

Riverdale Collegiate Institute
School Council Minutes
September 19, 2013

Present: Rebekah Tsingos (Vice-Principal), Nicole Herbert (Chair), Susan Farrow (Secretary), Matilda Kissi, Mirka Macalik, Derby Crewe, Sirje Lautens, Lakshmi Kygo, John Scully, Lisa Xiong (Student Council VPX), Jan McClory, Kim McClory, Carol Baum, April Moon, Laura Fitzsimmons, Mary Anne Lemm, Saddeiq Holder, Mary Card (staff)

Regrets: Kenn Harvey, James Chow, Amalia Kyriacou

1. Welcome

Nicole welcomed the group to the first 2013/2014 Riverdale School Council meeting. The group introduced themselves. Nicole gave a brief history on School Councils outlining their main purpose and highlighting a few of the things Riverdale council has done in the past few years.

2. Student Council Update

- ❖ Recent Events:
 - Sale of SPC Cards
- ❖ Upcoming Events:
 - Me to We Day for Free the Children club members
 - Week of Sept. 23rd is Spirit Week and Prom Committee Interviews
 - October 18th is Club Fair Day
 - October 25th is the Halloween Dance
 - October 8th is Grade 9 Cheer-off
- ❖ The Student Council continues to look for ways to spend the \$100,000 State Farm prize. Facebook page, inviting suggestions, will be reopened soon.

3. Principal's Report

- ❖ Discretionary Fund has raised \$3,350 to date.
- ❖ Japan Trip will take place from Oct. 19 through 30.
- ❖ Agenda's handed out Sept. 18th, late due to necessary reprint
- ❖ Meet the Teacher BBQ is Thursday Sept. 26th.
- ❖ October 4th is Photo Day.
- ❖ October 10th is Commencement so school will be on a ½ day modified schedule.
- ❖ EQAO results are out. Riverdale's scores have gone up in both academic and applied and are well above board averages.
- ❖ Staffing numbers won't be finalized until sometime after Oct. 31st. Some shuffling of classes may have to occur as a result of changes in staffing.

4. Chair's Report

- ❖ Grade 9 Parent Night was a big success with approximately 80 parents in attendance. Thanks to the parents who helped out that night.
- ❖ Nicole passed around information bulletins for several upcoming parent workshops.
- ❖ First Ward Council meeting is Sept. 23 from 7-9pm at Frankland school.

5. Elections

- ❖ Chair – Nicole Herbert
- ❖ Secretary – Susan Farrow (back-up Mirka Macalik)
- ❖ Ward 15 Rep – Lakshmi Kygo
- ❖ Pool Captain – Muriel Deschenes
- ❖ Committee Reps – Caring & Safe Schools: Lakshmi Kygo,
Equity: Matilda Kissi.

Kenn will arrange for the Teaching and Non-teaching staff reps. Council can appoint a Community Rep, so give this some thought.

6. Planning for the Year

- ❖ Parent Survey will be sent out again in this fall. Nicole to start organizing shortly.
- ❖ Hosting a Community Event has been discussed in the past. If anyone is interested in taking on this initiative please see Nicole.
- ❖ Ideas are welcome for guest speakers. Nicole has arranged for Toronto Public Health's "Connecting with your Teens" for October, as discussed last year. Rebekah has been contacted by the Community Development office and that may be a guest speaker option.
- ❖ PRO Grant applications are submitted in the fall if the council is interested. Saddeiqa volunteered to help write the application
- ❖ Fundraising is not something this council has traditionally done but if anyone is interested in spearheading this please see Nicole.

7. New Business

None

Council adjourned.

Next meeting: October 24, 2013, 6:30