

Riverdale School Council

Annual Report 2012/13

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 8 meetings during the 2012/13 school year. Minutes of the meetings are available to parents through the school office and by joining the school email list through the RCI website, at <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/riverdale/Home.aspx>.

Meeting Dates:

September 20, 2012
October 25, 2012
November 22, 2012
January 24, 2013
February 21, 2013
March 21, 2013
April 25, 2013
May 23, 2013

During the school year, the Riverdale community was represented by a dedicated group of people. Thanks go to the school staff for their ongoing support of council efforts.

School Council Representatives:

Chair – Nicole Herbert
Secretary – Susan Farrow
Principal – Kenn Harvey
Teaching Rep – vacant
Non-Teaching Rep – Scott Mead
Student Council VPX – Lisa Xiong
Pool Captain – Muriel Deschenes

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 2012/13, Riverdale School Council used some of this money for our iContact subscription, an email service, to increase parent communication.

Our Fall direct appeal fundraising request letter raised \$1730, which goes to the school's Discretionary Fund. This money supports our students to enhance their opportunities at Riverdale.

In 2012/13, Riverdale School Council held parent information sessions on Parenting Teens, Teen Mental Health, Course Selection, and Youth Engagement, as well as putting together dual student/parent seminars on Internet Privacy. We also completed the annual People for Education survey, part of their "Annual Report on Schools."

As always, parents are welcome at all School Council meetings. For more information, please contact the school office, or email us at SC.RiverdaleCollegiateInstitute@tdsb.on.ca.

N.B.

Supply info re grad award/scholarship
Record parent rep for the school committees