

RICHVIEW COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 20, 2022 @ 7:00pm

ATTENDEES:

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| RCI Staff: | Lucie Kletke (Principal), Matt Perry (Guidance) |
| Council Members: | Caroline Cho, Krista Vanderwal, Maria Skinner, Marie Cook, Marie Johnson, Sarah Ali, Scott Picket, Colleen Good, Karin Rosenberg-Miskovsky |
| Others: | Semret Mengistu, Jennifer Peeler, Ryan Van Pouke, Malachi, Cherie, Isabel Arruda, Jack Werner |

* **MISSING VOTING MEMBERS:** Natasha Cheddie, Nadia Frost, Lisa Tkaczuk, Hui Wang

SAC/RAC UPDATE: Emma

- Two fundraising initiatives will be starting at the end of October
 - Fun Fridays – to get the students to know each other better. Students pay \$5 to participate in basketball, will be prizes
 - Halloween movie lunch in the auditorium – 2 or \$3 for entry and snack
- Athletic report (provided by Lucie) – there was a pep assembly last Thursday, introduced sports teams and clubs. Had to do two assemblies – the gym can only fit 792 people, and the school population is around 1100 (students plus staff on top of that) – so can't all fit into the gym
- Friday night lights – was unbelievable. Great fundraiser for the kids, so many people there.
- Everyone had a great time.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE: Lucie Kletke (these notes were provided by Lucie Kletke)

- It has been extremely busy at Richview during the past few months with curriculum work and many activities through clubs and sports. I update you with information weekly. We are trying to engage all our students.
- It was wonderful to meet many of our families at our Open House on September 29th. Parents/Guardians enjoyed coming into the school to meet many of our staff members and to learn more about our programs.

Staffing – SBHM:

- We welcomed Zaki Abukar, our second Safety Based Hall Monitor. I advocated for another SBHM to help us regarding safety issues. We are closely monitoring the hallways and the washrooms due to students wanting to spend time there as well as vaping concerns.

BUDGET:

- Richview has been allocated \$235,593.00, which is almost \$30,000 less than last year.
- We received a donation of \$25,000.00 from Golf Canada re: using our field/parking lot during the Canadian Open in June 2022. The school will determine how to use these funds. Due to our \$30,000 shortfall, these funds will be very useful.

Chromebook Roll-out for Grade 9s:

- Grade 9 students received their chrome books. We would like to emphasize that parents/guardians are responsible for repairs or replacements; this was in the forms that were parents/guardians had to sign. Now, we have Grade 9s and 10s who have their own devices.

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

- The interviews are tentatively set for November 17th. We will send out information soon. Report cards will be completed around the same time.

Facility Updates:

- **PARKING LOT:** We are having serious issues in the parking lot during drop-off and pick-up times, especially at the south end of the lot going out towards Islington. Cars are parking/waiting along the sides of the lot, which is a lane way.
- We will have lines painted to highlight the two lanes (one coming in from Islington and one exiting onto Islington). I also ordered 10 NO Parking/NO Standing signs that will be installed along the grass area.
- **ELEVATOR:** We have been waiting for more than one year for our elevator to be replaced. It should be completed in November.

UPCOMING Assembly/Events

- October 25: We are committed to our Equity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression work. We will have two assemblies (Make Ur Mark) and some workshops to bridge the gap of representation in classrooms by bringing visibility to Black professionals, showcasing multiple pathways to success, breaking the bias of poverty, dispelling Anti-Black racism myths and connecting Black youth to mentors.
- Presenters: Kym Niles and Jibril Jalloh
- Friday, October 28 as part of our commitment to affirming and celebrating Somali Heritage Month, Richview is hosting artist Amani Omar. Amani will be running a workshop for students who love the art of poetry and creative writing. Amani Omar's website [Artist | Amani Arts | Hamilton](#)

Muskoka Woods:

- We are planning to have Muskoka Woods in late February/early March. The cost for this leadership has increased since our last excursion in 2020.

It has been very difficult for many students post Covid; we continue to deal with a variety of student issues and we work as a team to address all concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Next SAC meeting is scheduled for Nov 17 (same as parent teacher interviews) – will be moved to Thursday, Nov 24.

