

RCI School Council - Remote Meeting  
Minutes for January 31, 2022(7:00 – 8:30pm)

Agenda Item	Lead	Details	Minutes
<b>1. Call to Order &amp; Welcome</b>	Jackie		Melanie Boyd-Brown, Jackie Marrie, Nicole Coker (TPL), Rojean Prince, Michelle Haurilak, Leslie Ambedian, Peter Kotanen, Zannat Reza, Philip, Sherri Field, Carla Granger, Karin Hill, Jen Perchard, Lisa Truant-Tan; Joseph Muller, Lucy Coyle, Evelyn Cifuentes, Deke, Admin: Paul Edwards, Nabila Anwari, Icilda Elliston
<b>2. Approval of Past Minutes</b>	Jackie		Karin Hill First and Mel Boyd-Brown Seconded
<b>3. RUSTCO</b>	Maaz Hussian		No update available
<b>4. Principal &amp; VP Report &amp; Update</b>	Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal Update</li> <li>• VP Updates</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Mr. Edwards:</u></b> Thank you to School council for all their efforts to support the school and for the staff appreciation lunch (Dec 16<sup>th</sup>,2021). Staff changes – absence of main math teacher (Nov 22 on); were able to hire a math qualified teacher (Trevor Wang) who has started already (Jan 23) – Mr. Sam Garrison is department head and supporting him + the three classes he is teaching) and the other teachers. Natasha Sulej is teaching geography for Semester 2 for Torie Gervais who is on Mat leave. Office area – Ms. Maria Puca-Sorella who has been the Office Administrator has accepted a new position with Continuing Education. Ms. Nabila Anwari is acting in that position for now. New OA will be announced in the next few weeks. Semester 1 final reports distributed within next week via email. Teachers are in process of submitting to office for review. Marks are vetted by the office - in particular any marks below a certain range. The Ontario government stipulated the final mark for Semester 1 included only marked work up to and including Dec 17<sup>th</sup> - any work that was submitted post Dec 17<sup>th</sup> can only improve the final mark of the student – it cannot bring the student’s mark down. TDSB and schools are aware that due to COVID challenges, certain subjects such as sciences and maths may not be covering all the expected grade 12 curriculum material. RCI wants to give students the opportunity to cover some of this material outside of the formal classes – teachers and admin are meeting to discuss how this might be accomplished + will be communicating to students + families in the coming weeks.</p>

			<p>COVID – screening is ongoing; a concern that the admin would like parents to be aware of students are gathering during breaks (mid-morning/afternoon + lunch) and not all students are maintaining social distancing. Would appreciate parents support in reminding students of the needs of physical distancing particularly during lunch time as we move into Semester 2 with all 400 students in the building at the same time (with ~67 virtual). If a student <del>who</del> has a covid diagnosis, the classmates + families will be advised there is a positive case.</p> <p>Semester 2 – return to the regular schedule of 4 classes per day. The only change is that the afternoon class schedule flips between days (periods 3 and 4 flip). Targeting extra-curricular coming back post March Break at 50% capacity – however this is a provincial call, not a TDSB call. Some programs are meeting virtually such as Robotics, RUSTCO, BSA. Waiting to hear back on sports teams.</p> <p>Planning for next year has begun. Next year grade 9 classes – 120 applications; Enrollment and staffing look strong for 2022.</p> <p>Lockers: have been assigned to all</p> <p>Breakfast program is starting on Thursday – encouraged to eat snack in cafeteria before class or hold snack to lunch for cafeteria.</p> <p>Reminder of late starts last 2 Wednesdays of every month for staff related meetings.</p> <p>Some students volunteering in office to answer phones etc as a way of earning volunteer hours and may consider opening this to Mountview, dependent upon COVID restrictions lightening etc.</p>
<p><b>6. School Council Bylaw Update</b></p>	<p>Jackie</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Positions open</li> </ul>	<p>TDSB advised that school council bylaws needed to be updated. Biggest changes: dealing with conflict.</p> <p>Jackie + Jen (co-chairs) reviewed RCI’s existing bylaws (almost 3 years old) against new ones.</p> <p>Co-Chairs are recommending that RCI Council accept the new by-laws fully rather than trying to pick and choose between existing ones and new ones as any review to remove duplication created by combining the 2 bylaws would take a long time. Schools do not have the option of rejecting or modifying the new bylaws.</p> <p>Will post a copy of the new by-laws on the website when they are available and advise the RCI community when they are available for parents to review.</p> <p>Next Steps: RCI Community asked to review the new by-laws when available and come to the March RCI Council meeting with any clarifying questions they may have about the</p>

