

Riverdale School Council

Annual Report 2010/11

The Riverdale School Council is proud to be part of your children's school community. Within the education system, School Councils advise the principal and the school board by making recommendations. This system was put in place by the Ministry of Education to provide access and accountability for parents.

The council held 5 meetings during the 2010/11 school year. Minutes of the meetings are available to parents through the school office and by joining the school email list at <http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/riverdale/icontact.html>.

Meeting Dates:

Sept. 23, 2010

Nov. 25, 2010

January 27, 2011

March 24, 2011

May 26, 2011

During the school year, the Riverdale community was represented by a dedicated group of people. We thank retiring Chair Jeanetta Hoffman for her steadfast work, as well as Debbie Gordon for her years of service on council. These and other past members worked concertedly to keep Riverdale's swimming pool open through grueling board budget challenges. Of course, thanks go to the school staff for their ongoing support of council efforts.

School Council Executive:

Chair – Jeanetta Hoffman

Secretaries – Amalia Kyriacou & Nicole Herbert

Principal – Kenn Harvey

Teaching Reps – Jenny Chen & Marie Todaro

Student Council VPX – Danielle Couto

School Councils receive funding from the Ministry of Education in 2 pockets: one based on student enrollment and the other a flat amount through Parent Engagement grants (separate from the Parents Reaching Out grants, which need to be applied for). Riverdale School Council gets \$500 per year towards the running of the council and another \$500 per year for parent engagement purposes. This money is delivered to council via the TDSB, through the school's budget. In 2010/11, Riverdale School Council used some of this money to subscribe to iContact, an email service, to increase parent communication.

We also launched a direct appeal to our families in the Fall with a fundraising request letter campaign. \$1700 was raised through this initiative, which goes to the school's Discretionary Fund. This money supports our students to enhance their opportunities at Riverdale.

As always, parents are welcome at all School Council meetings. For more information, please contact the school office.