

**RICHVIEW COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE**  
**School Council Meeting Minutes (Virtual on Zoom)**  
**Thursday, November 18, 2021, 7:00pm**

**ATTENDEES:**

<b>RCI Staff:</b>	Lucie Kletke (Principal), Nana Bediako (Vice Principal), Andrea Brozyna (Library)
<b>Council Members:</b>	Caroline Cho (co-chair, secretary), Marie Cook (Graduation), Vanessa Keall-Vejar (Fundraising, PIAC Rep), Manisha Sharma (co-treasurer), Maria Skinner (co-chair)
<b>Others:</b>	Christine Dell'Aquila, Andrea Dovale (Student Rep), Rhonda Ross, Linda Roldan, Lisa Tkachuk, Juanita

\* **MISSING VOTING MEMBERS:** Amy Ferguson, Nadia Frost (co-treasurer), Krista Vanderwal

**WELCOME**

- Approval of quorum (Motion: Maria Skinner, 2nd: Caroline Cho)
- Minutes Approved (Motion: Maria Skinner, 2nd: Marie Cook)

**SAC UPDATE: Andrea Dovale**

- **Braeburn Toy Drive:** 11/17 starts, 12/6 - wrapping begins, 12/17 ends. Reach out to the school community for donations of NEW toys/gifts/items aimed towards children in Grades 4-5.
- **Other fun initiatives for students:**
  - Candy Grams (12/6 to 12/10)
  - Clothing Line Contest
  - Spirit Week
  - "Take a Grade 9 to Lunch" day (11/24) for Grade 9's to meet senior students and other grade 9's. If successful, will launch with Gr. 10's
- Any money raised will be for the students and student initiatives

**PRINCIPAL UPDATE:**

- **Clothing Drive:** Thank you to our families for all the donations for the clothing drive to support the students who are new to the central Etobicoke area from Afghanistan. Trustee Dan Maclean was here this week to pick up the items and he was also very grateful for all the items donated. It is a great way for us to support our community.

- **Ministry of Education update: moving back to regular semester.** This is great news since our students, teachers and parents are struggling with the current system. It will be beneficial for our students to have each subject on a regular basis as they find it extremely difficult having two courses one week and the other two during the second week. Also, the 2 ½ hours classes are too long for the students to learn and absorb the volume of curriculum work which is involved.
- **PA Day - Focus on School Improvement Plan:**
  - **Year 1:** Each department used the Inclusive Design Model which we used to create a Professional Learning Plan for the entire school as well as Equity Goals, through an anti-oppressive position. Focus on diversity and inclusion.
  - **Year 2:** Entire Staff worked together on a book study: “So You Want to Talk about Race.” Departments created Equity Goals (intersection of equity, achievement and wellness).
  - **Year 3:** Review and revise Equity Goals (to ensure that all students feel welcome, connected and represented; address student needs for success).
  - Data analysis to determine what we still need to implement to better serve our students.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Tuesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Virtual appointments (1:30pm - 3:30pm & 5:30pm to 8:00pm). Early dismissal at noon. (Report cards for Term 1 were sent out to parents/guardians.)
- **Student Issues: Mental Health** - Anxiety, depression, COVID-related issues (feeling isolated, disconnected); **Vaping** - issues of vaping in the washrooms
- **2021-2022 Budget:** \$261, 124.00. Individual departments receive funds.
- **School wide needs:** digital sign, technology, fitness room, cafeteria
- **Facilities:** ⅓ of the parking lot is completed. April/May two phases for the lot to be fully repaved. The roof repairs will be completed in the next few weeks.
- **RBC Canadian Open:** June 6 – 11th. Closures on Islington. Concerts on the field (Friday/Saturday nights). Parking lot at RCI will also be used for RBC Canadian Open. Perhaps there will be generous compensation for using RCI facilities.

#### **VICE PRINCIPAL UPDATE: Nana Bediako**

- **OSSLT & EQAO:** Nana Bediako, Amy Kasinski, & Dr. Broczyna, working on OSSLT & EQAO. Few hiccups but nothing too major (e.g. writing something and all of a sudden wifi goes down / screen goes black). Continues to Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. Grade 10/11 English - 1<sup>st</sup> Semester. Students in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester taking English write in 2022.
- **Lockers:** Will be available to students Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> (hopefully). Trying to beat official snowfall.
- **Student Well being:** Finding ways to support everyone given what resources we have.
- **Vaping in Washrooms:** so limited on what can be done. Privacy issues at the same time you want

people to feel safe going to the washroom.

