

Rockford School Council

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Minutes for Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Attendees: Delia, Jarczyn, Katelynn Borg, Shawn Gauthier, Burucanay, Chantelle Service, iPhone, Joanna P, Kin Irving, Kyle Boland, Mirwis Nahzat, Sheila, Kanghee Han, Ivana, Nichola Senyonjo, Nooshin S, Matthew Price, Ivana Lukic-Miloloza, Ramak Ajideh, Elena Viltovskaia, Hanib B, iPhone, Roza Rozov, Reena K, Tahereh, Tahmina, Alex B

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Reminder of the School Council Code of Ethics

3. Approval of Minutes from January 23rd 2023

Motioned by: Katelynn Borg **Seconded by:** Nigel Mohammed **All in favour:** Approved

4. Principal/Vice-Principal's Report – Mr. Gauthier and Mrs. Irving

- Traffic continues to be an issue in the surrounding school area & parking lot, however improvements have been made
 - Ongoing reminder for parents to follow traffic etiquette
 - Parents encouraged to park on side streets and walk onto school grounds rather than congest the parking lot
 - Ongoing issues of illegal parking in accessible-only spots
- African Heritage Month Committee
 - Spirit days, shirt colour days, food sales
 - \$500 raised for youth shelter
 - Motivational talk about inclusion by guest speaker a success
- Spring Staffing Model
 - Allocation determined based on enrollment of previous year in October
 - 2022-2023 reorganization resulted in 8 new teachers hired

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5. Rockford Community Safety Issues

- Parking for teachers
 - Discussed previously

6. School Council Update

a. Pizza lunches

- First session update
 - Most orders in past 7-8 years
 - Approximately \$3800 revenue generated
- Second session information
 - for 6 weeks to purchase coming up
- Pizza subsidy lottery
 - - Concerns raised about promoting pizza subsidy due to possible widespread ask among student population
 - Vote held regarding pizza subsidy
 - Outcome not disclosed

b. TDSB Information Sharing

- Mental Health and Wellbeing
 - TDSB online meeting. URL shared during meeting
- Black Mental Health and Positive Identities
 - Zoom URL shared during meeting
- Fine Motor Parent and Caregiver
 - Zoom URL shared during meeting
- Sensory-Regulation Parent and Caregiver
 - Zoom URL shared during meeting
- Pride T-Shirt Design Competition
 - Submission deadline March 23rd midnight
 - Information shared during meeting
- TDSB Excellence Awards
 - Nominations now open
 - Information shared during the meeting
- Great Big Crunch
 - Moment of crunch instead of moment of silence
 - Healthy food crunches initiative
 - Shared information during the meeting

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c. Spirit Days and Coloured Shirt Days

- Greater knowledge
- Many coloured shirt days throughout the year
- Concerns many children do not know the reason why various coloured shirt days are even for
- Delia suggested purchasing buying ribbons to hand out to classrooms so each student can have a ribbons
- Equitable options

d. SSON Update

- List compiled by Kate presented during meeting

7. Slido Questions & Answers

- **I understand field trips are not mandatory but can the parent council advocate for field trips? My other child's school had field trips, sports since Mar/22**
 - Teachers are encouraged to schedule field trips
 - Parent volunteers are encouraged as well

- **Still issues with my child's class, kids get kicked, punched & hit outside during recess. The kids hitting say they're not getting in trouble so it continues, when will this stop & be dealt with, why are parents not clear? They need to be told what their kid's doing & there has to be consequences!**
 - Ms Irving states herself and Mr. Gauthier are often outside during recess & lunch to help address various situations
 - Staff & admin try to help student learn various problem-solving skills & solutions
 - Committee with students to help mitigate issues
 - Mr. Gauthier stated guardians are contacted when students are disciplined or require additional action to help address negative behaviour
 - Majority of instances occur during unstructured time outside

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- **Where can we get more information about the transition to Willowdale for grade 5s?**
 - Willowdale will setup a transition meeting for parents & students to set expectations & address questions
 - Usually occurs in April or May
- **Is there a way we can advocate for staff changes next year, especially in Fi with split classes, they may have the same teacher for 2 years.**
 - School staffing model determines flexibility
- **Hi, Where can the minutes from the previous meetings be found?**
 - Information posted directly in Slido
- **My child is finding FI SK boring. They are one of the oldest kids in the class. Are there any additional resources or opportunities for them to be challenged?**
 - Suggest engaging teacher
 - Kindergarten is play-based learning; children still getting used to social skills and learning to follow instructions

8. Other Business

- Teacher said students requested spirit wear ordering availability.
- Male asked about vote results
 - Informed it was close

9. Next Meeting Date

- **March 28th 2023**

Meeting adjourned:

- **Ended 8:40pm**

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