

**Runnymede P.S. – Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday Sept 22, 2009**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:** Alice Bell, Halina Cieszynska, Lieve De Nil, Amelia Dennis, Karen Dimock, George Dregalo, Robert Dunford, Pam Ferguson, Jennifer Gallant, Suzanne Gordon, Karen Hanna, Daphne Hay, Hilary Inwood, Nora Irwin, Becky Jenkins, Michael Kanalec, Kirsty Katul, Jennifer Kopplin-White, Joan Lash, Marshall Leslie, Suzanne Lesnowski, Wendy Lyon, Mary Machamer, Donna Mackay, Anne Markee, Tricia McGovern, Kshama Patel, Heather Pegg, Audrey Robinson, Scott Robinson, Anne Ructz, Chris Sheehan, Nadine Singh, Jacqueline Sustar, Kirsten Tenebaum, Jason Thompson, Jerry Tiessen, Alberts Vitols, Diane Werner, Janet Williams, Catherine Willson, Brian Withnell

**Council Meeting**

**Welcome Intro:** Rob welcomed new & returning parents. He reviewed the voting process. Anne Markee advised that free babysitting was available during council meetings.

**Motion to receive previous meetings minutes:** was deferred until the next meeting.

**Motion to receive correspondence:** Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary

**Administration report:** Amelia introduced herself and the two VP's. Amelia said that there will be no further re-alignment of classes, and that enrolment was up by 34 students. She also spoke about the EQAO results, with GR 3 scores being at the highest levels over the last 5yrs. Rob Hochberg, new VP, primary division, gave some background on himself. Michael Kanalec spoke about the upcoming flu season & prevention strategies. He said there will be an action plan which the teachers will review with the students

**Ward 7 report:** no report at this time.

**Other business:** Rob spoke of the clean train campaign.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting:** Jerry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anne.

**Annual General Meeting**

**Co-Chairs annual report:** Kshama reviewed the budget process and explained how the teacher resource funds are allotted. She advised on 3 new categories in the budget: art, drama & technology. She spoke about the safety audit and the graffiti clean-up strategy. Rob spoke about the 2 new committees: Centennial and Communication. He said that his focus will be on marketing and web-site improvements.

**Treasurer's year end report:** Jerry reviewed the balance sheet. He explained how the Chapters gift cards are accounted for.

**Annual reports of committees:**

**Yard Committee:** Hilary reviewed last year's activities and thanked all volunteers and council for the support. She advised that the Peace Circle capsule will be buried this week & more trees will be planted this fall. She announced that Bruce Toner will be the co-chair going forward. Yard day is Sat Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. She handed in a summary of 2008/09.

**Spirit Committee:** Nadine thanked the committee and parent volunteers for the support & success last year. She reviewed the new welcome package which is handed out to new students. The committee is looking for new members as quite a few have moved on. The next meeting is Tues Oct 20@7:30, location tbd.

**Centennial Committee:** Marshall spoke about the many centennial celebrations which are occurring in the neighbourhood. He relayed some interesting facts about Runnymede, which will be outlined in the up-coming Rapport. A new chair person is needed as Marshall will be moving on.

**Communication Committee:** Rob spoke about the parent survey results and said that they will be posted on the web-site this week. He said that the position of parent liaison will not go forward at this time. Hilary asked about web-site investment. Rob said that a new communications chair is needed.

**Motion to dissolve existing committees:** Karen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anne.

**Nominations of new council members:** Rob reviewed the process and asked for self nomination forms. Each elected position was announced.

Co-Chair: Rob Dunford, additional co-chair vacant, volunteer needed.

Treasurer: Chris Sheehan

Ward 7 Reps: Kshama, Basia & Isolde

Secretary: position vacant, volunteer needed

Various Committee chairs: to be nominated and appointed by committee itself.

**Parent Council elections:** names submitted for voting members, non executive position.

**Motion to approve list of nominated parents to council status 2009:** Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anne.

**Motion submitted by Nadine, to approve \$200 worth of Chapters gift cards for magazine drive prices:** Joan, 2<sup>nd</sup> Suzanne.

**Motion to reconstitute the four committees:** Suzanne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen.

**Next meeting date:** Wed Oct 21, 7:00pm.