

RICHVIEW COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 21, 2023 @ 7:00pm

ATTENDEES:

RCI Staff:	Lucie Kletke (Principal)
Council Members:	Caroline Cho, Maria Skinner, Nadia Frost, Karin Rosenberg-Miskovsky, Marie Johnson, Sarah Ali, Krista Vanderwel, Scott Picket
Others:	In Library: Andrea Giamou, Julia O’Toole, Noel Morgan, Claudia Esposito, Elva Massey, Fatima Ahmed, Kathy DaSilva Online: Fatima, David Sheedy, Ryan Van Poucke, Jane Thompson, Christine, Marsha Rose, Maryam, Lindsay Harris, Silvia Petz, Monica, iPhone x 2

RICHVIEW SOCIAL FUNDRAISER Update: Marie Johnson

Thursday October 19th @ Crooked Cue. 7pm.

- School Council will be at School Curriculum night on the 28th to raise funds
- Will continue to appeal to parents and guardians to help fundraise; opportunities include donating to the silent auction, purchasing tickets to attend, etc.
- Every little bit helps, no gesture is too small

CURRICULUM NIGHT PRESENCE Update – Maria Skinner, Caroline Cho

- Curriculum Night will be Thursday September 28th
- School Council will be present fundraising for the Social and other initiatives

TREASURER’S REPORT: Nadia Frost

- As of the meeting there was \$1,867.58 in the School Council account, inclusive of \$487.99 received from the fundraising activities at the recent Post Secondary Fair night
- Our financial institution (Alterna, formerly Pace Credit Union) has recently raised its banking fees prohibitively, approximately \$15 per month
- The Treasury team will look into alternatives to bring back for discussion at the next SAC meeting

2023 COMMENCEMENT UPDATE: Scott/Krista

- Held at Woodbine Banquet Hall on Tuesday June 27th at 1:00pm
- Thorncrest Foodland generously donated 1,000 cookies, this was acknowledged by signs
- Balloon arrangements were \$400, supplied by Beatriz Gonzalez at Glam & Confetti
- Smartie gift bags were assembled for the grads:
 - tags for gift bags were \$40
 - Smarties were \$195
 - Additional notes regarding commencement are appended at the end of these minutes

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND EXECUTIVE: Maria Skinner and Caroline Cho

- After some discussion, Maria Skinner moved that the School Council Executive for 2023-2024 be comprised of:
 - Caroline Cho and Maria Skinner as Co-Chairs
 - Sarah Ali as Vice-Chair
 - Kathy DaSilva and Nadia Frost as Co-Treasurers
 - Scott Picket as Secretary
 - and that additional voting members include Dima Al Daghtani, Claudia Esposito, Andrea Giamou, Marie Johnson, Noel Morgan, Julie O'Toole, Karin Rosenberg-Miskovsky and Krista Vanderwel
- There were no nays and the motion passed
- *POST MEETING NOTES: After reviewing the Richview By-laws, there are some adjustments following the meeting. There are 3 individuals who self-nominated for Council. By-laws state that they must be present at the meeting to be voted on Council. Since they were not at the meeting, their names have been removed as Council members. They can attend the next Council meeting and the Council can vote to have them on Council. Also, in the By-laws – there are only 15 Council positions available. Adding these 3 individuals will exceed the By-Law limit. Maria Skinner will propose that the Council By-laws be changed to include 18 Council Members. She will look into the process in time for the next meeting.*

SCHOOL COUNCIL COMMITTEES: Maria Skinner and Caroline Cho

- After some discussion, Maria Skinner moved that the School Council Committees include:
 - a Social Fundraiser subcommittee, led by Marie Johnson
 - a Poinsettia Fundraising subcommittee, led by Marie Johnson
 - a Concessions Fundraising subcommittee, led by Krista Vanderwel

- an Anti-Oppression Committee, led by Noel Morgan and supported by Claudia Esposito
- There were no nays and the motion passed
- Other committees and sub-committee may be formed during the school year as needed

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

Welcome back to the members of our school council and welcome to our new members. I want to give a special greeting to our Grade 9 RCI families.

Thank you to our executive members from 2022 – 2023:

Caroline Cho, Maria Skinner (Co-Chairs), Marie Cook (Secretary) Nadia Frost and Sarah Ali (Co-Treasurers), Krista Vanderwel (Fundraising) and Sarah Ali (PIAC).

Thank you to the Council Members: Colleen Good, Hui Wang, Karen Rosenberg-Miskovsky, Lisa Tkachuk, Marie Johnson, Natasha Cheddie and Scott Picket.

It is wonderful to work collaboratively with you to support our students/programs. Thank you to Marie Johnson for spearheading the social at the Crooked Cue on October 19th to support the school.

I look forward to continuing the work with our School Council for 2023 – 2024. Congratulations

It is always exciting to start a new school year and welcome back our students.

We had a fantastic Head Start Day with our Grade 9s on August 31st.

