

Rockford School Council

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Minutes for May 30, 2023

Time: 6:30pm

Attendees: Burucanay, Cynthia G, Delia Jarczyn, Erica Boland, Fraulein C., Kim Irving, Matt Gugula, Matthew Price, Mirwais, Natasha G, Regina, Safak, Shawn Gauthier.

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Reminder of the School Council Code of Ethics**
- **Approval of Minutes from April 25, 2023**

Motioned by: **Seconded by:** **All in favour:**

Postponed until next meeting when there is quorum.

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

- The school's academic and administrative affairs have been progressing well as we approach the end of the academic year.
- Traffic continues to be an issue in the surrounding school area and parking lot despite important improvements. Ongoing reminder for parents to stop illegal parking and follow traffic etiquette and rules.
- The staffing reorganization is underway, and some changes are expected based on the enrolment projections.

- **School Council Update**

- a. Pizza lunches**

- (i) Third session update
 - (ii) Late order information

- The pizza lunch initiative has been a resounding success. All orders were received and delivered efficiently with the active participation of teaching
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staff and volunteers.

b. TDSB Information Sharing

• National Indigenous History Month

- During the month of June, the TDSB recognizes National Indigenous Peoples Day, which is celebrated on Tuesday, June 21. This is a great time to celebrate and learn from First Nations, Métis and Inuit people about the diverse cultures, histories, experiences, creations, perspectives, and achievements. More information is available on: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/indigenouseducation/>

• Summer Programmes

- TDSB continues to offer a wide range of enriching summer programs for children and youths, including elementary summer school and summer camps. More information is available at: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Innovation/Summer-Programs>

c. Rockford Spiritwear

- Orders
- Grad hoodies
- The Rockford Spiritwear orders have been placed and the contractor is diligently working to deliver them to the students in due time.
- The orders for graduation hoodies have been placed. The orders are expected to arrive in due time for the graduation event.

d. Outdoor Dance Party

- Given the demand by the students and parents alike, plans are underway to organize an outdoor dance party.
- Should the weather conditions change, the dance party may be postponed or held indoors depending on the situation.

e. Staff Appreciation Morning

- The Council intends to organise an appreciation event dedicated to the Rockford School Staff to thank them for their tireless efforts.
- The Chairperson is mobilizing a volunteer team to spearhead this initiative in coordination with the School leadership team.

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f. Planning for Welcome Back Event

- The Council intends to organize a welcome back event at the start of the new academic year with the active participation of parents, school staff and council. Further details will be shared in the next meeting.

• Staff Requests

a. Jungle Sport – Matt Gugula

- Mr. Gugula presented the Jungle Sport concept to the School Council and highlighted it as a great opportunity to engage students in outdoor sport activities. The proposal to bring Jungle Sport to Rockford was approved by the School Council.

• Slido Questions & Answers

What time is morning supervision in the yard suppose to start at? I have been there many times at 9am and only the daycare teachers are out.

- The Principal, Vice Principal and teachers are consistently present for supervision in the yard before 9am. They receive children at the parking drop off area, ensure smooth traffic along the school entrance, and guide the school/parents.

Does the school have any after school clubs? What grades do they begin?

- The school provides detailed information about the diverse range of clubs and other student activities through its newsletter and website. More information will be shared with the parents in the upcoming publications.

What is taught in Human Development and Sexual Health in gr.1? Please elaborate on the curriculum.

- The School follows the TDSB curriculum for grade 1. The school will organize a curriculum night to inform and educate the parents about the curriculum being taught at various grade levels.

Do you have summer school?

Please visit tdsb.on.ca for detailed information on summer schools.

I understand this year there will not be any SK grad pictures. Will there be some sort of a ceremony for the SKs?

The School is reviewing plans to organize SK graduation event, if possible. Further information will be shared with the parents in the near future.

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Grade 6 Graduation - Has a date been set yet? Will it be indoors or outdoors? Will parents be able to attend? Will extended family be able to attend?

The grade 6 graduation details have been shared with the parents. Given the space limitations, only 2 guests can attend the event for each student. Further updates will be shared with the parents in the coming days.

Do you have summer school for elementary school?

Please visit tdsb.on.ca for detailed information on summer schools.

Will the schools library have explicit children's books on the shelves. Parents should be aware of what their children are being exposed to.

The school has clear guidelines and policies related to the library services. The Librarian ensures that all the resources at the library adhere to our academic standards and requirements.

What is the status of the gym walls previously discussed? Is there anything being done to resolve this outstanding issue?

The gym wall renovation is a complex issue and its proposal is still under review. Further information will be shared in the future meetings.

How we can enroll to summer camp or summer camp for grade 5?

Please visit tdsb.on.ca for detailed information on summer schools.

- **Other Business**

The Council extended special appreciation to Shawn Gauthier for his years of service at Rockford Public School and acknowledged his tireless efforts and vision towards the Rockford community.

- **Fall 2023 Meeting Date**

- To be confirmed.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM

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