STAFF REPORT: Matt Perry (Guidance)

- Bring Your Kids To Work day is Wednesday, Nov 2nd – details to come out shortly. Participate with a parent/guardian/friend and spend the day shadowing at their workplace – we'll find out in advance who is participating and of other opportunities.
- You may have seen the ads from the provincial government about expanded tutoring – ministry funding took a while to roll out. This is before or after school tutoring run by teachers, we are still working out the details of who would benefit, it's for grade 9 and 10, core curricular (math, science, literacy).
- Lots of needs in relation to social and emotional well-being, there is a significant number of students with serious mental health challenges. Working with child and youth worker – full time here now – and social worker one day/week.
- Anxiety is high for many students right now, especially if they have gaps now that they are in high school. It's also physically tough to adjust to a busy, noisy school after being at home
- We do our best to ensure good communication between parents and teachers (for example, sometimes the school number is blocked from the home phone, and parents are not aware of this)
- There will be an open house on Dec 8th for grade 8 students from our feeder schools
- Course selection for next year: the Ministry of Education announced they are moving ahead with two online credits as requirement to graduate (there is an opt out clause) – these would be offered as e-learning courses within the building. We will provide more info to families as we figure out how to administer, there are challenges to making sure there is sufficient supervision during these times for the students.
- Summer school continued to be offered as an option
- You can opt out at any time and opt back in at another time, and it won't specify on transcript if was an e-learning credit or not
- Grade 12s – PINs coming in early November, and we will be notifying students at that time. Guidance is going into gr 12 classes starting next week and we are already sharing on google class about university visits for gr 12s
- DECA regional competition (costs \$75) is for students who are participating in business competition

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sarah Ali

- Flipgive deposit – we discussed that anyone can use the app – register Richview and use when shopping online, for gas, gift cards, etc.

- Every registration results in \$5 donation. YQFJ2Z is the Richview code – this can also go on our website. Can we add this to the bottom of Lucie’s email?
- Learn for life funds don’t go directly to Richview, they go to the Board.
- Can we add important SAC info to weekly newsletter? Yes, we can try it. Need to ensure that we’re sending it fully written to the admin, and they can just copy and paste.

CHAIR REPORT: Maria Skinner & Caroline Cho

- By-laws update: filled out template and now have Richview semi- templated doc – need to format nicely and provide to council, once approved it will be official.
- Tech direct ask fundraiser – waiting to hear back from Tracy – originally \$6,900 but not sure so double-checking.
- Can we send out direct ask again? It can’t be a line item in school cash online, but we can use direct donation on home page (also link on form)
- We will re-create the direct ask poster without the amount and get it out asap and include school cash online directions with it.
- Poinsettia fundraiser coming soon. Nov 3 – 22, pick up Dec 1
- We need to re-market the ask: Gift the gift of technology this Christmas / the holidays – Fundraising committee will put together an idea around this
 - Involve the kids – “I can learn to code” type of idea. No shame in asking
 - Ryan will talk offline to fundraising committee about making this ask more creative
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- Fundraising – why don’t we put ads in the yearbook? Used to, covid has changed this, could look at it again. Can speak to the teacher who has done it in the past.
- Fundraising is very difficult at secondary level – many families have been hard hit in the last few years
- Fundraising committee asked about the possibility of selling food at football games to raise money and to purchase a Square reader to facilitate this: approx. cost is \$60 (**Following the meeting, a reader was purchased and used at the home football games. Update to come at next meeting.**)
- Jack W – would like to help improve the tech at our meetings. It’s important to keep everyone close to the mics.
- Should we put aside \$500 to purchase equipment to support hybrid meetings moving forward? Will test next time and decide how to proceed.
- Jack will come next time to help and can bring in another mic to test for the next meeting – he’ll come at 6:30 next time to set up and test.
- School statement of needs from last May still stands and is available online
- Community spirit and engagement with parents – will discuss at next meeting

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 24th @ 7:00pm

- Tentative subsequent meetings: 7:00pm
 - **2022:** Dec. 15 (tbd), **2023:** Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Apr. 20, May 18, Jun. 15 (tbd)

MEETING ADJOURNED