

ADRIENNE CLARKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

68 QUEENS COLLEGE DRIVE, RICHMOND HILL, ON

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2023 7:00PM

ATTENDEES:

Nadia Russiello, Bryan Gerson, Nika Daei, Aroon Baksh, Pedram Madahian, Joanna Leung, Hannah Guo, Ying Tomaso, Roxanne Lawson, Mihran Li, Cathy, Trisha Tay, Mel Cheng

REGRETS:

Jolyn Commisso, Attiyeh Nili, Leili Da, Melissa Cheng, Maryam Rouzbahani, Victoria Kim Lee, Donna Dong, Farid Parham, Jenn Ingram, Joan Ngu Tran, Abbas Akhavan, Erika Golden, Elnaz Golestani

AGENDA

- **Chairs Welcome (Aroon & Nika)**
 - Welcome from Nika & Aroon
 - The in person meetings have proven more efficient, therefore no virtual meeting
- **January minutes approved**
- **Principal's Report**
 - **Enrollment update** – 538 students as of March 22, 2023; projected 553 for September
 - Virtual option offering in the next year is being discussed at the School Board, although not for FI
 - **Staffing Updates:**
 - Mme Kembou is replacing Mme Pelliccione who moved to another school board in February
 - Mme Hunt has replaced Mme Li for the remainder of the school year
 - Mme Lantos has replaced Mme Klein for the remainder of the school year
 - Mme Malarczyk has returned from her leave
 - **Gifted Screening:**
 - Round 2 results of Gifted Screening have been communicated to families.
 - Families are making decisions regarding the Gifted Program for next year if their child is eligible
- **Teacher's Report**
 - School Events since Jan 25, 2023
 - Volleyball Tournaments (Junior)
 - Class Photo Day
 - Term 1 Report Cards
 - Visions Tribal Dance (Grades 4-8)

- Girls Inc.
- Friendship Dance (Grade 7 & 8)
- Primary Carnaval
- Swan Lake (Grades 3, 4 & 7)
- Basketball Tournaments (Intermediate)
- Njacko Backo (Grades 1 - 6)
- Fana Soro (Grades 7 & 8)
- Nowruz Dance Group Presentation
- Clubs and Extracurricular:
 - Lego Robotics
 - Yearbook Committee
 - TED Ed Club
 - Eco Team
 - String Orchestra
 - Band
 - Junior Basketball (girls & boys)
- **Treasure Report (Trisha)**
 - Based on actuals of the February report the following were projected:
 - Revenue at \$19,362.7-
 - Initial projection was made for hot lunches, such as pizza, subs, etc. that are main drivers based on previous sales of pizza
 - The forecast was focusing on athletics, library needs, field trips, eco school initiatives, mental health. While art supports were kept the same as in class supports (agendas)
 - Nadia suggested for the council to increase agenda contribution
 - Additional \$500 were suggested to be spent on outdoor basketball program
 - Additional \$500 were suggested to be spent on graduation for grade 8, total council's contribution to the grad trip was also increased
 - Net breakeven point is set for \$3,000, to carry over to next year, excluding the BBQ reserve, however additional info on Sub sales will impact the totals and bring the carry over to \$7,460 (with BBQ reserve of \$3,370)
 - Frozen yogurt program wasn't considered and might affect positively the carry over
 - \$500 deposit for Jungle sports was secured
 - Assumption – the overall increase is expected in the carryover
 - With 300 orders of Pizza at \$6/slice sums up at \$1,800; in 12 weeks shall bring \$21,600 in total and resulting in breakeven of \$13,000
- **Fundraising Update (Pedram)**
 - No specific updates at the moment; fundraising is being placed on hold awaiting the needs required to support the summer BBQ

- For next school year
 - Raffle tickets are not allowed, as considered gambling
 - Dance-a-thon is considered to be brought back
 - Movie night is considered to be brought back, with option to charge for popcorn
 - Pedram mentioned a combination of social event and fundraising and the need to set expectations with families and students. Most pf programs are fun, yet they don't raise a lot of money
 - Nadia suggested to continue brainstorming additional ideas for next year
 - Nadia suggested to begin planning the Dance-a-thon early in the school year for a Halloween timeline
- **Program Initiatives, Staff Appreciation (Bryan)**
 - Parent's workshop on managing parents' expectations will be facilitated by private practitioner on April 27, 2023
 - Dr Campbell with "Talking about racism" is scheduled for May 4, therefore April 27 may be rescheduled. May 4 event takes place at Langstaff Secondary school due to more capacity flexibility as this is in person event
 - Staff Appreciation event- staff are fine with homemade food; parents are allowed to bring gift cards. Date set on May 1, 2023
 - You are the Chef update
 - Nadia updated the respective committee on the details
 - Meeting was held in February to check the equipment left from the previous year
 - Additional volunteers are needed. A letter to parents of students in Grade 6-7 will be sent home
 - Date will be set for after April 21, 2023, post Ramadan
 - The total duration of the program is 4 weeks
 - \$6,000 was allocated for the program
 - Grad committee – haven't commenced yet. When details are determined parent council will be informed
- **Pizza and Other Lunch Programs Update (Ying)**
 - Pizza's term starts on March 24, 2023
 - 300 orders in total (term one – 270 orders)
 - Change in term two – NO onsite sales available. This is due to increased number of orders in total, implying everyone interested had placed a pre-order
 - Term two will run for 12 weeks, anticipated to raise \$9,900
 - Sub term two starts on March 21, 2023. Summary of the three terms:

Term	Total Orders	Total weeks
One	101	4
Two	94	6
Three	95	14

- Grade 7 students assist in running the Sub program from March 21 to June 30, 2023
- May 3 – grade 8 students will not receive subs due to grad trip

- Total dollars raised are expected to be \$2,700
- Frozen Yogurt is under consideration.
 - The main challenge of storage is freezer's capacity
 - Freezer's purchase might be an option, but availability of proper outlets needs to be evaluated as well as space, due to 3-4 fridges being used for milk program
 - Milk program might offer a fridge to be returned after use, which will allow a space for additional freezer
 - Frozen yogurt is delivered a day ahead, but there is a possibility of same day delivery
 - Selling on site is considered, although SchoolCash Online is an easier option to administer and allows to predict storage, which is the main concern
- Ice cream sandwiches will be dependent on fridge replacement. To be determined

- **BBQ**
 - Food costs have increased this year
 - DJ increased the price
 - Obstacle course is not allowed, therefore additional activities need to be planned and be creative. Example – invite high school students for help
 - Jolyn will make flyers to send to high schools to seek volunteers
 - Four inflatable games – carnival stations have been secured at \$1,000 total
 - Street performers are being explored, await pricing and options
 - Parent council suggested to add \$3,000 towards BBQ's entertainment and total breakeven will result in \$10K
 - Silent auctions are allowed, where each classroom is given a theme and donations are done accordingly. 30 themes will be determined and a letter will be prepared for students to bring home
 - Bake sale – communication will be sent to students to share with families
 - Starbucks will be in. On Mel's agenda
 - Cotton candy and Popcorn will be explored
 - Food coupons – suggested to buy reusable ones, as colored tickets are concern due to limited availability of colors and total numbers

- **Programs Initiatives (Donna)**
 - Parent Engagement Programs
 - All volunteers, no cost to the council.
 - February: Speaker Dr. Andrew Campbell done work with school board, very engaging for parents, meeting with him on Friday to arrange something with him.
 - March: workshop for parents with kids with anxiety.
 - Donna will reach out to Bryan to determine if the speakers meet the criteria.
 - Donna and Bryan will meet offline.
 - Question if we have applied for PRO GRANT. Not as of yet, we need to apply once we have a program in mind.
 - Staff Appreciation, is there a date? The place we have used before they are offering a special.
 - Last year, families donated online, we are unable to do that again this year. We need to figure out how we will go ahead with this.
 - Last year we had everything pre-packaged. Need to determine if donations to be brought in (cash from parents) or is it something council would subsidize.

- Should we wait until spring?
 - Maybe consider early May?
 - Monday, May 1st will be our day.
 - Donna will reach out offline to Nadia and Bryan and bring ideas to the next council meeting.
- **Other Business**
 - BBQ Date: Thursday, June 15th (Plan A) or Monday, June 12th (Plan B). 5:00pm-8:00pm.
 - Can check with vendors to determine availability.
 - Kiss the Cook lunch promotion.
 - Will discuss at the next meeting given time constraints.
 - You're the Chef update.
 - Will discuss at the next meeting given time constraints.
 - Need to look for equipment, there are some items in the cupboard at school but there may need to be some equipment purchased.
 - A lot of items that are on the list should be there according to Nadia and Nika.
 - Elnaz will check and let us know.
 - Grad Committee
 - When do we need to form this?
 - The teachers will be talking about grad and then reach out to council to form a committee.
 - Will discuss at the next meeting given time constraints.