

**Richmond Street Public School  
School Council Meeting  
Thursday, October 27, 2016  
6:00 p.m.-Library**

**Present:** Marilynne Jollineau, Dawn Tuckwell, Julie Ker, Stacey Nesbitt, Rachel Summers, Erin Wiens, Jess Konert, Michelle Hildebrand, Lori Fowle, Sarah Brydges, Jay MacJanet, Paulette Alcox, and Sheryl Fullerton (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Amy Pupek

**1. Call to order:** 6:00 p.m.

**2. Administration Report:**

- Halloween Dance/Community Night: Approximately 250-300 people partook. It turned out to be a great event
- Halloween day events:
  - Kindergarten parade will start at 9:00
  - The recognition assembly begins at 11:00
  - The Intermediate dance and Primary/Junior parade will be held at 1:30
  - Class activities to follow these events
- Richmond's holiday performances will be held on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. The first will be held in the afternoon and the second in the evening from 6:30-7:30.
- Playground: The playground has been approved by health and safety; construction should begin in the spring. Parent Council must commit to being responsible for any maintenance and repairs.
- The following are fundraising ideas for the playground:
  - Many parents were in favour of doing the basket fundraiser again. Sheryl Fullerton pointed out that this fundraiser is a lot of work and Amy Pupek was responsible for collecting most of the basket items last year when it was realized that very little was donated. Sheryl stated that Amy was overwhelmed with the amount of work that she ended up putting into collecting donations as she had to drive around Niagara for weeks soliciting businesses for donations. One parent suggested that Amy should have asked for help. Jay MacJanet pointed out that there were requests for volunteers that went unanswered. There was discussion regarding parents taking responsibility for a classroom's basket. If that classroom brings in numerous items parents could help with another classroom's basket that may have less items.
  - Bag-to-school fundraiser- a fundraiser where household items are brought to the school for donation, these items are weighed, and a formula is used to determine the amount of money the school gets.

- Raise the dough-A fundraiser that involves a pizza restaurant where a “Richmond Meal” is determined (e.g., for example, two medium pizzas and breadsticks). Participants then call on the specified date to order the “Richmond meal” and the school gets a portion of the sales.
- Lottery fundraiser-Tickets are sold for a small amount per ticket, and there are cash prizes. Canadian Martyrs uses this fundraiser. It raises \$8000-\$9000/year with little effort.
- Boston Pizza fundraiser
- Swiss Chalet fundraiser
- Vendor night
- A parent also voiced a concern that it should be noted where the money is going to with every fundraiser. This could help parents decide which fundraiser they prefer to support. Jay discussed that the school always has numerous needs. The fundraisers executed by the school will be used for a variety of school needs, including technology and uniforms, and to subsidise trips or activities for those students that lack the financial resources to contribute.
- EQAO- results should arrive in the mail for those students who wrote the exams last school year. Pleased with results as there has been an upward trend. These results inform the teachers which areas to focus on.
- Nov 2 PIC conference- meal provided and sessions to choose from. Trendy topics always available
- Nov. 10 progress reports to go home
- Nov. 17 interview night→ teacher will contact parent
- Nov. 15 to 18<sup>th</sup> book fair to be held in the learning commons.

### **3. Community Night Proposal**

- December 15: Festival of Lights Bus Tour –buses will be rented, participants to board at Richmond Street School

### **4. Thorold Float**

- November 26: Thorold Santa Claus Parade, float decorating volunteers needed. Jay will advertise requesting volunteers.

### **5. Other Business**

- Jay MacJanet asked Parent Council if there any topics about the school that they might be able to address in future meetings. Jay suggested that we inform him of any we might come up with.
- Marilynne suggested a discussion on sugary snacks in the school.

6. **Next meeting:** November 16

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:55 p.m.**