

RICHVIEW COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 24, 2022 @ 7:00pm

ATTENDEES:

RCI Staff:	Lucie Kletke (Principal), Mr K (staff)
Council Members:	Caroline Cho, Maria Skinner, Marie Cook, Scott Picket, Colleen Good, Karin Rosenberg-Miskovsky, Nadia Frost, Lisa Tkaczuk, Hui Wang , Sarah Ali, Natasha Cheddie
Others:	Jennifer Peeler, Isabel Arruda, Jack Werner , Emma Manesis (student rep), Tanya Kangrga, Sonia, Brooklyn, Cheryle-lynn, David, Moore-Lee

* **MISSING VOTING MEMBERS:** Marie Johnson, Krista Vanderwal, David Sheedy

SAC/RAC UPDATE: Emma

- There will be a 3-point contest at lunch on Dec 2nd - \$5 entry
- Breaburn toy drive – collecting for Dec 20th. Here is what the Richview elves need:
 - 60 Gifts (approximately \$20 in value, new and unwrapped) for ages 5-12
 - Gift wrap (paper, bows, gift tags, and tape)
 - Packaged treats (think granola bars, Rice Krispies treats, mini candies, mini potato chips, juice boxes)
 - Pre-packaged holiday crafts that the kids can make in their program (ornaments to decorate, etc.)
- There are boxes in front of the main office where donations can be dropped off. If you would like to make a cash donation, please send it with your child and ask them to give it to Mrs. Zdebiak (in the library or room 114). We would like to deliver all of the gifts and goodies to the kids no later than December 16th, so if you can donate before then that will give the elves time to sort and wrap the gifts.
- If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Zdebiak christine.zdebiak@tdsb.on.ca
- During the final week of school there will be another movie lunch – perhaps Home Alone but hoping for something with more diversity
- School Clothing line – designed by media arts class hoping to start selling in Feb or March

Mr K – Athletic Council

- Sr Girls basketball team in Windsor for OFSAA
- On Oct 13 RAC hosted pep assembly
- Friday night lights – roughly 2500 people
- Athletic clothing line – in addition to school clothing – will be available
- Boys Basketball tournament – Jan 17/18

- Lots of sports going on right now!

Muskoka Woods:

- We are planning to have Muskoka Woods Feb 27 to March 3rd
- The cost for this leadership has increased since our last excursion in 2020.
- Choosing counselors right now – it builds a great bridge between grade 9s and 12s. Interview process allowing seniors to reflect on the great time they had when they went
- 10 station rotation from Mon to Thurs
- Leave Fri at 1pm
- Can choose 2 friends to be with you in each cabin
- Question: how will kids be supported if they have anxiety? We have dealt with this before and watch the walls coming down. Counselors are prepared and check in on the kids who may be struggling
- Question: will the trip be subsidized? We want every student to be there. The school can help with some...
- Question: 1) how many grade 11s have a chance to be a counselor? The goal is to choose the leaders that will best work with the grade 9s, as they are the focus. We do want balance because the grade 11s will lead next year
- Question: does football get all the fundraising money? Hardly at all. FNL helps to subsidize the football program.
- Question: does TDSB help pay for OFSAA? Yes, they help cover at least 60% and the school will bear some of it too.
- Question: more info about Muskoka Woods coming out? Yes, coming shortly. Training session for leaders in the new year
- Question: are there dances? No
- Question: how do we pay for clubs? Activity fees help to pay
- Question: swimming? No coach for this year (hard to staff, with testing and certifications required). It's all volunteer and they need to have additional certifications so hard to find a qualified coach

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

- We had another extremely busy month; we continue to rebuild life at Richview with a regular schedule along with so many extracurricular activities.
- Students received their Term 1 report cards and we had our first in-person Parent/Teacher Interview night in 3 years. Thank you to our families who were able to come out to the sessions on November 17th. It is critical for all of us to work as a team to support our students.
- **OSSLT:** our current grade 10 English classes and anyone who was not yet successful are writing the OSSLT until next week in the library. The rest of the classes will complete the test during semester 2.
- **EQAO:** The current Grade 9 math classes will write the EQAO during the exam period in January.

