

**ADRIENNE CLARKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL  
68 QUEENS COLLEGE DRIVE, RICHMOND HILL, ON**

**MEETING MINUTES - NOVEMBER 2018**

**Attendees**

Myra Chow (Co-Chair), Nika Daei (Co-Chair), Shelley Harpur (Secretary), Matthew Cutler (Co-Treasurer), Salwa Steitieh, Melissa Cheng, Jane Park (Programs), Victoria Kim (Programs), Kim Lampkin, Manisha Gandhi, Pedram Madahian (Fundraising), Linda Gao, Janine Moore, Linda Lin, Jenny Zeng, Nicole Bertram (Communications), Fery Pashang (Communications), Dana Turculet, Ying Tomaso, Aroon Baksh, Eileen \_\_\_\_  
Nadia Rusiello (Principal), Daniela Klein (Teacher Representative).

Regrets: Jennifer Fang (Co-Treasurer), Cathy Chang

**Approval of October minutes**

- Motion to approve by Matthew Cutler; seconded by Linda Lin.
- Council members were asked to confirm/clarify contact information for future communication.

**Principal's Report (Nadia Rusiello)**

- Staff update: 2 new staff members, both French speaking-
  - Mme. Gero-Vasilis (sp?) as primary art/health teacher, prep coverage
  - Diandra Brown - LTO for Mr Thornton, who is expected to return in December (tentatively)
- Parent-teacher interviews/ student-led conferences will be held Nov 22nd (pm) and Nov 23rd (am).
  - Interviews can be booked online using Edsby, starting Nov 15.
- Edsby being used - parents can enter absences online rather than calling
- Gifted screening begins Nov with for Grade 3 students
- Report cards come home Nov 21st
- School Forum
  - will be held at Langstaff SS on Nov 19 - 2 representatives (usually council chairs) plus admin will attend. Will share take-away thoughts at January meeting.
- Bag 2 School fundraising program
  - runs Nov 5 until Nov 15 - household items and clothing collected, and school receives funds based on weight of donations. \$200/ton.
- Quest 3-day conference
  - Mme Gladman and Mr Gourley will attend. ACPS students will present a water bottle sculpture, and Mr Gourley will host a Ted-forum style talk with students.
- Every Student Counts survey
  - will be sent to students between Nov 12th and 30th - paper copies will be sent home for students in Grades 2-6, and Grades 7 and 8 will complete them in school.

- Grade 8 Graduation Trip
  - Tentative dates June 11-14
  - Cost approx. \$750 - will look at fundraising to help with cost
  - School will hold an info night for parents
  - Current Grade 7 students will be surveyed in the spring to assess interest in possible options.
- Electives
  - Grades 4-5 will go to Snow Valley Jan 25th
  - Grades 6-8 will go on Jan 31st.
  - Grades 2-3 will participate in Carnival at school.
- Lunch schedule change
  - In anticipation of many pavement-only recesses at lunch, students will have a flipped lunch hour - Grades 6-8 will go outside from 11:55-12:25, and Grades 2-5 will go outside at 12:25 (usual schedule).
  - Concerns were raised about supervision / lunch monitoring and pizza timing with the flipped schedule; Nadia is looking at this.
- Principal Profile
  - Will need to be submitted in January
  - Nadia shared an example profile
  - Members will submit priorities through a Google form to be created by Nadia.
  - Superintendent keeps this profile on file as a reference for future staffing.

### Fundraising Update (Pedram Mahadian)

- Previous years - an email was sent home early in the year with a donation request letter
  - With open ask, we received \$2000-2500. Down from ~\$10,000 in the first year with no toner fundraising. Loss of Grade 1 students and move to teacher-led fundraising may help account for difference.
  - Decided we don't need to do donation request this year; we have a surplus at this time. May re-evaluate later in the year.
  - Need to spend our surplus in this school year so current students benefit.
- Danceathon- held in April; supporting mental wellness, modern learning and technology. Sold glow sticks etc, had Bounce Entertainment as DJ
- Upcoming event suggestions
  - Fundraising or community-building event - cultural night, diversity event, something with minimal cost to engage parents
  - Parent Engagement Grant cancelled this year. Funds allocated in budget.
  - Look at Wellness Night or First Aid for kids?
  - Fery to look at logistics of Red Cross or St. John's Ambulance to do a group event in school
  - Need to look at event schedule to find gaps for council events
- Cultural evening - would this be school-led or parent-led?
  - Hard to be inclusive and do justice to the event - can't expect students and teachers to organize.
  - We can do a survey to come up with ideas - Myra to create survey

- When deciding what to do, we can look at asking for donations to support the event
- Funding for home rooms
  - Money given to teachers for board games for indoor recesses

### Pizza update (Aroon Baksh)

- Pizza Fridays going well; need more volunteers to help with distribution.
- Currently in week 3 for frozen yoghurt sales; 250 students signed up out of ~ 600 students
- Good involvement with SchoolCash Online
- Considered raising prices, but that may affect involvement

### Treasurer's Report (Matthew Cutler)

- Budget highly dependent on pizza sales
  - Term 1: \$11,600 profit with pizza and frozen yoghurt - within revenue projections for the year
- No large purchases since October; no events booked yet
  - \$300 bookmarked for library mural, \$75 for LEGO robotics competition
- School wish list
  - \$100/class for indoor games
  - \$6250-7000 for cost-sharing
  - Surplus contribution of \$5/student - field trips being booked

### Teacher Report (Daniela Klein)

- Take Me Outside Day - students spent time being active outside
- Mr Bradford, Mr Mizrahi led students for Intermediate Boys and Girls Volleyball tournament
- Grade 6 visited the Ontario Science Centre
- Halloween Parade was a lot of fun
- Grade 3 students walked to Loblaws for a nutrition-focused field trip (those in Mme Quirion's Health class)
- Ongoing clubs
  - Mme Gladman leading an Art Club at lunchtime for students to work on their projects
  - Intermediate Volleyball practice continues
  - Dance club starting; tryouts held Nov 5
  - MeToWe holding meetings
  - TedEd led by Mr Gourley, Mme Quirion
  - Wellness club led by Mme Drodge
- Grades 2 and 4 visited Swan Lake Conservation Area
- Mme Klein to confirm the Danceathon date.

### Programs update (Jane Park and Victoria Kim)

- Waiting to hear back from teachers regarding staff needs and preferences

- After staff input, will request input from parents.

### Other Business

- Parking / Drop-off safety
  - Busy traffic - talk of soft entry as a supervision concern. We should examine alternatives to bus/ parking to see if there is a safer way for staff and students
- Taekwondo program
  - Canadian Taekwondo Centre expressed interest in holding another fundraising session
  - They are certified as a YRDSB supplier
  - Instructors donated time, held 4 lunchtime sessions for each of the different age groups.
  - \$1800 raised for School Council
- Fans for classrooms not a School Council funded expense - essential items to be bought through the board
- Water machine for the portables could be a health and safety concern
- EQAO results
  - Staff looked at data
  - Students struggled with multiple choice questions, some struggle with numbers sense eg. algebra
  - Vocabulary in French portion could be a concern - some misunderstanding of common math vocabulary
  - Some students did more than one multiple choice answer, some didn't persevere or try alternative ways to find the answer
  - May be a gender difference in Grade 3, not explained by difference in number of students
  - Looked at use of more manipulatives in math, holding a math night for family involvement.

### Outstanding from previous meeting

- Evergreen Foundation trees - do we have a status on this?
- Dana to share link for best practices, tools and organizations who share how to access programs etc.
- Possibility of setting up a Google drive for School Council use, storage of documents
- School Council website to be updated with members list.

**Next meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00pm.**