trips are in the works.
- b. Other requests/suggestions - None

6. Rockford Community Issues

- a. East passage “swamp” – update? Mr. Wilson is waiting to hear what the options are.
- b. Gym wall – update on manufacturer – Mr. Wilson is working on getting the wall taken care of – repair, replace or remove. Facility team leader says that it’s a challenge to bring non-TDSB vendor due to union rules. But if no TDSB vendor can help, they will consider a non-TDSB vendor.
- c. Graduation trip – bowling. See above.

7. School Council Update

a. Pizza lunches

- Third term update: Numbers are slightly down (~450). 6 week term currently running.
- There will be one more term for the end of the school year.

b. TDSB Information Sharing

1. TDSB Excellence Awards Virtual Support Session
2. TDSB Virtual Community Fair – Special Needs
3. Mental Health and Well-Being
4. Parent & Caregiver Fine Motor Q&A
5. Parent & Caregiver Sensory & Regulation Q & A
6. Virtual Office Hours – Regular or Special Needs
7. Math Matters

c. Grad Sweatshirts

- Sizing and names need to be hammered out. Parent council has been funding the sweatshirts for the last few years.

8. Spring Events

- Movie Night
 - i. Tuesday, May 7th ? This date should work.
 - ii. Specifics from admin – n/a
 - iii. Committee of caregivers to help organize the event. Delia will send out an email to all of the caregivers.
 - iv. No fee but must register in advance. Parent council will provide snacks.
- Clothing drive

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- i. End of season – date? Last week of April. Send an email to parents to let them know that we’re doing this so that they don’t get rid of winter clothes that are too small.
- Outdoor dance – has been done for the last few years. DJ outside. Kindergarten 20 minutes; grades 1-3 40 minutes; grade 4-6 40 minutes. Mr. Wilson suggested week of June 10th – June 12th or 13th. Delia will speak to the DJ about the dates.

9. Questions & Answers

10. Other Business

- **ESL Student Integration**
 - Kateryna Stopina – proposed to run groups/clubs for students to communicate together. Mr. Wilson will follow-up.
- Revisit idea of class reps to allow communication amongst the parents.
- School concerts – are events for caregivers to see children taking place? They haven’t taken place over the last few years. Mr. Wilson would like to put this back in place.
- Newcomers night was cancelled due to low registration. Will be pushed to early in the new school year.

11. Next Meeting Date

- Tuesday May 28th, 2024

12. Adjournment

8:30pm