

RICHVIEW COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE
School Council Minutes
Tuesday January 12, 2021
7:00pm - 8:30pm - Virtual/ZOOM Meeting

Attendees:

Lucie Kletke, Paulette Barrett, Kevin Fox, Aida Bejte, Manisha Sharma, Maria Skinner, Vanessa Keall-Vejar, Anna Georgiou, Matt Perry, David Marchione, Tiina Eagle-Chin, Marie Cook, Edna Chu, Katrina Hintze, Jack Switzer, Jane Colonna, Deborah Pope

Co-Chair - Kevin Fox:

- Welcome/Introductions

SAC Update:

1. Introduction Richview clothing line - includes hoodies, sweats, PJs. Will have a logo contest.
2. Among Us Tournament - online tournament vs other schools. Community based, not a fundraiser.

Principal's Report - Lucie Kletke - as sent to Maria (secretary) following the meeting:

Happy New Year to everyone. Thank you to all our parents/guardians for your continued support. We hope things get better in 2021 for our students and staff members.

1. Remote Learning:

As you know, the government announced today that Remote Learning will continue until February 10th (Quad 3 starts on Feb 8th). Our students and staff members are quite adept now at tweaking and pivoting; I know that it is so difficult for everyone. Many teachers have told me that their students would really prefer to attend in-school classes (routine of coming in was good). Our teachers are working so hard to keep students engaged in their courses. Please ensure that they log in with their teachers throughout the day.

2. Technology

We are still providing devices to students and we are in the process of replenishing our inventory.

3. On-line Code of Conduct:

It is very important to continue to review the on-line Code of Conduct with our students. We sometimes deal with students "attending" classes in which they do not belong. We are dealing with a serious and unacceptable incident in one class. Please help us to stress the importance of the Code of On-Line Conduct which states that students will NOT:

- Use inappropriate and/or abusive language or conduct
- Engage in activities which are racially, culturally or religiously offensive

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

4. Updated marks:

Teachers provided updated marks to their students during the past week and we are now reviewing the data and providing extra supports for those students who require more help.

5. Projected Enrolment:

Projected enrolment for 2021 – 2022 is 1,150 students. We should be at @950 students due to the size of our building.

Optional Attendance process is underway (forms are due on January 29th)

Staffing process has already started for the next school year (2021-2022).

6. Professional Learning for staff:

Every staff member received the book: “So You Want to Talk About Race”, which we will use for our Professional Learning. We continue to work on our Equity goals and anti-black racism and will dedicate much time during the PD day on February 5th on this learning. We are committed to identify and eliminate systemic barriers and discriminatory institutional and instructional practices that negatively impact the achievement and well-being of students and staff and lead to inequitable outcomes.

7. Facilities:

This week, TDSB has been doing the survey for the parking lot so hopefully, we will get it re-paved this summer.

We just had blinds installed in the main office, guidance office and several classrooms. We are waiting for the awning at the front doors to be redone and some painting of classrooms and cafeteria to be completed as well.

Our caretakers are doing a phenomenal job of deep cleaning all areas of the school.

8. Academic Awards Recognition:

Due to the ongoing challenges and restrictions, we will mail the Academic Awards Certificates from 2020 to the students. I had intended to distribute the packages to the students in the front foyer, at various times, so that I would have the opportunity to personally congratulate each one.

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

9. Commencement Celebrations:

2020 Grads: - students received a grad gift in June 2020

- Rescheduled the ceremony to February and now we have rescheduled to June 2021. We booked two dates, the 22nd for 2020 grads and the 29th for 2021 grads. If things change prior to that, we will schedule a celebration in April or May (it all depends on how well the virus is managed/controlled). If we get permission from the Board, we could schedule a drive through in the parking lot once the weather gets warmer. We certainly want to acknowledge and congratulate our 2020 GRADS for all their achievements at RCI
- Following our discussion, the parents would like to move forward with a Virtual Celebration. We will set up pick up times, once the lockdown is lifted, for grads/family members to pick up their packages (diplomas, yearbooks, composites, etc) at the front doors (main entrance).
- We are dealing with Brightpics to help us with Grad Photos for a video presentation and we are searching for a videographer who could put the photos, video clips (Valedictorians, presentations) together. I will be in contact with the Commencement Committee to proceed with these steps.

Treasurer's Report - Aida Bejte + Manisha Sharma

- The December opening balance: \$6736.72
- As of December 31st: \$5830.62 - Poinsettias were paid for, but not deposited in time to be reflected on the Dec 31 balance.
- Poinsettia fundraiser netted \$449.90 which will also will be reflected in Jan statement
- Balance as of today - Jan 12 is \$7286.62

Chairs Report: Co-chair Kevin Fox

Kevin wants more details/specifics on what technology is left in the library, and what is working. What is there? What is obsolete? What is needed?

Lucie will connect with Lily Pereira to see what is most needed in the library.

Lucie says 35 chromebooks have been ordered.

Kevin offers to help with Library technology planning.

Staff Report - Matt Perry

- Structure of the learning day has changed to on-line
- students /staff are missing face-to-face interaction
- University applications are due this week, College on Feb 1
- Scholarship opportunities have been communicated to students
- Night school is available - opens Feb 3
- Credit Recovery Night school is available, but really only covers core courses
- E-learning is available, but has limited spaces
- Course selection for Grade 8 students - due Feb 26

Parent Question: will virtual students be able to come back to school for Quad 4?

Matt answer: depends on the timetable - and only if it fits into the timetable. Students should contact Guidance.

Fundraising Report - Vanessa Keall-Vejar

- FlipGive - raised approx \$174 to date
- FlipGive - can be cashed out in \$100 increments.
- Other fundraiser ideas - Amazon Wish List (direct ask) and Laps for Laptops (pledges)

Parent - keep an eye on FlipGive, as sometimes the funds do make it to the school FlipGive account.

Parent - have we ever asked parents for \$\$ and then they get a tax receipt.

Discussion about whether Council is a charity....can parents get tax receipts for donations?

Yes - can be done through school-cash-online:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/School-Cash-Online/Online-Donations>

Also, Canada Helps:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/explore/charities/?q=toronto+district+school+board>

Parent - would be reasonable to ask parents for \$20 donation.

Parent - yes, it's convenient. Also a wish list could direct where parent wishes funds to go.

Parent - elementary schools have an "activity" fee - then do not do any fundraising.

We could use all school platforms (ie Principals Report) to get the word out.

Parent - how about coming up with a goal, then using a meter to show the progress.

Graduation Committee - Anna Georgiou

- Can we move “Grad” up in the agenda, moving forward to accommodate last years graduated parents.
- Currently pushing for a virtual grad for the 2020 graduates.
- Manisha shared the Martingrove Virtual Grad link, for ideas.
- 3 options for 2021 Grad:
 - Le Jardin
 - Outdoors in May
 - Virtual
- Lucie: Grad photos and yearbooks are at the school. Feedback for a pickup of Grad items - “seems impersonal”.
- 2020 Commencement may be the template for the 2021 Commencement
- Lucie: we need to follow the TDSB COVID protocols

Anna and Lucie to connect to discuss.

Parent: Can Honours students be recognized?

Lucie: Ms Bruno had started, but it’s on hold. There are lists posted in the school.

Parent: Will there be a Commencement pamphlet?

Lucie: Grads receive - composite, yearbook, pamphlet

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm

Next meeting TUESDAY February 9th - 7pm, via ZOOM.