

Riverdale Collegiate Institute School Council Annual Report 2015-2016

The Riverdale School Council met on the following dates:

- September 30, 2015
- October 21, 2015
- November 18, 2015
- January 20, 2016
- February 18, 2016
- March 23, 2016
- April 21, 2016
- May 26, 2016

The September 2015 election resulted in Matilda Kissi being named Chair, Ronda Kellington being named Vice-Chair and Nicole Herbert being named Chair emeritus. Mirka Macalik and Sharon Wood were named Reporting Co-Secretaries and Matilda Kissi and Nicole Herbert were named as ward representatives.

Principal Kenn Harvey or Vice-Principal Rebekah Tsingos attended School Council meetings throughout the year and teachers Dave Robb and Nhat Le represented staff. Michael Dranitsaris served as student representative on Council.

In addition to Council meetings, or in conjunction with meetings, Riverdale School Council held the following informational events or presentations for parents:

- Course Selection and Future Planning by Dave Robb, Riverdale Guidance
- Parent Engagement by Sandy Yep, Ministry of Education
- Summertime – an informational night about summer options for students with presentations about summer school, employment and volunteer opportunities, and educational travel. Presenters included Riverdale Collegiate staff, parents and community members.
- Mindful Parent, Stress Reduction Strategies by Heidi Bornstein of Mindfulness Everyday

Riverdale School Council members represented our parents on the Pupil Area Review Committee (PARC) of the TDSB. This Area Review involved all 10 high schools in our Family of Schools and made recommendation to the board around the under-utilized schools.

Direct appeal fundraising brought in \$2,655.00 for the school's Discretionary Fund. Council received \$177.00 from the Ministry of Education via Continuing Education for parent workshops attendance. Council awarded three Pathways awards of \$200 each to graduating students.