RICHVIEW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 12, 2015

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

**Student Council Report** - **Frannie Shen**

Prom – The tickets go on sale next week - $100.00 per ticket.

SAC – We are planning to clean up the court yard; it was pointed out that the Environment Club already does that. The Parent Council suggested that people can donate flowers for the cause by dropping them off at the main office.

Nepal collection - A collection was held today for Nepal. There will be a reward for the classroom that collects the most money.

Fun Lunch – An extended lunch to celebrate the end of year and “fun”. It included beach volleyball, tug of war, ice cream, inflatables and more. $2000.00 was raised and half of that will be donated to a worthy cause.

Elections – Organization of elections (May 26) is underway.

A thank-you was extended tor Frannie for being this year’s Student Council representative.

**Staff Report** **– Olga Calabria and Usha Kelleymaharaj**

Teachers – Olga wanted everyone to know that compliments and appreciation are relayed back to the teachers. They are currently working on summatives and exams.

Science program – Usha presented a slide show overview of what was accomplished in the science program. Various field trips (eg McMaster- genetic engineering), the Outdoor classroom (Old Mill – Biology), contributed 2 new species of insects, public educations initiatives and much more.

**STEM – Antonio Santos – TDSB Central Coordinating Principal, Program Coordinator**

Mr. Santos presented a video about the TDSB’s STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) K- 12 initiative. STEM is a trans-disciplinary approach to inquiry and problem-based learning that fosters collaboration, creativity, and innovation in all students.

**Teen Mental Health Issues –Jill Elliot Brennan – RCI’s Social Worker**

Ms. Elliot Brennan showed a presentation on the subject of mental health in teens. The TDSB has a Mental Health League that helps develop strategies and planning. Student’s mental health and well-being is essential to student success and is an important issue in schools. Most students feel stressed to varying degrees which can develop into anxiety disorders or depression etc. There are many resources students can access for help.

**Principal’s Report – Sam Miceli**

Capital issues – The library now has 10 laptops for the portal lab for group work. 2016 will see the roof fixed and solar panels installed. Damaged seats in the auditorium have been removed prior to the STEM conference held at RCI on June 6.

Reinvigorating Richview – A letter will be included in the September mailing. A Gala Silent Auction will be held on Oct.29, 2015.

Field of Dreams– This long-term project would see an artificial field installed. There would have a running track, an electronic scoreboard, bleachers replaced, an electronic scoreboard, and consultation with a landscape architect.

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

**Treasurer’s Report – Tina Majthenyi**

The balance is $2690.00. A decision needs to be made to decide what to do with these funds. Pass on any suggestions to Sam.

More Reps will be needed next year especially with additional fundraisers.

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

Chicago Music Trip – It was noted that the music trip to Chicago was a great success. Thank you to Mrs. O’Brien.

Vacant positions - There will be vacant positions available on the Parent Council next year as well as a Canadian Parents for French rep.

Silent auction – We are looking for donations.

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