

Riverdale Collegiate Institute
School Council Minutes
May 22, 2014

Present: Kenn Harvey (Principal), Nicole Herbert (Chair), Susan Farrow (Secretary), Lisa Xiong (Student Council VP), Kim McClory, Matilda Kissi, Mirka Macalik, Mary Anne Lemm, Carol Baum, 2014/2015 Riverdale Student Council – Stephen Diep, Nelia Wong, Christopher Choquette, Zach Sherman, Griffin Porter, Sammi Huang, Yassin Aitmantallah, Kelly Voong, Carl Huang

Regrets: Sirje Lautens, Derby Crewe

1. Welcome - Nicole welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Student Council Update

a. Recent Events:

- Music Department trip to Cleveland, Ohio
- Mini-Olympics
- Student Council Elections
- Spring Concert
- Music Banquet

b. Upcoming Events:

- Athletic Banquet – May 30th
- Amazing Race – June 4th, sign up on the Student Council door
- Prom - June 24 at the Palais Royale

Lisa also advised that our Badminton team won gold at the Regional Finals and for a third year in a row our Table Tennis team won gold.

3. Matters Arising

- a. Extra-curricular activities – No response to council, but George Kourtis has spoken with Kenn.
- b. Mental Health Team – Still assembling committee. Hope to have 1st meeting within the next 2-3 weeks.
- c. Staff Reps – Council advised Mr. Harvey that, in order to encourage teachers attend our meetings, we would welcome even rotating reps at each meeting. Nicole also offered to come to a staff meeting in the Fall to speak to our desire and the value of having a Staff Rep present.

4. Principal's Report

- a. Fall Fundraising – Raised just under \$4,500 this year. Went over budget due to spending on guest speakers. Council confirmed their continued support of the fundraiser.
- b. Activity Fee will remain at \$50 for 2014/2015. Cost of the agenda planner is dropping to \$4. Difference will be used towards wellness initiatives.

- c. Mental Health plan, staff PD – As per the plan, board-wide staff Professional Development is to start by June 2014. Staff have an online module to complete.
 - d. School Budget forecast. Our budget looks stable for next year.
5. **Ward 15 Update** - Donna Quon was present to discuss the Years of Action plan, as well as the proposed policy change for volunteers and their police reference checks. The “Years of Action” plan supports 5 key areas and also includes the board’s new Children and Youth Mental Health and Well-Being Strategy: For the full plan, go to www.tdsb.on.ca/everystudent
6. **Chair’s Report** — Nicole walked the group through OISE’s Equity Continuum document. It is designed to allow schools to self-assess on the continuum of family/caregiver/school relations. Potential area of need for Riverdale is around parent/staff communication. Matilda to take this document forward to the Equity Committee for discussion.
7. **School Improvement Plan** – Kenn walked the council through the highlights of the current School Improvement Plan. Riverdale has a good record with the Literacy and Numeracy pillars. Next year’s focus will be on the Community/Care/Culture pillar, with an emphasis on Mental Health.
8. **Fall Parent Orientation** – Council reconfirmed their commitment for the Fall Appeal Letter for funds and the Welcome to Grade 9 night for parents. Nicole will work with Rebekah to get the letter out in September.
9. **New Business** - None

Council adjourned.