



Meeting started at 6:38 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, Natalie Sharma (Principal), Paul Seif (Teacher Representative), Dave

- **Thank You to Everyone for the work on the Glow Run**

- It was a great success, the music was enjoyed

- **Approval of Last Month's Meeting Minutes**

- Jamie (1<sup>st</sup>), Nick (2<sup>nd</sup>) - approved

- **Admin Report (Mme Sharma)**

- **Staff Changes** – Grade 5 English – Mme Giffin is back and Ms Donoghue is gradually returning to work, so Mr Mainwood (who was retired but came back to assist through September and October) is now back to retirement. Ms Amelia Davis is also helping out for the time being (teaching English).
- **School Bus Safety Presentations** – in late Oct through early November our classes engaged in two interactive school bus safety shows, with Q&A sessions
- **Fire Drills / Lockdown / Evacuation Protocols** – the school has completed 3 fire drills and are collaborating with Colonel By to do a Lockdown/Evacuation practice. This will hopefully be done before it gets too cold. Open classes exit the back of the school to Colonel By and closed classes stay in their closed classrooms.
- **PA Day Learning** – the staff has engaged in 2 days of learning about literacy, math, and Indigenous learning resources and are building their capacity to teach about a variety of historical and cultural subjects.
- **Community Building Restorative / Talking Circles**

- Talking Circle / sharing feelings / discussions of what behaviours are upsetting kids / Book “What’s My word?”
- **Mural Design** – is being worked on and we will have it shared with us in the New Year. The Deposit has been paid (thank you to the School Council!)
- **Staff/Admin Asks** – these are not current, we need to wait for the Arts funding
  - Blues in the Schools
  - Luv2Groove
  - Kinder Yard Renewal – plan to come
- **Upcoming Important Dates:**
  - November 16<sup>th</sup> – Progress Reports sent home
  - November 21<sup>st</sup> – Photo Retake Day
  - November 22-23<sup>rd</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair
  - November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Parent/Teacher Interviews & Spaghetti Dinner
  - November 24<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Interviews & PA Day
  - December 8<sup>th</sup> – Choir singing anthem at Ottawa 67’s game
  - December 21<sup>st</sup> – December School Council Meeting
  - December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Last School day before winter break
- **Mr Marcus** (custodian) will be retiring in the coming months. No special good-bye (as per his request). There will be a collection for a good-bye retirement gift.
- **Staff Report (M. Paul)**
  - **Halloween**
    - every class participated in a pumpkin decorating contest
    - Halloween themed learning
    - Kinder parade around the school
    - Whole school dance party in the gym (Gr 1-5)
  - **Treaties Recognition Week (Nov 5-11)**
    - Learning opportunities in many classes
    - History of treaties in Ontario, including the treaty that governs the land that RHOP sits on
  - **Choir**

- Gr 3-5 choir is up and running with the help of Ms Grimsby
- Over 70 students are participating at this point
- Students singing get a free ticket and tickets for supporting family members will be on sale soon
- **Tree Grant Update** – Forestry department came for the site visit and our application has moved on to the next stage of approval (School Board). 20 Trees in Area “A” on the map
- **Remembrance Day** – On November 10<sup>th</sup> the school held a ceremony. Each class made a wreath, trumpet player from Colonel By, students sang 2 songs
- **Triple Ball Tryouts** – Mme Desbeins – 38 kids came out for the tryouts, but only 12 will be able to attend the tournament. The kids are having fun and the plan will be to continue to develop the skills and interest by having an intramural.
- **Grade 1 & 2 English** – Science - candy corn in different liquids, examining effects. Looking at fossilized coral. Symmetry in math. Blending Boards in English with cookie sheets and magnetic letters.
- **Grade 1 EFI** – learned about seasons (science), Q&A with Mr Marcus to learn about the heating system at RHOP. Cooling – walking field trip to the SensPlex to learn about the cooling and ice making. Ice skating.
- **Gr 3/4/5 English** – have been doing coding (directions) with students in library with life size
- **Gr 3&4 French** – learning about life, and community, collecting prizes for speaking French
- **Gr 4&5** – Courses on Justice System and Reconciliation – this program is continuing
- **Fundraising Update (Jamie)**
  - **67’s tickets** – Tickets 1/3 free to 2/3 paid, in chunks of 50 free & 100 paid, we pay \$20 and we sell for \$25 (tickets at venue are \$30). Looking for a couple of volunteers for guiding kids to the area to meet and parents to their seats.
  - **Spaghetti Dinner (Nick)** – bulk cooking by Lucie E – mixed sauce and pasta (not separate). Not gluten free. Two ‘needs’ are tables and volunteers. Ticket

sales are active. Volunteers wanted – 8-10 (Colonel By and Grade 5 students for general duties and a couple of adult council members)

- **Book Fair (Leslie)**
  - Still looking for a couple of volunteers for Thursday evening during the parent teacher 4:30-6pm and 6-7:30.
  - Discussion about, and decision regarding taking the Scholastic credits or cash (lower amount). Decision was made to take the Scholastic credits.
  - golden tickets (one child per class) for kids who are unlikely to be able to get a book otherwise. School pays \$5 and council pays \$5 for the students. Ballot draw during family event \$25 for student, \$25 for the teacher, or we can use that \$50 and put it toward the golden tickets.
    - **Vote to keep the draw as a draw and for council to pay (\$5x16=\$64) Alanna & Jamie, passed to be used for the council half of the golden tickets.**
- **Budget Update & Approval of 2023-2024 Budget (Matthew)**
  - Matthew presented the proposed budget for 2023 and 2024 with a more modest and realistic list of events, expenditures, and profits.
    - **Vote on Budget – Nick & Jamie – approved**
  - Glow Run – follow up – still waiting for the invoice from the bib stickers
- **Holiday Donations – Carson Grove PS & families in our community**
  - **Food Drive at school** – will pull some items from that to make the money go further
  - **Food Baskets for Families** – estimates on a family of 4 for food for a week (\$350 worth, but augmenting with food drive items by \$100, so \$200/family from council funds) x 10 families = \$2000 **Vote - Donna (1<sup>st</sup>) & Jamie (2<sup>nd</sup>) for \$3000 as above – approved**
  - Carson Grove = \$1000 donation

- Volunteers to help organize (Annalee & Jen, Heather or Alanna for delivery with Mme Sharma (20<sup>th</sup> tentative))
  
- **Roundtable**
  - **Update on School Directory** (Kristina) – working with Joanne
    - Comment that for next year the intent should be to have this initiated in August / September next year so that it has more effect
  - **T-Shirts (Nick)** - showed everyone the new shirts. The logos are the wrong size (front one is too small, back one is too big), but that will be fixed next year.
  - **Request for copy of Constitution & Bylaws** (Jamie & Mme Sharma)
    - Request from Henry Munro Middle School (Jamie) and Mr Todd Thompson (new school) to use our Constitution & Bylaws as a template for councils that don't have one set up.
  - **Pro Grant** – Heather is going to draft up our ProGrant application. The email came out this week and the application has to be submitted in early January. Jamie recommended to find a speaker that would help parents with strategies for speaking to kids about the events that are going on in the middle east.
  - **Next Meeting** – originally scheduled for December 21, but since that is just 2 days before holidays, proposal to set it for December 14<sup>th</sup> (agreed).
  - **Movie Night** – discussion on what date it should be. Deferred to December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm