RICHVIEW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – January 20, 2015

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

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

Prom – The theme will be Casino Royale. The search is on for a DJ.

Grad Gifts – The final decisions still pending but a pen and or a deck of cards are some of the ideas.

Valentine’s Day ideas- 1. Match-O-Matic – Fill out a survey and see who you are compatible with. 2. Roses- Rosegrams.

Youth without Shelter- Charity drive is planned to collect toiletries for homeless youth.

**Principal’s Report – Sam Miceli and Jennifer Ladouceur**

SAINTS week - A general thank-you to everyone that participated. A special thank-you to Lynn Campbell , Heather Smith and Kim Shaw for the work on the baskets and Silent Auction.

Silent Auction- A different approach may be employed next year I order to reach more parents. Perhaps a Parent’s Night at different venue similar to the one ECI does at the Crooked Cue.

SAINTS week was a successful venture that raised funds for school needs and this year’s charity, “March of Dimes”. It also accomplished its goals of developing leaders and building community.

$6,200 raised (approximate breakdown): School wide Gotcha game - $ 130.00, Home forms $3, 740.00, Staff Auction $66.00, Silent Auction Under $2,000.00, Rap Battle $226.00, Flip Cup game $100.00.

\*Next year - Students, staff, SAINTS executive and Parent Council will be asked for suggestions for next year’s charity and percentage split. The Parent Council recommends ”Youth Without Shelter” which is a local charity that helps homeless youth.

\*\* A special thank you to Sam for initiating SAINT’s week and his leadership throughout!

School Safety – Richview is a safe school especially inside its walls with a very low rate of discipline. Outside the walls there have been recent acts of violence that have already been reported. In addition to the assembly in September on street-proofing and safety, we will hold another assembly in February on the subject with special guest Michael Hill (TDSB Safe Schools ) and a Toronto Police Services rep Tony Santeramo.

Caring and Safe Schools Committee – Event was hosted by Sam Miceli and attended by students, staff and parents including Deborah Pope.

Grade 8 Open House - Well attended with over 700 people; we ran out of pamphlets. RCI is an in-demand school. We currently have 921 students and our cap next year is 917 ( a drop of 7 due to enrolment patterns from feeder schools). Hopefully this will not adversely affect staff numbers.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – As a pilot project, the second parent /teacher conferences I in February will be 10 minutes long instead of 5 minutes. This should allow for more meaningful conversations with teachers.

Letters will be sent out soon to those students that are struggling (0 – 55 marks). There 34 grade 9 letters and 30-40 letters for the other grades.

Muskoka Woods - Everyone is looking forward to this annual leadership camp. Almost all of the grade 9 students are attending and once again full- or partial subsidy has been made available for those students in need. Ms. Kelleymaharaj is planning a jam packed schedule of fun and educational program for those students not attending.

**Staff Report** **– Olga Calabria**

Extra help- Teachers are busy offering students help in the morning, during lunch and after school.

Principal’s Advisory Group (PAG)/S.A.I.N.T.S – The senior students will be checking in with the grade nines for an activity day. A series of events were enjoyed at the Scarlett Heights Senior Centre – Christmas decorating, cookies/gingerbread and singing.

Co-Op Fair- On February 6 from 8:00 am – 11:00 there will be breakfast, slide show presentation and a Student Co- op Fair. It is a good way to test career fields. Supervisors, parents, students will be I in attendance and all are welcome!

**Treasurer’s Report – Tina Majthenyi**

As of January 5, 2015-The balance is $2462.85. $438.96 was fund-raised by the Poinsetta sale and toque sales.

**Canadian Parents for French (CPF) – Deborah Pope**

Adult French Lessons. – These are underway and the course runs for 10 weeks.

**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 or May 11. Her topic will be “How to find your career”. This will be applicable for students and parents.

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

**NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17TH – 7:00 P.M. - LIBRARY**