

Redwood Acres Public School

School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 29th, 2015 at 6:00 pm – Room (Across From Library)

1. Welcome

Susan Cousineau – Principal

Shannon Lafrance – Acting Vice Principal/ Teacher Rep.

Jamie Roque - Parent

Kori MacNeill – Parent

Scott Booker- Parent

Christine Maurice – Community Member Rep.

Sam Frost – regrets

Jennifer Guenette - regrets

2. Election of Positions

Jamie Roque – Chair

3. Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) – slate of membership nominees

- Meeting Dates: Oct. 20, Nov. 3, Jan. 5, Feb. 16, Apr. 5, May 3
- Annual General meeting at Sudbury Secondary School on Tuesday October 20th– Guest speakers Chantal Belanger and Stacey Gilbeau will be speaking on resilience.
- Jamie Roque and Scott Booker’s names will be brought forward at the PIC AGM to sit on the Parent Involvement Committee.

4. Fundraising Plan – reviewed with opportunity to provide input

Bingo and Nevada are continuing this year as a fundraiser.

Bingo One on Notre Dame – we are waiting to hear about a new time and have requested no summer months. We have had about 10 new volunteers for Bingo this year.

- Cookie Dough fundraiser is on hold at this time.
- Fall book fair will happen October 19th-23rd this year due to new incentive program with Scholastic. April 4th-8th is the tentative date for the spring book fair.

5. Review of The Revised Student Accommodation Policy (Gov-15) and The Revised Community Planning and Facilities Partnerships Administrative Procedure:

- A draft of both documents can be found at the following link:
<http://www.rainbowschools.ca/boardroom/inputaccrevcommpart.php>
- Section 15 – there has to be certain conditions in order to conduct a modified accommodation review
- Reviewed the drafts, highlighting what's new, changes etc.
- Who has the final say? – Section 13.6 – The board will make the final decision regarding the future of the school(s).
- Criteria – pg. 12 – The board may choose to do a review anywhere, however 2 or more of the conditions listed would have to be met according to the modified accommodation review process.
- Reviewed the example of the timeline for the new revised modification review, which is now 60 business days.
- Send an email to Susan if you'd like with any input on these drafts or use the link and send your input directly to Heather Thirkill
- **The revised Student Accommodation policy (GOV-15) and the revised Community Planning and Facilities Partnerships administrative procedure were reviewed with an opportunity to provide input. CARRIED**

6. Strategic Directions Input: Reviewed the current Strategic Directions document and the Achieving Excellence document which outline the Board's vision and the Province's vision for education.

- See links:
<http://issuu.com/rainbowschools/docs/strategicdirections?e=1884149/2862842>
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/about/renewedVision.pdf>
- Reviewed the vision, mission and values of the RDBD strategic directions 2011-2015.
- Reviewed the Achieving excellence document – copy provided
- Pg 10 and 11. Student’s Image The Future of Ontario’s Education System was discussed.

School Council commented/brainstormed and recorded their thoughts based on what they see as pertinent for our Board over the next 5 years.

From the perspective of the school community in which you live:

1. What do you want for your children in our schools, more specifically in your community?
2. As a system and as a community, what can we do to support student achievement?
3. As a system and as a community, what can we do to support student well-being?
4. How can the community ensure that our educational environment remains vibrant and sustainable for students?
5. What further opportunities exist to close gaps and increase equity to support all children and all students in reaching their full potential?
6. Any other comments they may wish to add.

*Note : Promoting Well-Being is now part of the Province's vision for education.

- See attached feedback

7. Set future meeting dates:

November 10th 6:00 pm

January 12th 6:00 pm

March 22nd 6:00 pm

May 31st 6:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:30 pm

RDSB Strategic Direction Input 2015

From the perspective of the school community in which you live:

1. What do you want for your children in our schools, more specifically in your community?
 - High quality education
 - Adequate resources including trained staff
 - Access to technical equipment – ex: tablets, iPads
 - Access to tutoring community
2. As a system and as a community, what can we do to support student achievement?
 - Volunteers in local schools – tutors from high schools to work with elementary students for community – maybe in conjunction with board paid tutors
 - Accommodate varied learning styles
 - Increase parent involvement in all aspects
3. As a system and as a community, what can we do to support student well-being?
 - Promote use of social worker
 - Encourage support from Health Unit staff – ex: nutrition, dental, etc.
 - Breakfast / snack programs
4. How can the community ensure that our educational environment remains vibrant and sustainable for students?
 - Ongoing PD for staff
 - Community events that welcome everyone to the school – ex: outdoor movie, Fun Fair
5. What further opportunities exist to close gaps and increase equity to support all children and all students in reaching their full potential?
 - See #2
6. Any other comments they may wish to add.

- Large geographical areas create difficulties – transportation, rural roads, and adverse weather conditions.

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