- We are in the process of planning for Semester 1 culminating activities or exams which will take place in January 2023. We will provide our students with clear expectations (ie, missing a culminating activity or exam, arriving late, etc) and we will also provide our families with a copy of these expectations.
- Our main focus throughout our planning is Student Engagement: we want to ensure that every student is engaged and successful.
- Our staff (Admin, Assistant Curriculum Leaders, Teachers and Support Staff) has been engaging in so much Professional Learning (late starts/PA Days) and everything is done through an equity and anti-oppressive lens.
- We are also collaborating with Central Staff:
- Alison Gaymes San Vicente - Superintendent
- Kim Pividor – Centrally Assigned Principal
- Amy Scholl – Centrally Assigned Teacher Coach
- Joseph Galiwango and Lindsey Marshall Teacher Coaches from the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement
- They are supporting us on our School Improvement Plan:
- Our aim is to use more:
 - Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy (more representation so every student can see themselves in the curriculum)
 - Differentiated Instruction (to address more individual student needs)
 - UDL (Universal Design for Learning) – an inclusive design model to meet the diverse and varied needs of the students
 - Assessment and Evaluations
- Mental Health and Wellness
- We have many students who are struggling with mental health and wellness issues or students who are disengaged.
- We want to engage student identities, student voice and their lived experiences
- ASSEMBLY: Make Ur Mark (Kym Niles (Board approved vendor) organized and presented at our assemblies in October.
- She is also working with our Black History Every Day+ group for 4 sessions.
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- Muskoka Woods and Leadership: the leadership camp will take place at the end of February/early March for Grade 9 students and some Grade 11/12 leaders.
- School clubs and teams have been very busy during the fall term.
- Questions from SAC:
 - Question: how do we engage our super and trustee about the vaping issue? Do we want to form a sub-committee? Could you attend a caring and safe schools meeting? Sonia and Sarah volunteer to put something together to send to our superintendent (Sarah is our PIAC rep). Is this an issue at PIAC? Yes, it's a massive issue. We can send a letter to them.
 - Parents to form an advisory committee – Sarah, Sonia
 - Question: when will the elevator be working? Almost a year and a half to get repaired.
 - Gr 8 info night on Dec 8th – 2 sessions in the auditorium, tour like curriculum night

- No optional attendance/out of area students for 2022-23, including siblings. Depends on your address, must be in the catchment area for 2023-24 year
- Question: safety concern – a parent heard a rumour about a teacher in a possible assault. This is incorrect. The police were at the school related to a family issue, not related to a parent or student.
- Question: grade 8 info nights, there will be clubs that night so potential students can see what clubs are available
- Thank you for your continued support.

PIAC REPORT: Sarah Ali has provided the following helpful links:

- Check out newly elected Trustees here: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/leadership/trustees>
- Early French Immersion Applications Due Friday

The online application process for Early French Immersion closes on Friday, November 25, 2022. Children born in 2019 are invited to apply NOW for September 2023. All applications received by the deadline receive an offer of placement in the Early French Immersion program.

- TDSB students have access to programs that offer unique opportunities and focus on a variety of interests. As the deadline draws near, please share the following information links broadly with parents/caregivers/guardians:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/Elementary-Central-Student-Interest-Programs>

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Secondary-Central-Student-Interest-Programs>

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Secondary-Central-Student-Interest-Programs/Application-and-Admissions>

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Beyond-8>

- Priorities and Partnerships Funding (PPF) formerly known as the Parents Reaching Out Grant (PRO Grant)

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/Grants-for-Student-Need>

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nadia Frost (these notes were provided by Nadia)

- In October we invested in a square reader which allowed us to increase our sales at the concession stand during the football game at Richview that same month.
- For that event alone we sold \$738.36 in goods and the expenses that went through that month were for the supplies and the square reader for a total of \$222.51. The square reader takes a small percentage in fees of 2.1% from the total purchases.
- The fees for the pizza total \$117.43 were deducted in December. In total for that event, we made \$400.98.
- That same month the sales from the poinsettias went through with the square reader for \$392.11. As of the end of November the balance in the Richview account was **\$1575.20**.
- Question: what about the fundraiser for tech – let's include a push for Giving Tuesday

- Question: is there any fundraising we can do to subsidize Muskoka Woods?

CHAIR REPORT: Maria Skinner & Caroline Cho

- SAC voted on the by-laws, they were provided to Council in advance. One major change (p.6 – during elections there will be nominations taken from floor on that very night) but otherwise we can vote on it. Wording is from the Board, not much we can change really
- Motion to accept with changes: Caroline
- Second: Scott
- Vote: All in favor
- PRO Grant (now called innovation grant) – last year we got \$1000 for Dwayne Gibson. This year we'd like to do something different, many topics this year including anti-racism, equity, anti-oppression, etc.
- We have selected Food sovereignty and food insecurity: need to select speaker asap and application is due Dec 1. Hilltop will piggyback or work with us and perhaps Rosethorne. Caroline to write the grant. Will be solution based.
- Request: can we please make sure it includes local aspects and the massive food insecurity with some of our families right now.
- There were several questions raised about health and safety at Richview, including vaping. Some parents suggested presenting our concerns to the Trustee and Superintendent. After the meeting, Maria and Caroline discussed and are suggesting interested parents form a Health and Safety sub committee. No definite plans have been made, outside of the discussion.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Tanya – a question expressing concern about an English class.
- David – expressed disappointment that no American or World History class is offered for grade 11s. Very complimentary that sports and activities are back – so thankful for the kids.

Reminder that there is no meeting in December.

NEXT MEETING:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED