



Runnymede Public School Council Meeting November 20, 2008

School Administration: Toni Lisi, Michael Kanalec, Andrea McPherson,

Attendees: Andrea Baldwin, Juli Belliveau, Naomi Chaupiz, Suk Cho, Geoff Clute, Robert Dunford, Sabrina Gonsalves, Suzanne Gordon, Karen Hanna, Dori Hawkinson, Hilary Inwood, Catherine Kirkland, Anne Lakoff, Marshall Leslie, Mary Machamer, Anne Markee, Kathryn McCormick, Vangelia Nitsis, Chris Sheehan, Basia Stec, Jacqueline Sustar, Kirsten Tenebaum,

Regrets: Jerry Tiessen, Kshama Patel

AGENDA ITEM	COMMENTS	ACTION
1. <i>Welcome Intro of Executives</i>	Regrets: Kshama Patel, Jerry Tiessen Round the room – People introduced themselves. Katrina is here from the student body	
2. <i>Motion to Receive Previous Meeting's Minutes</i>	Motion to receive: Marshall; 2 nd Chris.	
3. <i>Motion to Receive Correspondence</i>	<p>The council received information about the Premier's Award for excellence in teaching. The information will be available in the office if anyone would like to nominate a teacher for an award. Deadline January 1st.</p> <p>Paivi Evars sent a copy of the Runnymede crest (from Puopola administration) found when the storage cupboard was cleaned; it will be added to the archives.</p> <p>CUPE Local 4400: letter alerting the Parent Council to their website. (www.cupe4400.org)</p> <p>Newsletter from the "People for Education" request to fillout a survey on line. (www.peopleforeducation.com)</p> <p>Motion to receive correspondence: Andrea; 2nd – Anne Markee</p>	All correspondence received by the council will be available in the school office.
4. <i>Committee Reports</i>		
• <i>Yard</i>	Anne L: A Yard Committee meeting was held to review the fall initiatives and line up entertainment/jobs for Earth Day festival. The Peace Circle has been installed and the fitness equipment has been ordered. The Board is optimistic it will be installed in the spring. ECO Schools is looking at the success of the boomerang lunch and feels that there is probably some need for some re-education of the students and parents about a boomerang lunch.	There will be an effort to reeducate the parents and students about the boomerang lunch.
• <i>Spirit</i>	Chapters Night is coming up on Thursday the 27 th ; 15% of the profits will be donated back to the school in gift certificates; the	



Windemere String Quartet will be there, and Anne L's Class will be doing some activities from Romeo and Juliet.

Put reminder in Newsletter about QSP sales.

Magazine drive numbers are down; however, the school receive \$1500 for renewing with QSP, so this money will make up for the shortfall in orders this year. Karen suggests that we put in a reminder in the newsletter that magazine sales with QSP will continue to make money for the school throughout out the year.

Shop and Support flyers went home. There is a list of stores that support this initiative. It's an easy way to make money for the school - done on line. See www.shopandsupport.ca for details.

5. Administration Report

Toni Lisi: exciting things going on... last week we had a Junior class take part of a week event at Pioneer village. Primary and Junior spirit days nov. 28th PJ day

Band and strings students were invited to Etobicoke School of the Arts and took part in events there; Strings went to Humberside. Remembrance Day Assemblies were held for all three divisions. Guidance counselor is already planning for next year with grade eights regarding course selection and transition.

Three Co-op students (Child and Youth Worker) from George Brown have been in the school have been doing placements in the school along with several student teachers. Toni says the students have brought a lot of positive energy to the school.

Runnymede will be hosting 16 visiting teachers from Hong Kong who are working at OISE in the visiting teacher programme.

Dec. 1st – reports will go home. There are no JK reports but they will have interviews. Interviews on the 4th and 5th December.

Concerts will be coming up (the dates will be announced in the Rapport).

The grade 1 and 2's "The Name of the Tree" (French and English) had an opportunity to see a play at the school.

Vangelia: There is an ongoing focus on literacy in the library, with a particular focus on kindergarten literacy. There will be a tea for kindergarten parents will they will have the opportunity to hear presentations from our librarian and the Runnymede Public library. All grade ones will receive a book "Too Many Books" which is being given to children across Canada.

Toni handed out a Future plan/proposal funds allocation for the computer project. The school administration has budgeted \$8000 to supplement the computer equipment; this is targeted money from the school budget. This money will go towards supplying the lab with eight more desktops. The admin is asking the Parent Council to allocate \$1 900 for one laptop. This will be a motion in next months meeting.

