

# Rockford School Council

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## Minutes for November 7, 2023

**Time: 6:30pm**

Attendees:

Delia Jarczyn, Nigel Mohammed, Sheri Fineberg, Ijulle Hausvater, Nusrat Jahangir,

Kin Irving, Ian Wilson

Edgar Sevillo Juarez, Aurora Frausto, Joanna Park, Ellaina Hazel Chong, Maria Leilano Berriso, Clarese Badilles, Leslie Cortijos, Ahmall Atmar, Arianna Yahyaie, Ramapsiya Radhakrishnan, Amanda Wirth-Pothier, Chantelle Service, Melissa Barrett.

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Delia Jarczyn welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced the executive, principal Ian Wilson, Vice principal Kin Irving.

### 2. Reminder of the School Council Code of Ethics

-Code of Ethics for School Council – treat everyone with respect through all forums of communication.

### 3. Approval of Minutes from:

April 25, 2023, May 30, 2023, October 3, 2023

Motioned by: Nigel Mohammed    Seconded by: Nusrat Jagir    All in favour:  
yes - passed

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

**Mr. Wilson**

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- Curriculum night – good attendance from families/caregivers. Will try to schedule it earlier in the school year next year.
- 0.5 ESL staff allocation – Ms. Wang has been hired.
- Ms. Belzaire left Rockford for another position. Hired Ms. Frank to replace her.
- Ms. Gugula will be away for a short while – may hire a temporary gym teacher.
- Music program has resumed with a music teacher, Ms. Papas. Grade 4,5,6 students will play the recorder in the program. Each student has received their own recorder. Brought up idea of School Council funding recorders for grade 4s in the future. Possibility of grade 6s returning the recorder for the new grade 4s to use. Ukulele as string instrument mentioned as of interest for students to learn.
- No update re: gym wall fix/removal. Mr. Wilson is working on a solution. Nigel Mohammed to please reach out to Fisherville PS as they had a similar problem – wall was taken out and replaced by a curtain on a track.

## **Mrs. Irving**

- Report cards are being reviewed and readied to be sent out. Will be sent to families Nov 15<sup>th</sup>. Parents will receive a sign up sheet for parent-teacher interview times. Interviews Nov 16<sup>th</sup> evening or Nov 17<sup>th</sup> daytime.

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Phone call interviews can be arranged if dates/times don't work out for in-person meeting.

- Question by parent – is there a way to arrange childcare for the children for daytime parent-teacher interviews? Ms. Irving replied that students are encouraged to attend the interviews to facilitate discussion with the student and show that teachers and parents are a team to help the child.
- Parents are encouraged to meet with teachers for discussion throughout the school year – not limited to parent-teacher interviews. Reach out and send a time to meet.

## 1. School Council Update

### a. Pizza lunches

First pizza lunch (Dominoes) was on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Volunteers helped organize and hand out the pizza.

- Order numbers – 458 orders
- Data error/fixes – glitch in School Cash Online program resulted in orders placed for 27 students were not on the teacher's list to receive pizza. All of the kids who weren't on the list but should have been will get double slices this coming Friday.

### b. TDSB Information Sharing

- Flyer will be sent to parents. Information is also on TDSB website.
- More Joy Reading Series – 30 minute after-school family liteact series – Wednesdays Nov 1- Dec 6, 4:30-5pm on Zoom.
- Raise a Reader Part 2 – Wednesday Nov 8, 6:30-8pm on Zoom.
- Virtual Community Fair – for parents or caregivers of youth with complex or special needs – on Zoom.
- Mental Health & Well-Being Parent Partnership Committee - Google Meets on Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### c. Rockford Spiritwear

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- Order extension/minimums – deadline was set as 2023-11-07.
- Did not meet minimum order numbers for sweatpants, winter hats. If minimum is not reached, families will be refunded.
- Samples laid out on table for attendees to view.
- Order deadline extended to November 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Parent requested being able to see more sample sizes.

## **d. Staff Rep**

- Budget requests – not at this time.
- Some field trips in the works. Outdoor education centres – Monoclimbs. McMichael art gallery.
- Scientists in the school scheduled.
- Claymation in ESL class.

## **2. Slido Questions & Answers**

- No questions were submitted. No longer need Slido for future meetings.

## **3. Other Business**

- A parent asked about life skills being taught to students – Mrs. Irving shared that financial literacy is part of the new math curriculum, addressed in all grades.
- Need to schedule dates for winter term of pizza lunch as will ideally start before next council meeting.
- Staff appreciation event before the winter holidays. Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Teachers arrive around 8:15am. Set up around 7:45am so that the treats are ready.
- Summer carnival/school community fair – create a sub committee – it's a big commitment/project. Attendees wrote "fair" next to their name on the attendance list to indicate interest in the subcommittee,

## **4. Next Meeting Date**

Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm

## **5. Adjournment**

7:34pm

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