ADRIENNE CLARKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL 68 QUEENS COLLEGE DRIVE, RICHMOND HILL, ON SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 2023 7:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Nadia Russiello, Bryan Gerson, Lorrie-Anne Lauder, Trina Hoadley-Seaforth, Jennifer Ingram, Jane Park, Ana Bernstein, Lisa Der, Yoonie Kim, Nika Daei, Erika Golden, Dragan Stojanovic, Apple Lin, Sophia Sun, Cathy Hu, Pedram Madahian, Ying Tomaso, Jolyn Commisso, Trisha Tay, Elnaz Golestani, Minran Li, Abbas Akhavan, Aileen Guan, Julie Cinamon

REGRETS:

Maryam Rouzbahani

PRINCIPAL WELCOME (Nadia)

- Welcome to the first meeting and elections.
 - Turning it over to Nika as our outgoing chair.
 - Nice to see new faces and returning faces.
 - o Introductions of parents who are present.

• CONCLUSION OF 2022 – 2023

- June Meeting Minutes Approval (Nika)
 - Approved by Ying Tomaso & Trisha Tay

Past Treasurer Report (Trisha)

- We made some money last year.
- Majority of funds collected were from lunches.
- After fundraising, and distribution of allotted funds total amount available \$9,203.58 (inclusive of BBQ deposit)
- Do we typically have a large amount carry-over? Yes, so that the next council can have a reserve.

• **COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

- Role of school council is an advisory to the principal and vice principal.
- If you're on council you are thinking about the best interest of the school, not an individual grade.
- Not a forum for individual questions or issues.
- Volunteer position and it is appreciated in any capacity (voting member, member at large, on a committee).

ACPS School Council Constitution

- Council Membership will be comprised of not more than 11 voting members.
- Principal & Vice Principal
- A teacher representative, which may be on a per-meeting rotating basis, elected by the school's teaching staff.
- Not more than 1 Community representative, appointed by the council.
- Members at large are not considered voting members.
- Need to have Quorum in order to carry a vote forward (6 + 1 votes).

- Expectation of voting members to attend all meetings.
- o Co-Chairs: Nika Daei, Lisa Der
- o Treasurer(s): Yoonie Kim, Abbas Akhavan
- Secretaries: Trisha Tay, Jolyn Commisso
- o Communication Chair: Alanna McNee-Trinidad
- o Pizza Committee Chair: Pedram Madahian
- o BBQ Committee Chair: Aileen Guan
- o Fundraising Chair: Elnaz Golestani
- Programs Chair: Jane Park, Jennifer Ingram (sharing 1 vote)
- Member at Large: Trina Hoadley-Seaforth, Erika Golden, Dragan Stojanovic, Minran Li, Cathy Hu, Apple Lin, Sophia Sun, Ying Tomaso, Maryam Rouzbahani, Julie Cinamon, Shandy Harricharrandas

Discussion of Upcoming Dates (Nadia)

- Monday, November 6th 2023
- Wednesday, January 17th, 2024
- o Monday, March 4th, 2024
- o Monday, April 8th, 2024
- Wednesday, May 8th, 2024 (*only if we needed for BBQ planning)
- Wednesday, June 12th, 2024

Principal's Report (Nadia)

- Startup went well. 5 classes of Grade 1s and 2s are doing great (22 or 23 students in each).
- Welcome assembly first week.
- o Safe & Caring School Presentations last week (2nd week, 3 presentations).
- First Fire Drill, Bomb Threat, Hold & Secure and Lockdown drills of the year took place last week.
- Cross Country Team for Grades 4 to 8.
- o Intermediate Girls Volleyball.
- Orange Shirt Day/Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- o Enrolment 562.
- Staff:
 - New Staff:
 - Connie Li
 - Niviesha Muralidharan
 - Arielle Bocknek
 - Diandra Brown
 - Rochelle Hunt
 - Rebecca Plener
 - Andrea Lantos
 - Arden Worrell
 - Alex Siguenza (CYW)
 - Gino Colantonio (Temp Custodial Lead)

Teachers Report

Smooth start in primary.

- September is built on building routines.
- o Parents are an excellent partnership with the school.

• Other Business

- Question: Is there anything new that is coming forward?
- o There is updated Language Curriculum which staff are looking at.
- o Also, some updates with council which we will discuss at the next council meeting.
- Question: Is this the first year of no online school?
- o There is online school, however no French Immersion option.
- o Minimal enrollment in online schools (one school with possibly 500 students or so).
- o School Council Forum coming up at the end of October.
- We can register for those that want to go (max 2 people can attend).