

## Rockland Public School Council Meeting – September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### Present:

Christie Walker, Cecile Embree, Tina Tietz, Shannon Boucher, Trevor Tietz, Ashleigh Dumas, Ashley Wenzl, Jay Woodroof, Leslie Logan, Lee-Ann Dundon, Laura Hunt, Amy West, Nitika Chunilall, Kimberley Cote, Justine Joseph, Sarah Cousineau, Matt Dumas

### Absent:

Jennifer Rowberry, Mike Wenzl

6:32 Call to Order

### Positions:

Chair: Tina Tietz

Vice: Lee-Ann Dundon

Treasurer: Trevor Tietz

Secretary: Shannon Boucher

Teacher Rep: Cecile Embree

Voting Parents:

Ashleigh Dumas, Ashley Wenzl, Jay Woodroof, Leslie Logan, Lee-Ann Dundon, Laura Hunt, Amy West, Nitika Chunilall, Kimberley Cote, Justine Joseph, Sarah Cousineau, Matt Dumas, Jes Johnson

\*\*\*As per council after 3 missed meetings in a row, members are removed as a Voting parent.

### \*\*\*\*\*Need to do Volunteer Sector Criminal Checks\*\*\*\*\*

- QR Code for kind of volunteering you would like to do
- Add languages you speak

### Chair Message (Tina)

- A lot of the work is done outside of the meetings subcommittees are always appreciated
- Any ideas are welcome and appreciated.
- In the past we have had lots of fundraising and special events
- We are really passionate about getting the students excited about school activities while we raise money for special events or required items throughout the school.

### Treasurer

- Update on Financial report
- \$7100
  - o Goes to events, school needs ie. Gym mats, tv etc.
- Keep track of what is coming in and out what is earmarked for future
- \$500 reaching out grant from the board

### **Principal's Message – Principal Walker**

- Engaged and learning and happy at school. When kids have things to look forward to it makes them excited about school.
- Instructional 3 goals to close the gaps
  - o 90% of kids read at grade level
  - o Math at grade level (currently performing under board average)
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- Culture of learning
- Heggerty, Secret Stories & UFly
- Learning teams in place
- Instructional real world learning
  - o Real life meaningful tasks
  - o Within the community
- Operational
  - o Hard to find teaching staff for our school
  - o Still trying to find a teacher for a grade 4 class
  - o 2 new administrative assistants
  - o Soon will have a new Financial Assistant
- Arrival/Departure
  - o Kiss and drop moving quicker
  - o 2 reserved spots for those who require assistance
  - o Not to drop off before 9:20
  - o My Family Room has being used well for absences
- Communication
  - o Newsletter
    - Trying to make it accessible to all
    - Easy to read
    - Streamlined
- Would like to do a welcome to Canada package for our ELL learners
- Trying to get an ELL teacher
  - o Nikida "Is there a way to make a mentorship program where parents could reach out to other parents who can help translate and communicate with other parents"
- Equity Wellness and We all Belong
- Assembly
  - o Character Always Assembly
    - Mr. Stewart Grade 6s organized the entire thing
    - Divided the school odd & even years

- Mme. Helgason has made outdoor bins
  - o Trying to get Ophelia designation
- Snacks and Sport & Clubs are up and running
- Lee-Ann asked about donating the snow pants and such for those who are less fortunate
  - o Should hand to teachers so it can be discreet

### **Cecile Teacher's Message**

- Student Council; looking into getting a student council organized and will have a representative from Student Council attend Parent council meetings.
- Greening our school
- Partnering up with community garden
- Collaborating with Kate Conway at RDHS for the Food program
- Grow Tower
  - o Grow veggies all year long
  - o Part of the snack program and healthy eating
  - o Gardening Club
- Matt asked what about a Garbage clean up ?
  - o Cecile we do a big one on Earth day. Mr. Stewart did one last year
- Develop community building to do clean up together
- Recycling (has been in the works)
  - o Need lids for all the bins for all of the recycling bins to keep paper unsoiled
- Teachers are still getting organized getting into routines and thing
- Kinders are looking into visiting the FireStation and other community activities
- Mme Ani did friendship bracelets
- Cross country & Soccer are underway.
- Open House, Terry Fox & orange shirt day
- Need to work on the culture piece and pride in our school

### **Used Book Sale – Tina & Shannon**

- **October 3 & 4 set up on the 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- **Room 25 – Christie to confirm**
- Shannon to send Christie poster to post for Open House.
  - o Need more donations
  - o Would like to ask Grade 6s 2 every ½ hr.
  - o Send the schedule request
  - o Co Op students Kayden (Mme Rose) & Kaylee (Ms. Madden)

### **Suggestion of Multicultural event – Nikida**

- Would be a great experience for our students and community
- Christie had hosted one at her past school invited everyone to bring food and do dances.

- Displays of different countries in projects.
- Henna, performances, food
- Possible idea for Pro Grant application

### **Fundraiser Ideas**

- Value Village (after Treasure Sale ie collecting)
- Little Ceasar's
- Budding Artists
- Seeds

### **Halloween Dance – Shannon & Tina – Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Bake Sale – will need volunteers to bake items (nut free)
- Will get Highschool as well as parent volunteers
- RDHS Gymnasium
- DJ Greg is booked
- More details for next meeting

### **ProGrant**

- \$50 000 for the board
- We can submit more than one request.

### **Purdy's Chocolates – Tina & Shannon**

- Currently online and available to order:  
<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1439578-107599>
- Delivery before Christmas
- Will need volunteers to sort closer to the date

**Next Meeting Monday Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 6pm**

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:17pm**