

**Riverdale Collegiate Institute
School Council Minutes
January 19, 2017**

Present: Kenn Harvey (Principal), Dave Robb (Guidance), Nicole Herbert, Mirka Macalik, Carol King, Rebecca Cameron, Anne Francis, Elizabeth Nelson Raffaele, Jennifer Ferreira, Humberto Ferreira, Leo Agosto, Sheila Gray, Alison Lacombe, Renee Martens, Siriporn Singpauladech, Fiona Macdonald, Le Eiko Hockema, Laura Smith, Manisha deLanerolle, Phan Huynh, Martin Saxton, Lee Taylor, Tom Chaggaris, Carla Meili, Tracy Manna, Jean Chhia, Heather Cook, Christine Gaachi, Tom Kasanda, Lisa Fitzgerald, Jeff Darnell, Halina Bucchino, Richard Bingham, Anne Donald, Matthew Biswat, Rajeeve Perera, Linda Diep, George Won, Fay Wong, Tony Browne, Kenyon Jin, Allison Arnott, Lise Lotter, Zari Atai

Regrets: Ronda Kellington

Welcome and introductions

Nicole welcomed the group and everyone introduced themselves.

1. Student Council Update

- a. Semi-Formal Jan. 27: Parkview Manor banquet hall, 6-11 pm, sold out
- b. Mini Olympics being planned for April. It is a 3-day event; student's home form paired with another class of different grade level; cooperative games, not just athletic, so an opportunity for everyone to shine

2. Principal's Update

- a. Big changes at the TDSB re: focus on school goals. Achievement/Well-being/Equity are all three being viewed in an equity framework.
- b. TDSB Director Malloy's Integrated Equity Framework:
http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/FINAL_IEF_StaffGuide_17Jan17.pdf
- c. Schools to set a goal in each of the 3 areas for their School Improvement Plan (SIP). System goals include: providing supports (ie., special needs) in class, and ensuring an equitable distribution of programming (arts, tech, French, etc.)
- d. January is the beginning of course selection month for next year. Students will use "My Blueprint" for course selection, deadline is Feb 28. Course changes are difficult to make later, so careful planning is necessary.
- e. Course Fair is Jan. 24 - Students can learn more about possible choices for next year.
- f. Jan 26 - Exams in the morning for students taking gr.12 semestered math or gr.10 Civics/Careers. No classes in the morning.
- g. Report cards will be issued Feb 10, parent teacher interviews Feb 15. Online registration for interviews opens on Feb.10
- h. Feb.17, PA day. Feb 20, Family Day
- i. Feb 26, school garage sale in the atrium, fundraiser for the trip to Iceland. More info to come

4. Teachers' Report

Staff are using the PLC (Late Start Thursdays) time to work on integrating the Equity Framework goals into their work.

5. Ward 15 update

- a. Ward 15 meeting Jan. 26, 7pm at Morse PS, parents welcome to attend. Forum topic: French language delivery.

6. Chairs' Update

- b. RCI School Council's Annual Report was published in the December newsletter. This is a required accountability piece by Reg 612. Also posted on the school website, with our minutes.
- c. Parent Involvement Advisory Committee (PIAC) holding School Council Appreciation dinner Feb. 23. Two parents from each SC are invited to attend.
- d. PIAC initiative is encouraging parents to participate on the interview teams for new VP candidates. Training session Feb 7. Interview days will be held in Feb. and March. See Nicole for more info.
- e. RCI Parent Survey results (85 responses). Highlighted Academic Support and Teen Anxiety/Depression as top concerns. Parents also wanted more communication with teachers and more proactive support for students' social, emotional, academic needs.

7. Parent Social Committee

Parent Social Committee (PRO Grant team) considering speakers for upcoming events. Suggestions welcome.

8. New Business

- a. SC funds allocation
It was decided that School Council would no longer fund scholarships with its ministry funding. This is not an appropriate use of the funds. The 3 scholarships will be alternately funded from the school's budget. Nicole will update the Operating Procedures to reflect this.

Presentation: Course Selection & Future Planning by Dave Robb Riverdale Guidance dept.