



Richmond Street School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 20, 2025

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

Vision: *Achieve Success Together*

Land Acknowledgment- Andrea Grieve (Principal)

Office Update- Kendra DeGasperis (VP), Andrea Grieve, and Staff:

Extracurriculars- Intermediate basketball is underway. Girls will be going down a school level for an upcoming tournament. Boys are doing exceptionally well. Junior Games club is run several times per week as a drop-in activity during breaks. Students can bring games from home, and some are already doing so. Art Club is offered during breaks. Eco-Club is now composting! Gymnastics club is now being run as a smaller group in a gymnastics team. They have an upcoming competition in February.

Book Fair- 255 books were purchased for the school with book fair profits. There will be another one in April.

Annie (Jenn Lensink)- The show will run April 16-17 at 1:00 and 6:30. Parent Council will likely head up a concession. A google Forum has been created and will be sent out to parents who would like to sign up to help with things like sound/lighting, costume and prop organizing, makeup, and decorating the gym.

Hot Lunch- Swiss Chalet was well received. February will have sub day, pita day, and hotdog day.

12 Days of Giving- Richmond families brought in 2100 lbs of food for community care in December!

Ice Dogs- Assembly will be held on Feb. 10 and singing of the anthems at the game is available for all students. Tickets will be available at \$19.00 for families who would like to attend the game Thurs Feb. 27 @ 7pm. Tickets available through SCO.

Report Cards- To be sent home with students on Feb. 10th

Big Brothers, Big Sisters will be running a program through the school for gr. 6 girls who sign up, to be run on Mondays during first break. It is called Go Girls

Kindergarten Open house- DSBN has decided to do it differently this year to be less disruptive to the school day, particularly the kinder students. Only registered families will be invited, and it will run from 4-6pm instead of during the school day. It will run on May 14.

DSBN Academy Open House- this program is for Gr. 5-7 students whose families have never graduated post secondary. Open house will be Feb 4th at 6:00-8:00PM.

PD Day- Feb. 14 and Family day Feb 17th

Financials Report:

The council currently has \$9322 in the bank. The money allocated for playground maintenance (approx. \$2500), and for math resource tools (billed once printing has been completed) has not come out yet. The resource tools are currently backlogged, and the school is awaiting their shipment. Administration is hopeful that they will come in the next 2 weeks.

Upcoming Events/Discussion:

Fundraising- Little Caesar's. Official date to be determined, but will likely start on Feb. 3-19 for ordering, and delivery 2 weeks later (hopefully March 5). Flyers will be sent to the school and a note explaining that a school branded tent will purchased with the profit will go out to families. Dates of exact fundraiser timelines TBD.

Fun Fair- Jess has finalized the Niagara Inflatables package. They gave us a discount for unknown reasons, and she's not going to question it. Between this and other games such as inflatable ax throwing, the cost will likely be around \$3300. We have also decided to book the usual trio of face painting, balloon artist, and glitter tattoos. To make up lost revenue for not being able to run a raffle table, we may run a silent auction, and a Pie in the Face competition for teachers who are willing.

Next Meeting- Tuesday, March 25, 6pm