

**Runnymede Public School Council
Minutes 29 May 06**

Present: Scott Forbes, Manon Gardner, Anne Lakoff, Anne Markee, Dianne Roberti, Ela Sawistowska, Nadine Singh, Kathy Tudor, Andrea Van Kampen, Gary Karasiuk, Rosanna Sardella, parent representatives

Regrets: Basia Stec Atherton, Marketa Evans, Andrea Rutty, Andrea Baldwin

1. Welcome from the Chair

Dianne welcomed parents to the meeting.

2. Secretary's Business

Minutes: will be approved next time.

3. Correspondence

- 1) Request from Stan Morin for smart board
- 2) email re school calendar dates. How early can they be posted in September? Carol Ann Walmsley wanted there to be an automatic sign up for the email list at the beginning of the year, as part of the usual school form filling. There was some discussion about whether this would be possible. Dianne said that the web site could include sign up. Dianne and Manon would like Runnymede morning announcements to be part of the website also.

4. Treasurer's Report

Gary presented the financial statements to date.

Still have \$24,445 in the bank, and minor liabilities.

Dori has submitted a draft of a form for line item disbursements, to assist teachers in accessing funds. This will be taken up in September by the new Treasurer. The administration may be represented in this by the new division chairs.

There was some discussion about the delay in adopting a new budget at the beginning of a school year; this is a direct result of the Ministry requirement to appoint new School Councils in September/early October. Gary suggested we could have two elections (High park Alternative do this); formal acclamation in September, and the "real" election in January. This would require further discussion and a constitutional amendment.

Requests (see separate motions below):

- 1) baritone sax \$ 2200 (
- 2) smart board \$4480 (Stan Morin)
- 3) math manipulatives junior division \$916 (Anne Lakoff)

5. Committee Reports

Yard committee

\$1500 net will be spent for stone seating (4 stones), along the Runnymede fence. The seating will be funded from the Andrea Vaivars Memorial fund, Runnymede school and by general yard fund. Plus want to get new garbage cans for Runnymede yard.

Spirit Committee

Garage sale was a good effort, but would need a lot more work to be a worthwhile venture in terms of fundraising. A total of \$465.45 was raised for the Yard & Garden Committee.

The display case which sat empty for several years has been cleaned and decorated to honour the senior boys' hockey team, who won the Toronto District Elementary School Athletic Association's Division I Championship. Going forward, the display case will be used to honour athletic and musical achievements of Runnymede students.

June 6 - end of year meeting at Starbucks 7 pm. Everyone is welcome!

6. Administration Report

- 1) line painting – waiting for board painter to do this in the yard
- 2) not using school for summer school, should improve caretaking over the summer
- 3) \$45,000 worth of painting in the summer
- 4) concert primary 31st May
- 5) volunteer tea on June 15th
- 6) staff lunch June 23rd
- 7) timetable for next year in June Rapport, staff roster, and names of division Chairs and their responsibilities
- 8) Music camp next week start 3rd June
- 9) Grade 8 cruise Monday June 26
- 10) Grade 8 grad is June 27
- 11) Grade 6 grad June 27
- 12) Gifted program open house June 7 in Library

7. Ward 7 Report

- Presentation on Internet Safety; another in Oct. at HumberSide for Ward 7 parents (Junior grades and up).
- Reconciliation of budget issue:
 - TDSB put together reconciliation analysis; money spent in different categories (e.g. to pay for shortfall in teachers' salaries, utilities), money being poached from other areas (e.g. from Foundation)
 - TDSB says it's still in the red
- Teacher librarians will not be touched
- 3 swimming pools under threat in Ward 7
- schools under threat of consolidation (65 schools under 50% capacity) – King George and Warren Park, but likely not going to close
- Money still to be spent on French Immersion
- School boards spending money out of reserves and will likely show deficits next year
- Hard cap – impossible to deliver facilities to accommodate hard cap, no more money

8. Other business

Hockey jerseys

Request for \$1000 for proper hockey jerseys for the Senior team

Moved: Kathy Tudor

Seconded: Anne Markee

Passed

Yard Art Project

- Primary Clay project supported by School Council
- Hilary Inwood and Ann Bell will be Co-Chairs for next year
- Yard paintings going up in the yard
- Strawberry social? Yard and Spirit committees to discuss.
- Evergreen using Runnymede as an example of what art in the yard can look like.
- Front door murals, waiting for Ontario Arts Council to agree funding, so need risk coverage for \$1000. Krista Workman will be the artist, with selected Grade 7 students participating

Moved: Scott Forbes

Seconded: Anne Lakoff

Passed

Band program

John Fraser requests a new baritone sax for band program for \$2200

Moved: Kathy Tudor

Seconded: Ela Sawistowska

Passed

Smart Board

Smart Board request from Stan Morin for senior school division: smart board itself \$1919, projector for this board \$1799, cabling and wiring \$150, tax \$500, total \$4480 (I know the numbers don't add up, so let's just say they are approximate).

Would like to see demo; let's find out if we can have a demo at the school or if we need to go to the company. Also enquire about the type of data projector required.

Math Manipulatives

Math manipulatives for focus on math in the junior division. \$916 pre tax request from Anne Lakoff

Moved : Anne Lakoff

Seconded: Scott forbes

Passed

Motion to adjourn

Moved : Ela Sawistowska

Seconded: Manon Gardner

Passed

Next meeting: Tuesday 19 September, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Library