

RHPS School Council Meeting Minutes:

Meeting started at 6:33 p.m.

- **Introductions and Land Acknowledgement**

Annalee Rice (Secretary), Nick Fundytus (Comms), Em Damiani (Diversity), Jen Jones-Miller, Glenda Magill, Heather Forsyth (Co-chair), Alanna Twohey (Co-chair), Matthew McFadden (Treasurer), Sarah MacGregor, Janet Hare, Leslie Gregory, Donna Kind, Andrew Rowe, Natalie Sharma (Principal), Paul Seif (Teacher Representative)

- **Thanks to Everyone for the Meet the Teachers and School Welcome BBQ**

- translator did tours of the school

- **Admin Update (Mme Sharma & M. Paul)**

- Thanks for everyone who helped out with the School Welcome BBQ
- Mural Update (ask) - the sizes of the ones on the website turned out to be half the size needed (for \$2-3000). To fill the whole wall that needs the wall mural, we need approximately \$5000. Mural will include languages spoken, motto, mascot, name, indigenous symbols, and things that the community sees that represents our school. May be in installments. Won't be done until next summer. Deposit of \$500 once 'approved'.
- Kindness & Inclusion - Always - October - Responsibility (front board). Shout outs are "stars" this year, so there is a night theme display
- Islamic Heritage Month - announcements, teaching about Islamic history, important because of the large Islamic community within the school
- EQAO Results - sent home with Grade 4s
 - Math, down 1% from last year (at 53%) (of students meeting the levels)
 - Reading, stayed the same (at 68%)
 - Writing, up 10% (at 64%)
 - Cohort Context
 - ELL 19%

- Special Education 19%
- Participation 96%
- Staff Report (M. Paul)
 - Terry Fox Run (Sep 26th) - Fundraised over \$1000
 - students participated in a school assembly learning about Terry Fox
 - students ran around the school grounds this year
 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (Sep 29th) - bulletin board, learning
 - English Decodables (1st set) have arrived!
 - the rest of the funds allocated from School council will be spent in the next few weeks
 - 65 students being supported with small pull-out groups
 - French Literacy being used and more being ordered
 - Kinder stations (letters / cookie sheets) ordered
 - Cross country - 43 students - first recess practice
 - 13 top-10 finishes at the meet on October 4th
 - Soccer (Gr 4s and 5s) - October 11th tournament
 - Take Me Outside Day: Leaf Inquiry
 - Kinders did a scavenger hunt
 - Gr 1 classes harvested the fruit from the Three Sisters Garden and mulched the gardens for the winter
 - Kinders - learning about colours and patterns
 - GR 1EFI - learning about Pitch with a variety of instruments
 - GR 1EFI / Mrs. Fundytus - learning about Mosques, learning about patterns inside the buildings
 - Gr ½ English - Fractions, Presentation from Ottawa Humane Society about care for pets
 - 3 EFI and 3/4 EFI - learning about soil, and about how to take tests
 - 4 EFI and 5 EFI - Level Justice Organization - law students teaching about justice system and restorative justice and reconciliation - students will be taking part of a mock trial

- also these classes are doing a letter writing activity with other classes (Le Phare, and others)
 - o Remembrance Day Ceremony will be on November 10th at 1045 - family members are welcome to attend
 - o Upcoming - Gr1 EFI - Classes will be going to the SensPlex to learn about the making of ice and skating
 - Looking for helmets and skates to borrow for Grade 1 sized children
 - First week of November (event on 7th)
- **Glow Run (Alanna & Em)**
 - o fire truck will be coming (early)
 - o sign up for volunteers - traffic control & handling cash
 - o juice boxes & granola bars
 - o Music by Paul & Stephanie for after
 - o Tim Tireney's office is donating glow sticks (150), extras donated (Alanna)
 - o Race Bibs - Quote - \$375 for 300, \$510 for 600
 - Janet (1st) / Nick (2nd) - to buy the 600 for future years - passed
 - o discussion on what it brought in last year & expenses
 - o need to borrow cones (to put mile marker signs), the start banner
 - o pamphlets for local streets to tell them that the run is happening
 - o K6 Media is giving us a tent with their banner / logo for use during the event
- **Budget Update (Matthew)**
 - o total spend (including extra for mural) would be approx \$16,000
 - o if no fundraising done and using the estimates from last year's fundraising, we would be in the negative, slightly
 - o Question - is spaghetti dinner going to happen? He has it on a budget line
 - Nick Fundytus tentatively offered to have his team run it
 - o No transactions in September, but a few invoices from our donations
 - o Balance \$14,199.09

- **Fundraising Update (Jamie's Update)**
 - September - Welcome BBQ (complete)
 - October - Glow Run
 - November - Spaghetti Dinner & Book Fair on Teacher Interview Night
 - December - possibly 67s game
 - January - 67s game TBC -
 - February - Movie Night - Sarah will organize, but wants someone to volunteer to help with the technical parts of the set up. (Possibly Paul or Nick)
 - line ups need to be better controlled
 - March / April - Spring Dance - looking for someone to organize
 - DJ - one of the parents is a DJ (did the DJ for fun fair)
 - Theme ? Decorations (EDP)?
 - Smoothies
 - May - Fun Fair - Jamie will lead, looking for someone to shadow in order to take it over in a year or two to take it over when her kids move on to Henry Munro
 - **Passive**
 - Mabel's Labels -
 - Fresh from the Farm
 - Plantables - not available this year (info from
 - Rain Barrels
 - Papa Jacks Popcorn? approached Mme Sharma - discussion
 - Other suggestions?? - Reach out to Jamie
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- **Book Fair (Leslie)**
 - Schedule
 - Tuesday November 21st drop off & Set Up (evening)
 - Wednesday (22nd) - visits by classes (not buying)
 - Thursday (23rd) - class visits for purchases & Parent Teacher Night / sale
 - Friday (24th) - Parent Teacher Interviews & Book Fair
 - December 5th - Pick Up

- o Last year we had Ms. Selina - was a huge help
 - she is here (at RHOP) on Wed, Thurs, and Friday that week
- o Looking for Volunteers -Leslie will create a sign up sheet and send it through email for sign-ups

- Round Table
 - o From Last Month
 - Ms Kim - Jamie sent out an email asking for donations (e-transfer) before 23rd
 - Jamie (bus driver) - Alanna was able to find out a charity that was helpful through the Funeral Home
 - T-Shirts - Nick gave an update on the t-shirts - showed everyone a design of the t-shirts
 - discussion of adding the bobcat drawing & or the RHOP Council symbol / logo instead of the stylized apple
 - send logos to Nick (Vector file)
 - ByLaws & Role Description Updates
 - Diversity Chair - Em has their part to add
 - Annalee will send out a working version to council members & past council executive members to have them read through and provide suggested edits
 - Diversity Chair (Em) brought up an issue that a parent had brought up with them about accessibility of activities / sports for children with lower mobility abilities - Mme Sharma advised that although sports are competitive for the teams representing RHOP, there are intramural sessions which are open to children of all abilities and levels. Mme Sharma will speak with staff on intramurals and see if they will be running them. However, there may be strike action by teachers (no sports/activities)
 - In past years (pre-Covid) there was yoga - sponsored by Action Martial Arts - possibly look into that for a winter intramural

- Update on Tree Grant (Annalee)
 - Site visit may be scheduled in early November (Nov 8th) to confirm locations and get tree species recommendations
- Nick - has begun work on a Wiki to capture the corporate knowledge of the School Council procedures and knowledge before parents who have been on council for years move on from RHOP

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm