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## **RICHVIEW COLLEGIATE PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 2nd, 2018**

*These minutes are considered 'Draft' until they are approved at the next Parent Council meeting.*

### **Welcome/Introductions/Approval of Agenda and Minutes - Susan Langille**

Minutes from September meeting were approved, October 2nd agenda was approved.

### **Business arising from the Minutes - Attendees at Council**

None.

### **Student Council Report - Daniel Coutts/Taylor Thiele/Vivian Lopez-Bondi/Cristian Pascucci**

- School student survey will go out after Monday October 8th, opinions being asked:
  - Clothing line (adding new items)
  - Kinds of fundraising they would like to see at Richview
  - Richview is looking to break a world record, opinions being asked regarding what kind of record they'd like to break.
  - Semi formal - in school v outside location
- Will be visiting venues for prom on Friday.
- Fundraising Toonies for Turkeys students are encouraged to bring toonies or any loose change to support the Scots Mission. Toonies will be collected on Thursday.
- Dodge ball tournament will be on October 15th. 7-8 teams have been formed/\$5 per player/information is available in the announcements, RCI FB page/forms are available in the cafeteria during lunch.
- RCI clothing line is not currently available for sale at this time.
- RAC is likely responsible for the sale of RCI athletic wear at FNL.

### **Principal's Report - Lucie Kletke**

- Thanks for PC, Olga and staff and especially Tracy for organizing commencement.
- 2018/2019 student enrolment is at 1 050 students.
- Will be receiving 1 extra staff member. Will be advertising for the position after Thanksgiving and looking at which class will best benefit the extra teacher. Some classes may be shuffled as a result to improve teacher: student ratio.
- Safety: first fire drill was a success held last Friday; 2 more expected and 1 lockdown.
- Had 3 successful welcome back assemblies/grade 9 parent orientation night on September 18th welcomed about 109 parents/curriculum night on September 25 was a success had a high turnout.
- Mono Cliffs grade 10 fall leadership camp was a success with no issues to address. About 80 gr. 10 students attended with grade 11 & 12 leaders. Next leadership camp will be held in April



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- Club crawl was held which introduced the 1st Islamic Club and Science club
- Volleyball and football games were held. Jnr football team did not play, their opponent folded. Snr football team lost to Lawrence Park/FNL October 12th v ECI. Tickets available for purchase through cash online.
- Individual Education plans (submitted by teachers) are being reviewed
- Breakfast program is organized by Debbie Misljenovic /serves cereal, yoghurt, fruit, bagels is very well received.
- Facilities: Boiler and Air handling systems revamp is almost complete and will improve ventilation. Went from steam to hot water boiler system. Systems are scheduled to begin working next week/Windows are 2/3rds done/carpeting in library has been completed waiting to have student work stations delivered.
- Commencement will be held Friday October 5th, 2018./Progress reports will go out electronically at the end of October/Report cards will go home November 20th.

### Treasurer's Report - Heather Smith

- Balance as of August 31st, 2018 is \$548.00 - there will be a need to raise funds
- Financial report has been filed with the TDSB
- Looking for a co-treasurer

### Staff Report - Olga Calabria

- We have excellent hard working teachers at Richview.
- If parents need to get in touch with their kids teachers, email is best. Teachers don't always check the department voicemail.
- Will ask teachers to post signs and times for Homework help in Math, Science and French. Teachers are usually available in the morning, at lunch and after school to offer extra help.
- The Principal's Advisory Group (PAG), will be continued under Principal Kletke/Focuses on Academic stress, leadership skills, dealing with friends/relationships, health and wellness, school and community. 36 students out of over 100 applicants were selected to be in the PAG./PAG visit grade 9s and focus on issues mentioned above and meet grade 9s throughout the year/also focus on being role models and homework help as requested/PAG helps with commencement, help Silvercreek Nursesey organize an event and spend time with the senior residents at Scarlet Heights Retirement residence monthly.
- Survey was done 6 years ago when PAG was established. Will look at doing another survey in the future to see if issues facing students have changed. Current focus will remain on the results of original survey. Examples of success include switching from exam and summative format to exam or summative format; only 2 tests per day.
- Interviews are underway for Musoka Woods (January) camp councillors.
- Teachers are not happy with having Commencement the Friday of Thanksgiving weekend. Principal Kletke and the school administration will look at switching commencement from

October to June. About 2/3rds of graduates attend commencement in October number will likely be higher if event was held in June.

- Issue regarding awarding given out at commencement was brought out. The concern is that only a small number of students receive the awards. More students need to be represented



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- during the awards ceremony especially in a school population of over 1000 students. Awards need to be diverse, equitable and inclusive. Although if a student is deserving of the awards, they should be given to the most deserving student rather than try to fill a quota.
- All awards are voted upon by teachers, except for the valedictorian award. There is an evaluation criteria followed. Olga will address the issue with teachers and the award issue will be reviewed for next year.

### **Chair's Report – Susan Langille**

- Met with Principal and student representatives, Taylor and Daniel to discuss issue related to heat and the fans purchased to combat the heat. Looking at solutions such as purchasing portable a/c units for the classrooms. PC cannot purchase window a/c units/any a/c units purchased will be dependant on TDSB requirements. PC and SC will continue to work with principal to come to a solution.

### **Committee Reports**

*Tech / Reinvigorating Richview - Lynn Campbell*

- *4th year of Reinvigorating Richview. Raised almost \$60 000 for technology in the school.*
- *Fundraising focus for 2018/2019 is the Library Renovation will need about \$40 000 which will be asked for through direct donation (cash on line). Letter was sent home asking families for contributions. Another request should be sent out after Thanksgiving as on 2 families to date have donated. Donation requests should also be posted on PC/RCI FB page and school website with a link to cash online.*
- *Fundraising*
  - *Will need to fundraise to help support the school events hosted by SC.*
  - *Need to advertise the poinsettia fundraiser better this year.*
  - *Need to work with the SC to see when and what and how they are doing their fundraising so as not to overlap requests or to perhaps combine fundraising efforts.*
  - *Charitable donations is a good way to raise funds.*

### **New Business**

- Parent council 2018/2019 Executive committee elections
  - Reelected current council - Michelle Minot & Susan Langille - Co Chairs  
Heather Smith - Treasurer  
Lex Kambandu-Mitchell - Secretary  
Aida Bejte - Co Treasurer  
David Marchone - Co Secretary

\*Addendum - dates for the Parent council meeting for 2018/2019 school year

November 20th

January 15th

February 5th

March 5th

April 9th

May 7th

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm