



Runnymede Public School Council – Draft Minutes for Comment

Date: October 23, 2008

Attendees: Executive: Kshama Patel, Robert Dunford, Jerry Thiessen,
School Administration: Toni Lisi, Michael Kanalec, Andrea McPherson,
Teacher Reps: Anne Lakoff, Anne Markee,
Spirit Committee Rep: Colleen Younder

Yard Committee Rep: Hilary Inwood

Council members: Karen Hanna, Juli Belliveau, Marshall Leslie, Joan Lash, Becky Jenkins,
Jacqueline Sustar, Chris O'Brien, Mary Machamer

Parents: Lynn Kerrigan, Kirsten Tenebaum, Sean Luxton, Brian Withnell, Jim Lien

Regrets: Catherine Kirkland

Agenda Item	Comments	Action
Welcome and Intro of New Executives	Members and parents also introduced themselves.	
Motion to receive Previous Meeting's Minutes	Please correct the spelling of Karen Hanna's last name (there is no "h.") Marshall motioned to receive the previous meeting's minutes. Anne Lakeoff seconded. The motion to receive the minutes carried.	Regrets were offered, Juli will tell Catherine to change the spelling of Karen's name. The minutes were received with noted changes.
Motion to receive Correspondence	The teachers who went to Stratford sent the council a thank you letter for our funding. Jerry motioned to receive the correspondence. Marshall seconded. The motion carried.	Correspondence was received.
Treasurer's Report	Jerry explained the budget- most items are similar to last year. Our total income and expenses are similar to last year. New budget expenses include Technology and Eco Schools. The teacher resource fund is \$50.more per teacher than last year. We are moving toward a zero budget. Colleen confirmed that the items listed in the budget are the confirmed fundraisers for this year. Marshall asked if we need to match any other budget (ie. The Principal's) or is the release of council funds reliant on anyone else? There is no matching formula for the budget- the release of council funds is not reliant on anyone else. Rob explained that the benefit of this budget holds that if by chance there is a catastrophic variance, we have time to deal with the budget. It was noted that the drama and music departments are clearly getting more money than the other arts programs. To make it more equitable, should we add a visual arts line on the budget? Kirsten asked about a primary allotment as some parents have expressed an interest in donating specifically to the	The visual arts teacher will make a proposal for visual arts funding.



kindergarten/primary department. Kshama explained how the budget helps the primary students, although there is no allotment in the budget specifically for primary students, and Anne Markee spoke about the kindergarten funds. Toni explained that the school money is divided into curriculum areas and special requests (i.e. Divisional), and how each year there is a focus area. This year the school's priority is computer hardware. The council could consider matching the school's "priority."
Karen motioned to accept the budget. Chris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Council accepted the budget.

Juli asked about the unused teacher resource fund (TRF). The discussion led to a motion by Hilary to set April 30 as the confirmation of spending date for TRF – any individual teacher's unspent money will go to the division teachers. Anne Lakoff seconded the motion. The motion carried.
The funds requested are in addition to the budget. The discussion noted that the Stratford trip is for students in grades 4,5,6 and 8. Some of the productions/performances, field trips, etc. target certain grades. There was some concern that care be taken to ensure the same kids aren't missing out on funding year after year. Mark assured us that he wants all the children to receive equal opportunities

After April 30 any individual teacher's unspent money will go to the division teachers.

Mark Latter's Drama & Vocal Music Program: A Long-Range Funding Plan

A motion was made by Mary to receive for consideration and discussion the Drama & Vocal Music Program: A Long-Range Funding Plan. Seconded by Becky. The motion carried.

Council will receive for consideration and discussion the Drama & Vocal Music Program: A Long-Range Funding Plan.

Yard Committee

The outline for the Peace Circle is painted and will be done in time.
The fitness stations have been ordered and are waiting for delivery.
The next meeting is Nov. 4 in the school library at 7pm.

Spirit Committee

The welcome folders were distributed.
Gift wrap has so far exceeded last year's total by \$100.
QSP fundraiser is hoping to earn \$13000.
Chapters night is booked for Thurs. Nov. 27 from 6-9pm. We receive a percentage of the night's total sales in Chapters gift cards that the admin team use as prizes/rewards for students. This year there will be music, children's art, dramatic readings, a French play (Romeo and Juliet). It was suggested to hand out cards reminding people to say they are from Runnymede School. The committee is working with chapters to secure a flat percentage so they don't hassle the non-Runnymede patrons.



Administration Report

Pizza Lunch has raised a bit more money than last year. School Donations so far total over \$900.

Toni reported that no reorganization was needed. The computer lab plan is in stage 2. There is a committee with parents and board personnel who have visited Swansea's lab and discussed the platform (Mac vs. PC). Michael reported on the technology committee's meeting; TDSB supports P.C and since our lab already has PC it is cheaper for us to build our PC totals, rather than start a new lab of Macs. PC can be more readily updated. Our immediate needs are to acquire 8 more computers and the accompanying drops, electrical needs, etc. Flat screens are preferred as they generate less heat and save space. Other options include adding 8 spillover computers or laptops- although there are some obstacles for the "lab in a bag" concept at Runnymede.

Call for Content for www.runnymede.council.org

Send any announcements, school calendar event dates, copies of reports from committees, community events, etc to chair@runnymede.org. Anne Lakoff asked about classrooms linking to the council website. Rob is working on it, so for now, email the chair at the above address.

Ward 7 Report

The General Asset and Program Planning Process (GAPP) was the big discussion topic. Runnymede will be one of 6 wards considered but the impact on us will be minimal: King George is on the table to close. The gifted program will go to Fern. King George students will go to Humbercrest. The catchment areas will be rezoned. Implementation will not likely take place until 2011. There is a conference to attend in November for parents and the next meeting is Dec.2.

Other Business

Andrea McPherson presented her proposal for funding an Anti-bullying presentation. Jerry explained that the money will most likely come from the council's enrichment budget. Mary motioned to provide \$500. towards the Anti-bullying presentation. Anne Markee seconded. The motion carried.

Council will give \$500. towards the anti-bullying presentation.

Stafford the crossing guard has been away.

The council will update parents about Stafford's absence and get him a gift basket.

Our next meeting is Nov. 20.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Anne Markee motioned to adjourn the meeting. Juli seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.