

RICHVIEW COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
School Council Minutes - DRAFT
Tuesday September 29,, 2020
7:00pm - 8:15pm - Virtual Meeting

Attendees: David Marchione, Joanne Acri, Lucie Kletke, Matt Perry, Stephanie Todorovich, Vaneeta Dabas, Heather Smith, Maria Skinner, Deborah Pope, Dirk Albishausen, Anna Georgiou, Jane Colonna, Lisa Hahn, Nadine Ibrahim, Husein Kirefu, France Giagnacovo, Dimitris Ainas, Juliana Huang, Mary Testani, Wayne Sung, Pulette

This is the first meeting for the 2020-21 school year
Greetings from David Marchione (co-Chair)

To be added to Parent Council distribution list - email:
richviewparentcouncil@gmail.com

Athletic Council Report:

- No updates

Student Council Report:

- No updates

Principal's Report - Lucie Kletke

- Introduced staff on who were part of the virtual meeting - Stephanie Todorovich, Vaneeta Dabas & Matt Perry
- Re: covid-19 - We need to work together as a team to ensure safety protocols are followed
- Thank you to parents and staff members for getting facilities and programs ready to support the students daily.
- Setting up quadmester system was a challenge
- **Enrolment**
 - initially approximately 1100 students and 61 teachers.
 - 170 students and 9 teachers moved to virtual.
 - now - approximately 900 students and 53 teachers.
- 455 students are in the school daily
- Class averages are 15. 1 class with 16 (bigger classroom) - all others are 15 or less.
- Each day consists of morning in-class, followed by asynchronous learning or by synchronous learning in the afternoon.
- Main focus for start of school year
 - *****HEALTH & SAFETY*****
 - Classes and programs - teachers ready, students in classes

Principal's Report - Lucie Kletke continued.....

● **COVID-19**

- Students enter school at 2 entrances. Staff is at both entrances for COVID self assessment app/paper copy
- Staff ensure that masks are worn properly...encourage hand hygiene. Signage throughout school.
- Staff patrol hallways and fields encouraging social distancing.
- Caretakers are doing enhanced cleaning daily
- At this time the school feels regulated and TPH & TDSB protocols are being followed.
- 3 confirmed cases at Richview.
 - 3 cohorts (40 students and 3 staff) are in self isolation, as per TPH
- Working every day to make the students feel safe. It is important for the students to be in school, and to have contact with their peer and teachers.

● **VIRTUAL CLUBS**

- Interact Club has started. They are supporting Thistle town Food Bank and Rotary Club. There are bins outside office for collection of non-perishable foods
- School Newspaper, led by Ms Periera, meets, virtually, Wed Sept 30
- SAC & RAC to continue
- Clubs will look different, but they want to continue

● **NUTRITION PROGRAM**

- Ms Bruno & Ms Gryschuk will run nutrition program

● **CURRICULUM NIGHT**

- Will be virtual
- Principal and VPs will visit grade 9 classrooms to introduce themselves

● Weekly Principal's Update will continue

● TDSB Connects will replace "My SchoolDay" app

● Budget - a lot funds will go to technology this year. Already used some for teachers and student devices.

QUESTIONS for Ms. Kletke:

- What would trigger school closure due to a COVID outbreak?
 - 3 current cases are not linked to Richview
 - for each case, TPH contacts school and they check for connections/links within the school
 - All direction comes from TPH
- Mixing Cohorts increases risk of COVID spread?
 - There are no intermingling within cohorts
 - Program which makes schedules doesn't make "true" cohorts A & B. It is impossible.

Treasurer's Report - Heather Smith

- Current balance is \$6767.41 (funds not used last year due to COVID closures)
- Heather will pass along banking card to new Treasurer when named

Chair Report - David

- Need for "new blood" for the Parent Council Executive. Many parents will be moving on after this year. Encourage parents to participate. There are sub-committees and Executive to be a part of. Nominations are open until October 8th (elections must take place within 30 days of the start of the school year). Elections will be at the Tuesday October 13 meeting.
- Fundraising will be limited this year

General Questions

- **Yearbook** - is done and will get distributed.
- **Commencement**
 - likely won't take place in November.
 - Need to distribute diplomas and yearbooks. Possibly mail out diplomas.
 - Ms. Kletke - we need a plan for graduates, but we have to wait and see.
 - Heather Smith - need to do something soon, as the grads will become disinterested. How about virtual? Ms Kletke - could look into virtual. All high schools are in the same situation.
 - How about drive through? Ms Kletke - TDSB informed them that it is not a feasible method. Would need permission from the Board.
 - Suggestion to post graduate congratulations names in newspaper - like G&M
 - How about we form a Graduation Sub- Committee to come up with suggestions on getting the Graduation done? Yes - committee volunteers include Joanne Acri, Heather Smith, Marie Cook, Deborah Pope, Anna Georgiou.
 - The 2020 Graduation plans might also be needed for 2021.

General Questions continued....

- **Honours Assembly** - includes Honours students, other academic, music and sports awards. There is no update on when this will happen as these types of events are not allowed at this time, in order to maintain safety
- **OSSLT** for this year's grade 10 students. Ms. Kletke - there are no plans provided yet to schools or TDSB regarding the OSSLT.
- **Volunteer Hours** - Matt Perry - last year's graduates did not have to complete their hours. No indication on this year. Students are encouraged to participate in virtual volunteering, where possible.

~~Next meeting TUESDAY OCTOBER 13th - 7pm.~~

*Next meeting *****revised******

TUEDAY OCTOBER 27TH - 7pm

***this meeting includes Parent Council elections

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm