

Runnymede Public School Council - Minutes

Date: February 20, 2007

Attendees: Andrea Baldwin, Robin Christian, Manon Gardner, Karen Hanna, Gary Karasiuk, Catherine Kirkland, Andrea McPherson, Mary Machamer, Anne Markee, Dianne Roberti, Rosanna Sardella, Ela Sawistowska, Nadine Singh, Basia Stec Atherton, Jerry Tiessen, parents

Regrets: Kathy Tudor

Agenda Item	Comments	Action
Presentation: 'All About Boys'	Catherine Kirkland, Head of the Junior School of Royal St. George's College in Toronto and a Runnymede parent, spoke to how boys learn and what parents can do to help them to learn better.	Catherine's presentation is available at www.runnymedecouncil.org
Lost and Found policy	Karen Hanna reported that the committee organized the Lost and Found. On the last day of each month, it will be bagged and dropped off with a local charity.	The team will implement and continue to refine how this works.
Homework policy:	Principal Manon Gardner outlined the TDSB policy on homework – ' <i>TDSB does believe in homework with 10 minutes per guide as an average</i> '. This varies day by day and can accumulate when students get into more senior grades. Manon and VP Andrea McPherson are working with the senior teachers to make sure that homework stays within a reasonable range. If parents have concerns, they are invited to speak with teachers and administrators.	Manon will report back on this at the next meeting.
Safe Schools visit	The administration organized a visit from the Safe Schools officer who made a number of suggestions on how to make the school safer, including: better marking of exits, mirrors, passes for school visitors and supervision.	The Safe Schools officer will visit and take a walk around the school with parents at the April parent council meeting.
Motion by primary teachers for math manipulatives	A proposal was made to purchase math manipulatives for the primary grades. The council asked the teachers to use their resource fund first but also approved funding to spend up to an additional \$1500 to purchase one set for every two teachers.	Approved