- **Question (Vanessa):** How costly is it to install smoke detecting similar to an airplane and do smoke detectors pick up vape smoke? **Response (Lucie):** Lucie has asked in the past and they didn't have anything previously but Lucie will ask again and look into what technology is available with facilities. Mr. K has spoken to students from an athletic perspective.

## **STAFF REPORT: Andrea Brozyna**

- **Mental Health:** Students are so excited to be back at school. So many people are signing up and volunteering for different initiatives. Kids are so excited to be together. Excited that the library is an open space and are careful around their protocols. Able to sign up for group sessions.
- **Large influx of technology:** Thank you for fundraising support. It has helped with equity to allow kids to have access to good quality, ready to go, technology. Not a distraction as new machines have less tech issues.
- **Station Lab Fundraising Ask:** Station Lab has room for improvement. The IT technician said that old, existing computers that were off warranty were able to be reimaged with student images and reused and refreshed/refurbished. Fundraising would help keep those spaces tip-top. Hoping to be able to refresh CPUs to keep both labs fully up and running. IT would be repairing 10-20 CPUs at approximately \$150 each with CDI reconditioning with student image and warranties for 2/3 years. Andrea to provide an overview of what the project would look like including costs. Potential project for Direct Ask.

## **CHAIR REPORT:**

- **Workshop:** Attended School Council Workshop webinars provided by the TDSB for School Council Training. Focus around keeping Council accountable, transparent, and inclusive.
- **Email Address Update:** Still can't get access to our student council tdsb email account. Have decided to stick with current gmail address for now.
- **Correspondence with families:** Different options to communicate with parents (e.g. School Messenger or piggy back on to Principal update) as the mailing via gmail only reaches a few parents. Using School Messenger may cause communication overload so Maria proposed piggy backing on Principal Update for all communications including meeting reminders. (Motion: Caroline Cho, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Manisha Sharma) All in favour. Yes (passed).
- **School Statement of Needs:** Will have equity, anti-oppression, anti-racism, human rights and diversity as first set of needs. Caroline has completed 1st draft for review. Will have final version available for council to review and vote upon for next meeting (12/9).
- **PRO Grant:** Caroline has completed and submitted. Have requested funding to cover the

workshop(s) that RCI is planning on inviting motivational speaker, Duane Gibson to speak to the school community on issues relating to inequality and racism. *piac*

- Returning to the anti-racism, diversity conversation: Rhonda's son, Remington, wrote an article for the Richview Voice. It has not been published. Rhonda says the article was vetted by professionals, and she wants to know why it was not published by The Voice. Rhonda and Remington have not spoken to the Editor or the teacher who oversees The Voice. Rhonda to send email (sent 11/18) to school council and Lucie Kletke to follow up with The Voice.
- **Social Media:** Caroline to set up Instagram and connect with Facebook with no comment capability allowed. Accounts to be used for school council purposes only. Motion: Maria Skinner, 2nd: Vanessa Keall-Vejar). All in favour: yes (passed).
- **By-law update:** New template/version available shortly. Maria to update. Draft version will be available hopefully for December meeting for council to approve for January meeting. Vote on bylaws January 2022.
- **Direct Ask Fundraiser:** tabled for next meeting
- **Parent Social:** tabled for next meeting

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Current Balance: \$613.38. Only one activity in bank account (\$1.98 service charge).
- Next meeting discuss: whether to remain at current financial institution that charges a \$2 monthly service charge (<\$5,000 balance) or switch to another financial institution that offers no monthly charge account however other charges may be involved.

#### **PIAC REPORT: Vanessa Keall-Vejar**

- 1st meeting wasn't too informative. Slides will be made available.
- Next meeting: Dec. 2021

#### **FUNDRAISING REPORT: Vanessa Keall-Vejar**

- **Bradford (Poinsettias):**
  - Delivery Date: December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Will go ahead with highest prices.
  - Please ensure cheque is ready and that office is open.
- **Flipgive:** need \$100 to be cut a cheque. Vanessa will create a holiday flyer and coordinate it with another reminder email to go out Monday.
- **Question (Juanita):** What about the sale of sweatshirts/other merch? Is that a fundraising initiative? **Response (Lucie):** that is a student run initiative and supports students only.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

**TOPIC OF DISCUSSIONS TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- **Direct Ast Fundraiser:** shall we have one and if so, what initiative should we support?
- **Bank Accounts:** should we stay or should we switch
- **Parent Social:** Spring 2022 / Fall 2022

**Meeting adjourned.**