

**RICHVIEW COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE**  
**School Council Minutes**  
Tuesday December 15, 2020  
7:00pm - 8:15pm - Virtual/ZOOM Meeting

**Attendees:**

Lucie Kletke, Paulette Barrett, Kevin Fox, Aida Bejte, Manisha Sharma, Maria Skinner, Vanessa Keall-Vejar, Anna Georgiou, Lily Pereira, David Marchione, Tiina Eagle-Chin, Marie Cook, Heather Smith, Edna Chu.

**Co-Chair - Kevin Fox:**

- Welcome/Introductions

**SAC Update:**

1. Braeburn update - will do gift baskets this year; will be virtual event; looking for gifts for students
2. This week is Spirit Week

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

1. Thank you to all our teachers for their incredible commitment to our students and programs. They have been quite resilient to all the changes during the past 4 months. I am very grateful for our entire team: our Vice-Principals, teachers, guidance counsellors, support staff and caretakers.

Thank you to Rodney Inches, our Head Caretaker, who retired after 34 years with TDSB. He was an outstanding person and we miss him.

Thank you to our staff advisors, Ms. Pereira and Ms. Hind-Powell, and our SAC members for finding a way to support our Braeburn community with gifts/activities for the children. Thank you to our families for supporting this incredible event, which RCI has been doing for 20 years. Also, they organized events for Spirit Week this week.

Thank you to Vanessa for organizing the fundraisers for the gift cards and poinsettias to support RCI. Thank you to all our parents/guardians who helped with the event and/or purchased items.

2. **END OF QUAD 1:** November 17 – 19 – we had final assessments and evaluations. We also provided students with the opportunity for credit completion/rescue. A substantial number of students were successful in earning their credits. This is fantastic news.

3. **November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Quad 2** started with a new model of simultaneous learning. We have 842 students participating in in-school classes and 93 students participating in simultaneous learning. The 170 students who started QUAD 1 in Virtual School are still part of the VS, except some students returned to RCI.

4. **November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> - Grade 8 Information Night**. We had a good turn out for our virtual presentations. We are closed for F/I and F/E, and limited for the English. Thank you to our ACL of Guidance, Mr. Perry, for planning and organizing the events. Thank you to Ms. McDonagh-Vella, Ms. Niehaus, Mr. Dipchand, Ms. Bourgeois, Ms. Fontes, Ms. Dabas, Ms. Todorovich for supporting our Grade 8 students and families.

5. **December 15<sup>th</sup> :MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) virtual assembly** Thank you to Ms. Markakos for organizing this yearly event; the message is so important for our students.

6. **Facilities:**

- Blinds (already purchased from school budget) – waiting for installation
- Cafeteria – requested new tile floor and painting
- Parking lot – met with the Project Coordinator (hoping for the lot to be repaved in 2021)
- Technology – we have provided staff members with laptops, webcams, camera stands, bluetooth (from school budget) to provide simultaneous teaching and learning.

We want to support our students in every way possible, so please contact our Guidance Counsellors for help. It is especially important now for our graduating students and their post-secondary goals. Also, please contact our Vice-Principals and I if you have any questions/concerns.

On behalf of our RCI staff members, we wish you a safe and peaceful holiday season and good health and happiness during the coming year.

**Treasurer's Report - Aida Bejte + Manisha Sharma**

- No changes in bank statement. The November bank statement shows balance of \$6736.72
- Poinsettia fundraiser \$\$ - will show in Dec statement
- E-transfer to Council account is now available. It has been tested. Send e-transfer to [richviewparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:richviewparentcouncil@gmail.com)

**Staff Report:** - Lily Pereira

Re: Library/technology

Learning spaces added to the library several years ago. Students use these spaces.

As well, there are 4 teaching areas (labs): Lab 1 - 28 desktops, Lab 2 - 32 Desktops, Lab 3 - 25 desktops, Lab 4 - 20 desktops + space for e-learning and 1- chromebooks.

Most laptops and chromebooks were taken by the TDSB for students during COVID. 10 remain and are currently not working.

Technology in the library is definitely used by students and staff.

Question from parent - will the technology given away during COVID ever be replaced? - not likely.

Lucie - 35-40 new chromebooks + school budget to help replace what is gone.

Lily Pereira will send a detailed list of needs.

**Chairs Report: Co-chair Kevin Fox**

Does anyone have any ideas on what is needed?

Anna - are there any Re-invigorating Richview notes?

The latest document we can find is from 2016 - includes a list of projectors and chromebooks. There are no other recent documents.

David - Re-invigorating Richview was a 5 year plan, which ended in 2018. It was to raise \$\$ and improve technology.

February 2020 Social Fundraiser - those funds are still in the bank.

Kevin - what should we do with the \$\$

Most suggest technology.

Manisha - how about just asking parents for donations? Lucie says that included a larger group than just parents.

Grad can't use \$\$ from Social...but some Fundraising is earmarked for the Grad.

Edna - how about just a direct ask for \$\$ - some parents would prefer that.

Technology is an ongoing expense and needs to be replenished every few years.

**Secretary - Maria Skinner**

Council members should check email and move their read emails to a folder so that we can keep the in-box tidy.

**Fundraising Report - Vanessa Keall-Vejar**

- Poinsettias - net approx \$450
- FlipGive - raised approx \$146 to date
- Upcoming fundraisers - will send out ideas

Question to Fundraising Committee- how often does FlipGive pay out - Vanessa will check Anna - FlipGive sometimes doesn't give the %. She's had to follow up.

Re: Poinsettias - perhaps charge a bit more next time....prices are really good. Parents say they would pay more.

**Graduation Committee - Anna Georgiou**

- 2020 + 2021 - each about 245 students
- Why are other schools able to host grad event? Lucie has met with Superintendent. The main message is NO congregating. They are hopeful to hold 2 grads in the spring.

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm

**Next meeting TUESDAY January 12th - 7pm, via ZOOM.**