

**Riverdale Collegiate Institute**  
**School Council Minutes**  
**April 21, 2016**

**Present:** Kenn Harvey (Principal), Matilda Kissi (Chair), Nicole Herbert (Past Chair), Mirka Macalik (Secretary), Michael Dranitsaris Student Council VPX), Fiona Christie, Rebekah Tsingos (VP), Laura Fitzsimmons, Siobhan Keogh, Mario Gagnon, Vicki Gagnon, Heather Cook, Theodora Rowlands, Carla Meili, Lee Taylor

**Regrets:** Ronda Kellington

**Welcome / Introductions**

**1. Student Council Update**

- a. April's focus was on raising awareness of the dangers of texting and driving
- b. Impaired driving was also covered during an assembly
- c. May 28, students will be fundraising for group involved with raising awareness amongst teens about driving safety
- d. Prom tickets went on sale April 21, prom is on May 19
- e. Student Council elections are being held the second week of May. Students are invited to run.
- f. Spring concert nights: May 17 and 18.

**2. Matters Arising**

**Attendance money** earned through ministry for parent workshops should be approximately \$69 from the February session and whatever comes in from tonight's session. Council agrees to use these funds towards the costs of our Parent Social event (May 17 & 18).

**PRO Grant applications** are due May 29. Contact Matilda if you want to be involved.

**3. Principal's Report**

- a. Labour disruptions continue as still no agreement between teachers and TDSB. Exam scheduling may be impacted, text book collection could be difficult to account for.
- b. Staffing levels for next year are expected to be unchanged.
- c. Culminating activities and exam reviews will hopefully be posted on the school website, as they were last year.

**4. Mental Health**

- d. Youth Mental Health week is May 1-7.
- e. Mental Health League is unable to plan events this year, due to the teacher labour action. Nicole wants to run council driven events for Riverdale mental health week (May16-20): Positive Post-lts campaign for students, beginning May 16 and Green Tea Break for staff on May 20. Contact Nicole if you want to help.

**Presentation:** "Mindful Parent, Stress Reduction Strategies" by Heidi Bornstein of Mindfulness Everyday. See attached resources.