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<b>7. Financial Update</b>	Robynne Ostry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update</li> </ul>	<p>Email Update from Robynne Ostry given by Jackie (chair).</p> <p>Robynne has confirmed with Marlea in the office that there is approximately \$500 in the school budget for Parent Council use this year. Marlea also confirmed that any previous funds have been used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The parent council bank account is to be closed and the money - approximately \$80 will be deposited in the school account and can be used by the parent council as well</li> <li>- at the last meeting there was a discussion re: any parent council money toward the yearbook</li> </ul> <p>Robynne has a draft of the fundraising letter - which she will send first to Jackie for her review.</p> <p>Next Steps: Executive Council to discuss yearbook funding at the executive meeting on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and report back at the March 28 meeting.</p>
<b>8. Ward 7 Update</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update</li> </ul>	<p>There has been no Ward 7 meeting since November 29<sup>th</sup>'s update.</p>
<b>9. Mountview Update</b>	Carla Granger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update</li> </ul>	<p>Report Cards Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – application process open to join school – due Feb 11<sup>th</sup>; Have Spirit Day Feb 14<sup>th</sup> (Red, pink, and white)</p> <p>Discussion re: extracurriculars still on hold – looking at how parents can be engaged even with the school being closed.</p> <p>Robotics volunteer work with MV community on pause due to COVID.</p>
<b>10. Community Updates</b>	Nicole Coker (Toronto Public Library) + Lisa Truant-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Toronto Public Library Updates</li> <li>Robotics</li> </ul>	<p><u>Nicole Coker – Toronto Public Library, Jane &amp; Dundas branch (620 Jane Street)</u>  <a href="https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/janedundas/">https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/janedundas/</a> (email: ncoker@tpl.ca)</p> <p>Library Hours: 9-8:30 M-F + Saturdays 9-5; Now also open Sundays from 1:30-5 (until June 26<sup>th</sup> – closed holiday weekends).</p> <p>TPL Reading Challenge - forms available in the library and on <a href="http://tpl.ca/readingchallenge">tpl.ca/readingchallenge</a>. Read 12 books in the various categories and enter to win prizes. Connect with other readers through the online discuss forums or come to a Reading Challenge event</p>

	Tan (Robotic)	<p>Teen/Youth hub remained open Free printing for homework. Have a color printer for teens only. Use a laptop in the space. Have 4 MacBooks available for use.</p> <p>Youth Programs - Online  Paying for post-secondary school  Wed Feb 9 4:30-5:30pm</p> <p>Opening a bank account  Wed Feb 23 4:30-5:30pm</p> <p>Building Interview skills for youth  Mon Feb 28 5-6pm</p> <p>New** Take and Make craft bags starting Feb 7<sup>th</sup> for children ages 6-12 years  Craft activity bags for children</p> <p>Presto cards - are free at the Jane/Dundas Library. Not all libraries have Presto cards. check the library website at <a href="http://tpl.ca/presto">tpl.ca/presto</a> for more details. Cards are usually \$6</p> <p>Museum Arts passes (MAP) is suspended while the museums are closed.  MAP (Art + Museum Pass) program will start <u>when museums open again</u>. See this link for a list of all the passes available in all libraries plus this location:  (<a href="https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/museum-arts-passes/">https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/museum-arts-passes/</a> )  Passes can be picked up on Saturdays at 9 am and are available for a family of 4.</p> <p>Robotics: Lisa Truant-Tan  Teams working virtually training and CAD design due to covid restrictions.  Focusing on off season events (May-November) as team has missed the window to compete in the early Spring due to COVID.  The school will be getting a refund from FIRST Canada for the event registration fee as we are no longer participating in the official competition season events (March-April 2022). This money will be saved for registering for the 2023 season. Fees paid by</p>
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<p><b>11. Other Items</b></p>			<p>PRO Grant update – Jackie met with MV however determined there were no opportunities for RCI + MV to make a joint submission given the tight timelines. No PRO Grant submission was made. Request made to RCI Admin to provide feedback to TDSB that timelines of a few weeks to make submissions are too tight for Student Councils and request an extended timeline.</p> <p><b><u>Questions:</u></b></p> <p>Q: Are there HEPA filters in the cafeteria ?  Answer: No. RCI has a mechanical filter system that serves the whole school (library and guidance area and main office also have a/c which can act as an extra mechanism, to recirculate air. Board prioritized filter placements based on classroom sizes and frequency of classroom use. Certain common areas within the school do not yet have filters (cafeteria, pool, gym, auditorium). RCI has requested an additional 7 filters – TDSB has allocated 3 more and requesting permission to use school budget to purchase remaining 4 required.</p> <p>Q: Any update on graduation ceremonies?  Answer: Grad – in person 75% probability and 25% virtual; planning scheduled to start by the end of February with staff and 1-2 School council members to kick it off</p> <p>Q: If students haven't been assigned a locker, who should they see?  Answer: Please see Icilda Elliston or go to the office.</p> <p>Q: Is the Vaccination pop-up from the TPH (Toronto Public Health) back yet for the second doses?  Answer: Not yet. This is determined by TPH.</p> <p>Q: Do we have a date for Photo ID Cards?  Answer: Not yet. Do have 2 dates for school pictures: Feb 7<sup>th</sup> (MV) + Feb 8<sup>th</sup> (Grad Photos).</p>

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