

RICHVIEW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 16, 2014

Welcome/ Introductions/Approval of Agenda/ Approval of Minutes

Student Council Report - Frannie Schen

Prom – Location is being decided. Will probably be the Eglinton Grande, the Liberty Grande or King Edward.

Bleachers – Paint, instead of replacing bleachers. Fundraising for this endeavour could be by holding a Dodgeball tournament during the month of November.

Upcoming events: Halloween week, BBQ (Friday Oct. 31st), Toonies for Turkey's, Toonies for Terry Fox, Canadian Tire \$ drive.

Principal's Report – Sam Miceli

Thank you's to parents for participating and to last year's executive, Bev Firchuk, Charlene Sam, Tina Majthenyi and Christy Caspary and to staff members Usha Kelleymaharaj and Olga Calabria.

I had enjoyed working with Lucie Kletke for 3 years and Marcia McCurdy-Fagan for 2 years; and am fortunate to now work with Meredith Tuck and Jennifer Ladouceur (and the Saint – the school's new mascot!)

Safety Plan- A red binder outlines the emergency procedures that were covered with all staff and with students at a Sept. 12 assembly. We need to form a Caring and Safe Schools Committee. Let Sam know if you wish to participate.

Enrolment - It is projected for 943 students, we sit at 922, almost 20% of classes are over cap and we need to get this down to 10% (or 30 classes) by November 1. Will ask for .5 teacher especially for Grade 9 English, Core French and Spanish.

In 4 years, we are down 7 teachers or 49 classes. This is mostly due to demographics, then budget cuts, then courses taken by RCI students outside of Richview.

EQAO Math - 48% Applied (31 students) the year before our result was 61% based on 21 students; 92% Academic.

OSSLT Grade 10 Literacy was 96%.

IT- Wireless Access Points - 21 in and 28 to go by Feb; carts for student presentations are done; next up are Dept wish lists.

Suspensions: They are down – 2011/ 2012- 37; 2012/ 2013- 26; 2013/ 2014- 20; and so far 1. Please remind students about our safety plan and the focus for respect of teaching/learning...if there is a roof over their heads, the hats must be off.

Communication- a) continues with emails, none with financial content if you did not respond affirmatively to our CASL email in June; b) website: <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/richview/home.aspx> , Which you will find on each email transmission and in the minutes to this meeting; and c) new again is telephone communication with a real voice; called “School Connects.”

Saints’ Week (Dec. 8-12) was introduced at the Sept. 12 Welcome Back Assembly-. We need donations of goods/services and we need you and your peers to come out to the Music concert that night (Dec. 11) for the silent auction.

School Calendar- Please consult the annual and monthly listings in the Student Agenda. Friday Night Lights at and with our sister school, rival school Etobicoke CI is coming up on Friday October 17th. Juniors play at 4 and seniors at 5:30pm.

Curriculum Night- Sept. 25; please participate; the details are contained in an email already sent to parents. Dismissal in at 2:25 on this day.

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) – Deborah Pope

Membership is \$25 per year with many benefits including a tutor list etc.

Adult French lessons being offered. Once a week for 10 weeks (\$170 members / \$195 non-members)

Reading sessions – Read to younger kids – volunteer hours.

Trustee Report – Chris Glover

New safe arrival procedures in place for elementary and secondary students.

Climate survey – 38,000 students participated. Information on how students feel in school. The data is on the TDSB website.

New “Integrity Commissioner” in response to bad press regarding the board and a few bad apples.

Education Development changes. Catholic school board given \$ for the purchase and preparation of land. TDSB needs \$ to refurbish existing schools.

Would like the province to change its policy so that \$ is not given exclusively for the purchase of land. TDSB secondary school enrolment is declining until 2017 but elementary school enrolment is increasing.

Treasurer’s Report – Tina Majthenyi

August 01, 2013 – The opening balance is \$1652.58. There were expenses of \$1, 678.94 and fundraising of \$1,678.94.

July 31, 2014 – The closing balance is \$2,268.64.

Chair Report – Bev Firchuk (Charlene Sam in Switzerland)

Elections – Sheet sent around to gage interest. Bev and Charlene are willing to return as co-chairs, Tina, Christy and Deb are also willing to return to the same roles as last year.

Speakers - We have engaged Karyn Gordon for a fall talk on a topic to be determined. We are looking to spend the \$1000 grant money for another talk; possibly “Digital literacy training for parents”.

Commencement is on October 9th. We are looking for volunteers and flowers and fall decorations are being accepted.

Teachers Report – Olga Calabria

Homework Clubs – Math, Science, and French to begin shortly. Times will be posted.

Principal’s Advisory Group (PAG) – Senior students mentoring grade 9 students both academically and socially. This year there has been great interest by senior students – 60 potential applicants for 30 positions.

SAINTS (Students Assisting Independent Neighbourhood Toronto Seniors) – Students helping seniors. Please advise Olga or Sam if you are aware of any seniors in the neighborhood that would benefit from the group (raking leaves, shoveling snow etc.).

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