

RICHVIEW COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Minutes of the School Council Virtual Zoom Meeting on
Thursday October 7, 2021, 7:00-8:08pm

Attendees: Lucie Kletke, Vaneeta Dabas, Nana Bediako-Amoah, Matt Perry, Stath Koumoutseas, Paulette Barrett, Kevin Fox, Manisha Sharma, Vanessa Keall-Vejar, Maria Skinner, Rhonda Ross, Anne Marie Cerio Theophilos, Lisa Tkaczuk, Juanita Forde McDermott, Sarah Ali, Nadhira Seud, Tanya Kangrga, Rahima Hassan, Farhat Suleiman

1) Kevin Fox welcomed attendees

2) Lucie Kletke - Principal's Report:

Welcome back to the members of our school council and welcome to our new members. A special welcome to our Grade 9 Richview families.

Thank you to our executive members:

- Kevin Fox, Aida Bejte, Manisha Sharma, Maria Skinner and Vanessa Keall-Vejar
For working collaboratively with us and supporting our programs.

You will meet our Vice Principals, Nana Bediako, who is new to RCI, and Vaneeta Dabas as well as two of our Assistant Curriculum Leaders, Stath Koumoutseas and Matt Perry.

It has been a very busy and challenging start up to a new year and another new type of schedule for our students/staff members. However, we had a successful 4 weeks of teaching and learning. Our teachers, support staff and caretakers are working so diligently so that we provide excellent teaching and learning opportunities for our students.

I email a weekly Principal's update with quite a bit of information so I will try not to repeat those items.

UPDATES:

We bid adieu to our 2021 GRADS in early September. Our grads came to the school to pick up their diplomas, composites and Grad books.

We also had a Virtual Commencement which we saw prior to our Grads beginning their post secondary plans.

Thank you to Ms. Bruno who helped me so much with the celebration and video coordination; it is quite a difficult task. We wish we could have had an in-person ceremony!!

Thank you to Mr. Perry who was so involved with the organizational part of the Commencement ceremony

Thank you to all our staff members who participated.

Student Enrolment: 1,122 students (which is extremely high considering the capacity at RCI is 873). The building is extremely full as well as all classes.

Lucie Kletke - Principal's Report continued...

The sessions are very long (2 ½ hours each) and it is difficult for the students. We have designated times for breaks.

Staff: 60 Teachers
7 Support Staff
5 Caretakers
1 Child and Youth Worker (2 or 3 days per week)
1 Social Worker (one day per week)

Student Expectations:

- Daily announcements (including the protocols – wearing a mask properly, etc)
- Grade Assemblies (virtual)
- Curriculum expectations in their courses
- Consistent and regular attendance
- NO participation in Tik Tok challenges

Thank you to our School Council for supporting our programs:

We purchased 7 more laptops for the library so that we have 2 class sets

We purchased additional technology for the Moderns Department (French programs, Spanish)

We purchased some items for our Fitness Room

FACILITY PROJECTS:

1. Fitness Room – new foam floors, some new equipment
2. Gym Floors – redone
3. Portables 1 and 2 – required all new wiring for the Wifi
4. ROOF REPAIRS: completing areas of the initial project from 2018
5. Re-Paving the parking lot

Extracurricular Activities: sports / clubs

3) Nana Bediako - VP

Welcome back. 1st year at Richview. Supports students with last names A-L

4) Vaneeta Dabas - VP

Welcome back. 2nd year at Richview. Supports students with last names M-Z

- New chromebooks for students this year.

5) Stath Koumoureas

- Extracurricular - green light for Outdoor Sports
- No TDSB Leagues at this time
- 3 Football teams in TDSB
- Not much else going on.
- Main stumbling block for teachers is scheduling and hybrid learning. Hybrid is frustrating and difficult.
- Traditional seasons for sports could change - might be later in the year.
- Coaches are creating Intramural Leagues for tennis, ultimate frisbee and spikeball.
- Hockey - practices will start in early November
- OFSAA - not OFSAA. Coaches will concentrate on TDSB.
- Sports with the highest participation will attempt to go.

Question - who decides?

- TDSB, who follow TPH guidelines

Lucie Kletke

Clubs have started. Allowed 25 students in classroom for clubs

- Black History, Interact, Richview Voice, RAC, SAC, Cross Country
***need to follow TDSB direction

Stath Koumoureas

Re: Fitness room - thank you. It is now a more multi dimensional room, not just a weight room. The Fitness Room is well-used under normal circumstances.

Question - how can parents help with sports?

- Timetables and schedules need to be amended. The classes are too long. Hybrid learning is difficult.

6) Matt Perry - Guidance

- Circumstances are challenging and time tabling difficult.
- 93% of students are in person. Small percentage is hybrid.
- Timetabling is complete
- Pier tutoring is coming
- Post Secondary visits are happening
- Guidance is part of Google Classroom
- Richview to host Post Secondary Info Night - Wed @ 6pm. It is a ZOOM webinar for grades 11+12. Info will be sent out.
- Grade 9 - Take Your Kids to Work is Nov 3. Virtual Options for some companies.
- Guidance is connecting with Grade 9 students and Grade 12 students.
- Guidance Counsellors Include:

Student Last Names Beginning with...	Counsellor	Contact Information
A to GO	Mr. Perry	matt.perry@tdsb.on.ca , 416-394-7980 ext. 20041
GR to LL	Mr. Montgomery & Ms. McDonagh Vella	James.montgomery@tdsb.on.ca 416-394-7980 ext. 20043 Maureen.mcdonagh-vella@tdsb.on.ca 416-394-7980 x20043
LO to PA	Ms. Bourgeois	Olivia.bourgeois@tdsb.on.ca 416-394-7980 x20043
PE to Z	Ms. Lau Liew	Carol.lauliew@tdsb.on.ca 416-394-7980 x20042

7) Treasurer's Report – Manisha Sharma

- Bank balance is \$615.33

Over \$6000 @ the end of last school year. Funds were used to upgrade Fitness Room and Moderns books

8) By-Laws Update - Maria Skinner

Richview does not have any School Council By-Laws. The TDSB is updating their School Council By-Laws template in November. Once they've updated the template, Maria Skinner will re-work it for Richview School Council By-Laws. This process is quite easy. Mosting it's inserting the school name.

School Council can then vote on the By-Laws and refine/customize it more if wanted.

9) Fundraising Update - Vanessa Keall-Vejar

FlipGive - is on-going.

Direct Donation?

Poinsettias - would like to start this earlier

Kevin - why haven't sports started?

Lucie - Admin takes concerns to Trustee, Superintendent. For now they are being prudent and safe in moving forward.

Maria - Student Fee?

Lucie - there is no Student Fee this year, as per TDSB guidelines.

Question - Semesters next year?

Lucie - plan for Semester 2 to be back to normal with 4 classes/day.

- Many families are asking for full change to semesters for Richview.

**parents say this needs further conversation

Lucie - other clubs going on - Mental Health Group, Chess Club, Debate Club

Dr. Andrea Brozyna (Library) - wants to add clubs to website with info on how to join. Also, daily announcements on website.

Question - Covid Cases at Richview?

Lucie - none

NEXT MEETING: Thursday October 28th - SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:08PM

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SCHOOL COUNCIL CASH FLOW REPORT

Aug 1, 2021 – Sept 29, 2021

Opening Register Balance **\$617.28**

INFLOWS

Total Income **\$ 0.00**

OUTFLOWS

Monthly Bank Fees (No Rebate -bal. under \$5K) **\$1.95**

Total Expenses **\$ 1.95**

Bank Statement Balance **\$ 615.33**