

RICHVIEW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – February 17, 2015

Welcome/ Introductions/Approval of Agenda/ Approval of Minutes

Student Council Report – No report

Principal's Report – Sam Miceli

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Parent Conference – Michelle Minott

Michelle Minott is a parent representative from Hilltop school who gave a presentation on a STEM Conference that Hilltop is sponsoring on Saturday June 6 2015. The idea is to use technology –based learning tools to assist students in inquiry-based learning. There will be four components – Workshops, Creative Corner, Kidszone, and Exhibits & Marketplace. They have a committee and have various partners and are looking for volunteers. Please contact Michelle Minott at 647-739-4663 or at highviewhs@gmail.com if you would like to get involved.

Wireless Access – Richview is 100% fully wired as of two weeks ago!

Caring and Safe Schools - There have been two recent robberies that have been reported (Oct.4, 2014 and Dec. 18, 2014). Arrests have been made and their principals and night school principals have been informed. We will host a meeting/assembly with the message to be proactive and work against the stigma of speaking up and “snitching” to authorities.

Reporting- There are four reporting months – November, March, April and June. Some parents may have received an e-mail from Sam regarding a correlation between low achievement (0-55%) and tardiness/absenteeism. There are a lot of resources for help and assistance with the Homework clubs and with teachers being available for assistance before and after school and lunch hours.

SAINTS week - There will be a lunch time session to canvass staff and students regarding suggestions for next year's charity.

Muskoka Woods – A successful and fun time was had by all at this annual leadership camp! Students develop a closer bond in 5 days that they would normally develop in 4 years.

“The School” documentary – Sam has been approached by the CBC to possibly participate in a documentary on high school. CBC has acquired the rights to a BBC series called “The School” which is said to be “a love letter to teaching”. Sam has met with a representative of CBC who are in the preliminary stages of the project – they are looking at a total of 3 exemplary high schools in Ontario and B.C. Stay tuned.

Arts Alive – March 5

Inside Ride – March 6

Richview's First Talent Show – March 26

Treasurer's Report – Tina Majthenyi

\$ 2,462.85 . An influx of \$235.85. Current balance \$2,695.90. Note: A portion of the \$1000.00 School Council allocation will be set aside for an appreciation Breakfast for the teachers. (approximately \$500)

Staff Report – Olga Calabria

Principal's Advisory Group (PAG)/ S.A.I.N.T.S – The senior students will be checking in with the grade nines to encourage/support them- will have discussions on five broad themes such as peer pressure with simulations and debriefings. S.A.I.N.T.S - Scarlett Heights Senior Centre events – played Family Feud, cookies for Easter.

Co-Op Fair- Great event and turnout! Note: We are looking for any connections for the following fields:

***** Media, Engineering or Architecture *****

We have great interest in these fields and would love to arrange placements for our students. Please contact **Olga Calabria or Sam Miceli** if you can assist!

Chair Report – Bev Firchuk and Charlene Sam

PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grants - 1. The first PRO grant will be used for speaker Karyn Gordon – May 4. Her topic will be “How to find your career”. This will be applicable for students and parents. We will be inviting the community to attend.

2. We will use the second PRO grant to host an October event that focuses on STEM Learning and the Digital Classroom.

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY APRIL 14TH – 7:00 P.M. - LIBRARY