Motion in next months meeting to fund \$1900 for school laptop

There was a question about donation of computers: Michael said that the Board is moving away from CRT screens there are difficulties in the donation. Warranty and support – is another



reason for the non-acceptance of “scrubbed” computers. Michael will take the question back to the board to request specs for donated computers. He will let us know at the next Council meeting.

Michael will inquire about the specs for donated laptops.

Toni Lisi will be leaving at Christmas. They have not announced who her replacement (new principal) will be, but the assumption is that this will be announced in December.

Inquiry from Marshall: there seems to be a lot of vandalism and graffiti in the last little while that has not been cleaned up, is the board doing less “clean up” in the cold weather? Toni says that the Board is aware, and they have told the school that they will send people to “clean up”.

6. Ward 7 Report

A lot of changes are slated to occur in Ward 7. Ward 7 Reps ask that you pay careful attention to what is happening, and make it out for the meetings if you have concerns. Please see the Ward 7 Report in the November Rapport for greater detail.

Ward 7 is looking for another Committee member from Runnymede Public School

One more spot available on the Ward 7 committee (Kshama and Basia)

7. Discussion Website Project - Dianne Roberti \$500

(See "ScopeDocument-RunnymedeCouncil-091108.doc")

Please refer to *Scope Document: Runnymede Council*. The motion will be slightly modified to reflect only part of the project (covering item 1).

Council Funds will cover item 1 of the Council Website project.

Motion to give up to \$500 for the updating of the website: Juli; 2nd - Mary

8. Mike Ford Proposal

Motion to fund \$564 + GST for Mike Ford Presentations: Anne Lakoff; 2nd Basia

Council will fund Mike Ford's visit.

9. Committee Creation Discussion Defining the:

- **100th anniversary committee**

Marshall bringing forth the motion (see motion) to create a committee to deal with the centennial celebration of Runnymede School: 2016.

(There was some confusion about the actually year of the anniversary, as 1914 was when the school was built; however, it appears that 1916 was the date of the first classes, as 1991 was the 75th Anniversary.)

Vangelia had some archives from the 75th anniversary that she passed around.

Marshall motioned; 2nd Andrea – motion passed

There will be a new sub committee of the Parent Council established to organize and deal with the centennial celebration of Runnymede Public School. Marshall will head the *Centennial Celebrations* Committee at this time.



10. Committee Creation Discussion
Defining the:

- **Communications committee**

Rob approached by several parents who have indicated that they are unclear of what was happening on Parent Council. He would like to see a committee established that would focus on Parent-Council Communications with its constituents.

Motion to create a “communication committee”: Chris; 2nd Hilary

(Christine and Andrea interested in being members of this committee)

There will be a new sub-committee of the Parent Council:
Communications Committee

11. Visual Arts funding
- Kathryn McCormick

Refer to proposal (prepared by Kathryn)
Kathryn would like to see the art have a similar budget as drama and music in the Parent Council budget.
Motion that it should be put a line in the budget for this year (perhaps taken from the enrichment fund) and there should be discussion about what that amount will be.
Kathryn will come back in January with budget details of what is needed in her department. Moved: Christine; 2nd by Karen.

Kathryn will come back to Council with a proposal that will outline her budgetary requests.

12. Any Other Business

Proposal - \$630 from Hillary from Ontario Arts Council.
Hilary motioned to fund the project; 2nd Anne Lakoff.

GAP report Marshall – (please see attachment). Can Irene Atkinson do a presentation to the school (possibly in January)?

Basia inquired if there could be benches put in upstairs for grade 2 and 3 to take off their boots. They are walking in puddles. Admin will look into that possibility.

The Admin is putting a call out for lunchroom supervisors. Please put out the word in the community.

Next Meeting January 13th.

The Council will fund \$630 for the Ontario Arts Council project in the school.

Basia will look into getting Irene Atkinson to do a presentation.

Please spread the word that the school needs more lunch time supervisors.

13. Motion to Adjourn Moved Anne M; 2nd Andrea

If you have additional agenda items please contact either of the Co-Chairs, Robert Dunford or Kshama Patel at chair@runnymedecouncil.org. If you wish to be included on the email list, contact Dianne Roberti at webmaster@runnymedecouncil.org