RICHVIEW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 15, 2015

**Welcome/ Introductions/Approval of Agenda/ Approval of Minutes**

**Student Council Report** – **Emma and Yun (Parent Council Reps); Brandon (Student President)**

SAC – Sept. 23rd Fun Day for Grade 9’s to build community; CN Tower stair climb for charity (all students welcome).

- many activities forthcoming and in the early planning stages.

**Staff Report** **– Olga Calabria and Usha Kelleymaharaj, Peter Gehbauer., Mike Sexsmith**

Leadership Program- Mike shared an overview of the Leadership programs goals includingwelcoming the 263 Grade 9 students into 10 Colour groups that would extend into Muskoka Woods.

Teachers – Olga brought greetings from staff. They are available to provide assistance to all students and will be arranging scheduled H.W. Clubs. Staff members are very involved supervising 81 teams/clubs at last count.

Computer/Science program – Usha and Peter presented some of the exciting initiatives occurring within and between the two dept’s. (Science and Business Information Technology)

STEM

RCI will be hosting a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) information evening for parents and their children. STEM is a trans-disciplinary approach to inquiry and problem based learning that fosters collaboration, creativity, and innovation in all students. TBA in November

**Trustee Glover –** encouraged RCI Community to attend Ward Council Meetings and provide feedback on TDSB selling property . Meeting dates/locations will be emailed to you from Richview. Also, you are encouraged to attend the Special Education speakers Forum.

See Chris’ Newsletter online for improvements in our schools such as RCI Roof top solar panels, new bleachers, wi fi. Etc

**Principal’s Report – Sam Miceli ; Meredith Tuck and Jennifer Ladouceur**

Student Agenda- expectations, holiday schedule etc highlighted for your information

Students are to proceed directly to class if they arrive before 9:10am (10:10am on Wednesdays); there is increased teacher responsibility for attendance to encourage more face to face contact. If students arrive after these times, they must obtain an admit slip. If students arrive after an appointment, they must provide a note to account for the lateness/absence; if late between classes, late slips are not issued; instead, the classroom teacher will record the lateness and work with the student.

Commencement volunteers requested for Thursday, Oct. 8th. Contact vice principals Meredith Tuck and Jennifer Ladouceur if you can help during the day or evening.

Mental Health and Wellness an important initiative at RCI in partnership with parents, social workers, community support groups and the Ministry; events for parent and family participation forthcoming.

Reinvigorating Richview

Tickets will be sold on Curriculum Night (Sept. 24) and at Friday Night Lights, Centennial Stadium October 9 for our ***October 29th Richview Parent Pub Night Fundraiser at The Crooked Cue***. Tickets are $40 each and can be purchased with cash or cheques made out to "Richview Collegiate Parent Council".

Online tickets can be purchased at [www.sagoto.com/rcipc/pubnight](http://www.sagoto.com/rcipc/pubnight).

Field of Dreams– Not a fundraiser but a partnership, this long-term project would see an artificial field installed. It would include a running track, an electronic scoreboard, additional bleachers and lighting. Any fundraising in excess of the $40 000 would be applied to this project. For example, the $6000 landscape architect’s fee.

These ambitious plans would be achievable through the Business Development Processes. A viability review is being submitted and we would work with Business Development Partners.

Saints Week- will run in its usual time frame, in mid-December. This year, it will be run under the auspices of the Leadership Class. The charity is Megan’s Walk.

Parking Lot Safety- A reminder that during peak times, parents are to drop off students deep in the heart of the lot, stay on the right, do not make 3 point turns.

School Budget and School Improvement Plans- due dates for both are October 30. Input will be sought at the October 13 Parent Council.

**Chair Report – Bev Firchuk and Charlene Sam**

Reinvigorating RCI Parent Pub Night Fundraiser chaired by Lynn Campbell Thursday Oct. 29th The Crooked Cue, 3056 Bloor St. 7pm; Tickets $40

Silent auction – We are looking for donations Websites?

**Elections** - The following parents were nominated and acclaimed to serve as the RCI School Council Executive for the 2015/16 year:

Chair – Michelle Minnot

Secretary- Deborah Pope

Treasurer – Heather Smith

The outgoing Executive is thrilled to welcome new members and appreciate the expertise they bring to their roles.

**NEXT MEETING – October 13 – 7:00 P.M. - LIBRARY**