

Riverdale School Council

Annual Report 2011/12

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 7 meetings during the 2011/12 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, or at <http://schools.tdsb.on.ca/riverdale/icontact.html>.

Meeting Dates:

September 22, 2011

November 24, 2011

January 25, 2012

February 23, 2012

March 22, 2012 (no quorum)

April 26, 2012

May 24, 2012 (no quorum)

During the school year, the Riverdale community was represented by a dedicated group of people. We thank retiring Secretary Amalia Kyriacou for her precise notes. Of course, 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 Reps – Jenny Chen & Marie Todaro

Student Council VPX – Judy Ha

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 2011/12, Riverdale School Council used some of this money to subscribe to iContact, an email service, to increase parent communication.

Our Fall direct appeal fundraising request letter raised \$2500, which goes to the school's Discretionary Fund. This money supports our students to enhance their opportunities at Riverdale.

Riverdale School Council held parent information sessions on Parent Engagement, Teen Mental Health, Course Selection, and instigated a Ward 15 Council parent forum on Teen Issues. 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.