I email the weekly Principal's Update to our families to keep you informed about everything that is taking place at the school. Our Vice-Principals, Ms. Dabas and Mr. Khadaroo, our teachers, support staff and our caretakers are working very diligently so that we may provide an environment that enhances excellent teaching and learning opportunities for our students.

The past few years have been extremely difficult for our students. It has also been very challenging for our staff, dealing with a myriad of changes and navigating through various systems. So, I am grateful to staff members for forging ahead and providing so much through our courses and extra curricular activities.

Student Enrolment for 2023 – 2024:

1,080 students – still high despite the fact that we have been closed for two years and the capacity should be @ 840 students

The building is extremely full as well as the classes. Every part of the school is maximized.

STAFF: 2 Vice-Principals

56 Teachers

7 Support Staff + 1 extra Safety Based School Monitor (Caring and Safe Schools)

1 Child and Youth Worker (CYW) 2 days one week/3 days the next week

1 Social Worker (once per week)

FACILITY PROJECTS during the past 5 years - including the following

Cafeteria – fully painted, new floor tiles, new tables

New Parking Lot, new Elevator

New Fitness Room with a new extension/New gym floors

Technology: library, staff, students

Digital Sign

Front walkway is being repaved

Leaks in the front wing of the school are being addressed

SOME MAJOR CONCERNS:

1. Washrooms – vaping
2. Parking lot – parking along the laneway leading to Islington (dangerous and destroying the asphalt). I am trying to get curbs installed
3. Crowdedness

WELCOME BACK ASSEMBLIES/STUDENT HANDBOOK:

Expectations: (some of them are below)

- High expectations for all students
- Respect that RCI is an Inclusive and accepting school
- TDSB/RCI Code of Conduct: NO bullying (verbal, physical, social or cyber)

- NO form of discrimination or hate will be tolerated
- Respect the rights and physical properties of others - peers, teachers, support staff and community (washrooms/caf). Do not destroy any school property.
- Code of Conduct: social media/no phone use in class unless part of lesson; online code of conduct (respectful in all interactions)
- Misuse of school computers will result in disciplinary action
- NO smoking/vaping/drug use on school property

BUDGET – we usually receive the school budget in October

POST SECONDARY FAIR - @500 people in attendance; so many colleges/universities presented. Excellent opportunity for our Gr 11 and 12 students.

EXTRACURRICULARS – a myriad of clubs have started (some are BHED+ group (Black History Every Day), Library Club, Muslim Student Group, Debate Club, GSA (Gay Straight Alliance), Creative Corner,

GRADE 9 MUSKOKA WOODS PREQUEL – September 27th Information will be emailed to Grade 9 families

CURRICULUM NIGHT – SEPT 28TH

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES: Maria Skinner & Caroline Cho

- Maria moved that the following dates comprise the proposed meeting schedule for School Council during 2023-2024 school year
 - October 26, November 23, January 18, February 22, March 21, April 11, May 16, June 13
- There were no nays and the motion passed

OTHER BUSINESS

A few grade 9 parents expressed concerns that the students are not able to find a seat in the cafeteria at lunch. With attendance at Richview over capacity and seating in the cafeteria being 454, there may be challenges. There are other areas around the school where they may eat their lunches. Classrooms are not an alternative as they require supervision.

Staggered lunch is not possible as it's disruptive to scheduling and to classrooms.

NEXT MEETING:

- Thursday October 26th at 7:00pm

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 8:35pm

Supplementary Notes regarding RCI Commencement for 2022-2023

Poinsettia Fundraiser was earmarked, by Council, for the Commencement. It raised \$1277.

Held at Woodbine Banquet Hall on Tuesday June 27th at 1:00pm

The hall provided any tables required for cookies, gift bags etc

Thorncrest Foodland generously donated 1,000 cookies, this was acknowledged by signs on the cookie table

Smartie gift bags were assembled for the grads:

- tags for gift bags were \$40, were provided by a colleague of Maria's
- Smarties were \$195
- Caroline supplied the ribbons and bags \$18.36
- Krista and Scott assembled

Balloons were \$400 paid via cheque, see below for a summary of the arrangements, supplied by Beatriz Gonzalez at Glam & Confetti

Total actuals - \$653.35

3 non-Grade 12 parents handing out pamphlets was a good number

Date: May 8, 2023 at 08:56:32 EDT

Subject: Re: Grad Balloons

Hello Caroline!

Yes! I'll be able to set up the balloons for the graduation, just in order to keep the costs down I'll have to pick up the bases from the two arrangements to be set up at the stage, I can pick them up at the end of the ceremony at the banquet hall or any other day at school or at someone's place, just let me know.

One more thing, please send me a picture of the exact location at the venue where you guys want me to set up the garland.

The colours will be exactly as last year, scarlet red, gold and white. Design wise will be similar to last year's but since it's a different set up location it may change. The two stage arrangements will have a custom writing "Richview Collegiate class of 2023"

In regards to payment, it can be an e-transfer to hello@glamandconfetti.ca or cash the day of the event or a cheque to my name Beatriz Gonzalez

If you have any question please do not hesitate to contact me.

Beatriz G