



## Richmond Street School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

**Mission:** Richmond Street staff is committed to working together to inspire, empower and support all learners to reach their full potential.

**Vision:** Achieving Success Together

**Attendance:** Marilyne Jollineau, Sheryl Fullerton, Nicole Dolch, Stacey Nesbitt, Rachel Summers, Jess Konert, Julie Bell, Jeremy Bell, Aaron MacCormack, Stephanie MacCormack, Karen Henriquez, Michelle Hildebrand, Andrea Penner, Rachel Maynes, Rob Currie, Blake Benner, Tiffany Elliott, Jay MacJanet, Paulette Alcox

### **Nominations for Executive:**

**Chair:** Amy Pupek

**Co-Chair:** Jess Konert

**Secretary:** Sheryl Fullerton

**Treasurer:** Julie Bell

**Budget Report:** There is \$21 177 in account of which \$20 000 is allocated towards the purchase of our playground

**Parent Involvement Committee:** Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at Eden High School, 4:00- 8:15 pm

There is no cost to attend. Parents can register online at <http://www.dsbm.edu.on.ca/pic/index.aspx?id=18738>

What should parents look for, to support our school? Fundraising ideas, mental health programming, any ideas that support your children.

**Communicating with home:** We are now connecting with you through

Twitter @RSSRaptors

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/richmondstreetpublicschool/>

Website <http://richmond.dsbm.org/>

Synervoice

Storify newsletters <https://storify.com/PauletteAlcox/richmond-street-school>

### **Administration Report**

**Playground-** We now have \$20, 000 towards a new playground, as selected by the committee last year. This is 1/3 of the cost of the playground. The installation should go ahead this year.

**Learning Commons Renovation-** The learning commons has been undergoing a renovation this month. Parents were invited to go in to take a look at the new space with flooring and newly painted walls in place. We are hoping for a grand re-opening just after Thanksgiving. The addition of makerspace to the library resources is an exciting project our staff will be piloting this year.

**School Organization-** Richmond Street School is the fourth largest elementary school in the board with (at last count) 535 students registered. We are proud of our school culture and dedicated staff. With the new playground, learning commons renovation and maker space pilot project underway, our next focus will be continuing to pursue the potential of a kindergarten expansion.

**Terry Fox Run-** Thursday, September 29, 2016; wear red and white. Donations, if desired, can be made at <http://www.terryfox.ca/RichmondStreetThorold>.

**Play Day-** Staff are organizing a full day play day for grades 1-8 on Friday, September 30; wear orange. This provides leadership opportunities for the grade 7 and 8 students.

**School Focus-** Whole Child- Math, Literacy, Self-regulation

At next council meeting we will share some data trends from EQAO and other assessments that are driving teacher learning/ planning decisions.

**Community Nights-**

October – Brock Sports Day- waiting for confirmation from Brock U., if not then a Hallowe'en dance

December- Festival of Lights

February- Sweetheart Dance

June- Fun Fair

**Fundraising Opportunities**

Concert- a kindergarten parent has offered to do a concert as a fundraiser for our playgrounds

Baskets

Fun Fair

**Parade Float-** Richmond Street School will participate in the Santa Claus parade again this year. A new group are running the parade this year. We have connected with them and are anticipating forms and dates information to be delivered to the school within the week. Date and details will follow.

**School Safety: Niagara Region Walk-** On September 22, 2016, a panel including school staff, a parent, a student, members of public health, school board transportation, Thorold City Council, and Niagara Region engineering, and a school board trustee, conducted a safety survey walk in the area of the school, looking for changes that might improve the safety of students that walk to school. Several recommendations were made, including providing crossing guards with pylons to be placed to discourage impatient drivers from turning before students have finished crossing; converting “no parking” zones in front of the school to “no stopping”; and encouraging parents to park at the community centre and walk to pick up children from the grassy area in front of the school.

**New Business-** Jess Konert shared information about the *For The Love of Reading* grant through Chapters/Indigo.

**Next Council Meeting- Thursday, October 27, 2016, 6:00 pm. Note the change to Thursday.** We will alternate between Tuesdays and Thursdays to allow some parents who can't make it on Tuesdays to attend some meetings.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who came out to our first School Council Meeting of the new school year!