

Riverdale Collegiate Institute
School Council Update
November 2016

Student Council Update

Here are some of the things that are going on within the school at the moment:

- The student council is starting to plan for the Semi Formal, which will take place near the end of January (around the 27th).
- The Haunted House for Halloween was a huge success and we made \$184.30 revenue.
- Club information was sent out and grants were divided between them. We will be putting up lists around the school that outline the different clubs and classrooms they are held in so that students have constant access to that information.
- Parent teacher interviews are on November 30th
- We are planning in early December to have a winter wonderland spirit day with hot cocoa, possible gingerbread house competitions and fun stuff like that for the students before we focus all our energy on Semi.

Principal's Update

School Improvement Planning Process

As per the Director's Vision for Learning, the staff have identified three goals, one in each area of Achievement, Well Being and Equity.

Our **Achievement** goal is, "to improve student achievement, as evidenced through course credit accumulation and EQAO results, in the core Grade 9 and 10 subjects." The teachers are looking at ways to build consistency of expectation across the subject areas as they feel this will help students better navigate the transition to high school.

Our **Well Being** goal is, "to grow a healthy sense of belonging and effective stress management for students and staff."

Our **Equity** goal, "to empower RCI students to feel represented in all spaces."

We are using our PLC time on Thursdays and time during the recent and upcoming PD days to work on ways to develop, implement, evaluate and share strategies.

Integrated Equity Framework

We are in the process of "unpacking" the Integrated Equity Framework and will be in a better place to update around next steps at the next meeting. We will be working on this during the next PD Day. http://www.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/0/EFAP_user%20friendly.pdf

School Committees

We are waiting for more information on where School Committees intersect with the structures as outlined in the Vision. At the next meeting Kenn will do a budget priorities update and will connect with Rebekah about how to get parents engaged with the Mental Health League.

Teacher Update

Post-secondary Info Sessions

Guidance will be holding 2 parent sessions about applying to post-secondary on Parent/Teacher interview day Wed. November 30, at 1:30 and 7:15:

Applying to University and College can be a stressful time for students and their parent/guardians as it does represent the beginning of a big transition. The Riverdale Guidance department will be conducting 30 minute seminars on the post-secondary application process. Come and join us in Room 212 to learn how we, at Riverdale, support students through the process and learn how parents can help. Parents (and students) from all grades are welcome to attend. Please, bring your questions!

Chairs' Update

Ontario Supporting Student Success & Wellness

The province is consulting with partners in education on their new well-being plan. "Well-Being in Our Schools, Strength in Our Society" is an engagement paper seeking input to develop a provincial framework on well-being. Look for an upcoming opportunity to give your feedback with the Mental Health & Well-Being Parent Partnerships committee in December.

Annual Parent Survey

Ronda, Mirka & Nicole will prepare the annual e-survey to collect parent input on topics of interest. Survey will run until mid-December. SC table set up for and Parent/Teacher interview day, with translated paper surveys and laptop to capture as many parents as possible.