



Richmond Street School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8th, 6:00pm

Mission: *Richmond Street Staff is committed to student success by working together to inspire, empower and support all learners to achieve their full potential.*

Vision: *Achieve Success Together*

Welcome/Introductions/Role of the school council- Andrea Grieve (Principal)

School council acts in an advisory role, to help provide a community voice to the school administration. They meet a minimum of 4x/yr.

Office Update- Kendra Desgasperis (VP) and Andrea Grieve

Enrollment- Richmond currently has 561 students, in 25 homerooms.

Halloween Plans- Reiterated the information already sent out in multiple emails. Parade at 9:15. No full face masks or fake weapons. Costumes must be culturally appropriate, and suitable for a school with small children.

Ice Dogs- the school has half a season of tickets to give out to exceptional students. The school will also be selling tickets for the game on Feb. 27, and hosting an Ice Dog Assembly on Feb 10th. All students who attend the game are welcome to sing the national anthem with the school choir.

Open House/Pizza Social feedback- some working parents couldn't make it due to the early start. Other parents found the early start better, as they could make it to extracurriculars afterward instead of missing them.

Annual Playground Inspection- new surface material is needed (fire resistant wood chips). Quote is \$2,278, to be paid by this council as agreed upon in council contract. Also, 2 sun shades need repair, quote is pending.

Extracurriculars- Int. Volleyball, Jr. Rugby, Cross country, Robotics, Musical auditions, Club rex, Run club, Arts Club, and Eco club are underway.

Book Fair- The week of Nov. 25, run by Ms. Clinton, Mr. Salmon, and parent volunteers. It will be open the night of parent teacher interviews, due to last year's success. A google link will be sent out in November to allow parents to sign up.

Hot Lunches- Previous pizza company is permanently closed. School has switched to Crust and Cream, but will look into changing companies after hearing parent feedback of student complaints regarding the pizza quality. The contract ends in December. Parents suggested many companies, and also hot dogs, Subs, and Halal restaurants for our school's growing diversity.

Cob Fundraiser- Due to last year's success (raised \$5k for breakfast program), this fundraiser will be repeated in the first 2 weeks of November, with cards going out to families on Nov. 28

Picture Day- Pegasus will be used again on Oct. 17. Retakes will be offered on Nov 21st. If students are unable to make it to either date, they are welcome to go to another school on their picture day as long as that school uses Pegasus. Parents requested the option of digital or hard copy of the free class photo, which will be a composite of individual photos. Admin is unsure if Pegasus will offer both options, but will look into it.

PIC conference: Nov. 6, 4-8:15 at Eden High School- Student well-being in the Digital Age). Registration posted on the school and the DSBN website.

Staff Update- Denis Sullivan (Kindergarten teacher)- Breakfast Club costs about \$1k/week to run. They received another large anonymous donation, allowing the club to begin early in the school year, and to run every morning before school starts. Ms. Sullivan will be applying for the PC grant again, and will spearhead the Cobs fundraiser. Parents can also donate on school cash online.

Secretary Report/Financials- Lisa Isherwood- The council currently has \$9,502.57 in the bank. At least \$2259 will be spent on the playground maintenance.

Upcoming Events/Discussion

Fundraising plan for the year- council plans to do a fundraiser in January, and would like to finalize a plan in the November meeting. Parents are invited to put forth their ideas. Mr. Puffs was suggested.

Fun Fair- To be held on Jun. 12, as the Thursday before the PD day is saturated with other schools hosting their fun fairs, taking up all the vendors.

T-Shirt Bundle- an idea put forward by a parent for JK parents. Shirts of all the different colour days to be for sale, so they can be prepared for the school year. This morphed into an idea of a Spirit Wear swap. No final decisions made.

Sports Equipment/staff Request- Kendra (on behalf of S. Goar and E. Desson)- A request has been made for the council for buy 10 basketballs for the Jrs. A parent volunteered to buy them.

They also requested a school logo tent and table cloth, costing \$2200, for school sporting events. Council will be allocating the January fundraiser funds toward this.

VP and P request- A resource tool for Gr.1-6 math. It was developed through DSBN, and a tool for each student. It will cost \$5 or \$7 depending on the division. After seeing the elated teacher reactions to this new tool being unveiled at the meeting, it was decided to immediately purchase them with council funds.

Musical (Jen Lensink)- Mr. Teakle has decided on Annie for this year Musical. Auditions are already underway, and the performances will be held on April 16 and 17.

Next Meeting- Dec. 3 @ 6pm Library