

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

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES – MONDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2020  
7:00PM-8:35PM**

**Attendees**

Aileen Guan, Alex Chreston, Alex Zhu, Ana Bernstein, Anna, Aroon Baksh, Atoosa Asghari, Dana Turculet, Erika, Goldie Panah, Hannah Guo, Helen Bullingham, Jane Park, Jennifer Ingram, Jennifer Fang, Jolyn Commisso, Khadijah Rawji, Manisha Gandhi, Mehry Kanicheh, Minran Li, Nicole Bertram, Nika Daei, Pedram Madahian, Salwa Steitieh, Svetlana Tsiunel, Trisha Choi, Victoria Kim-Lee, Viet Ton-That, Ying Tomaso, Yuanyuan Wu, Ruth Walker-Rosewood, Nadia Russiello

• **Principal Welcome (Nadia)**

- Welcome from Nadia and Nika
- Myra sends regrets
- Will be following power point of agenda
- Nadia will chair meeting
- Great turnout possible with virtual option and interest in school council
- Welcome from Ruth as well
- Land acknowledgement (not specific to ACPS)
- Introduction of attendees of meeting

• **Conclusion of 2019-2020 (Nika & Myra)**

- Nika asking for approval of minutes.
- Svetlana and Jane motion approval of minutes
- Helen and Svetlana presenting past Treasurer Report
- Budget is being viewed as a presentation
- Very committed parent council to raise funds
- Used to support programs in the school (art, tech, music, bbq)
- Acknowledge parent volunteers
- Hit with COVID in March
- Fundraising comes mostly from Pizza
- Dedicated parents who sell ice cream, juice, frozen yogurt
- Net Proceeds:
  - Pizza Term 1 (Sept-Feb): net \$7,141.35
  - Pizza Term 2 (Feb-June): net \$1,240.72
  - Juice, extra slices, frozen yogurt: net \$1,952.91

- Lunch Box (Variety of Choices): net \$318.70
  - Parent Donation Campaign: net \$935.00
- 2019/2020 Budget Summary:
  - Carry-over 2018/2019 budget \$10,059.82
  - Carry-over for BBQ \$3,370.52
  - Net Profit 2019/2020 fundraising \$10,814.68
  - Working Budget **\$24,243.02**
- What we used funds for? Last years' Expenses:
  - Music program subsidy \$2,000
  - In-class technology match \$2,541.60
  - Supply Teacher for Coaching \$1,500
  - Library/Maker-Space \$2,000
  - Healthy Snacks \$450
  - Books \$82.57
  - In class resources \$1,000.40
  - Grade 2 Meet and Greet \$83.58
  - Art Performances in school \$2,194.18
  - Total Expenses: **\$11,852.33**
- Vendor commitments
  - 4 Vendor Deposits made total \$2,105.14:
    - Jungle Sport \$500
    - Bounce Entertainment \$621.50
    - Fire it Up Food Vendor \$500
    - West African Drumming \$483.64
- TOTAL BUDGET CARRY-OVER: **\$14,497.83**
- Nadia been in touch with Jungle Sport, no refund, to apply to future booking
- Question about Bounce Entertainment Deposit and about the school council's subsidy of You're the Chef program.
- At the executive meeting being planned for November, with new elected council, we will sort out the details of the budget as left behind by Karen Gaston, our outgoing EOAA.

- **Council Elections**

- Co-Chairs (2)
- Treasurer (1 or 2)
- Secretary (1 or 2)
- Communication Chair (1)
- Pizza Committee Chair (1)
- BBQ Committee Chair (1)
- Fundraising Chair (1)
- Programs Chair (1)

- Role of Parent Council is a responsibility to be accountable for the school not individual role
  - Personal Interests should not be addressed by council
  - Handbook being created by York Region
  - Every Handbook has to have a constitution
  - 11 Parent/Guardian Members
  - Principal/Vice-Principal have roles
  - Advisory Capacity and work with Administration
  - Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary are Executive Council
  - May have extra meetings in between to prepare for upcoming meetings
  - Members at large as well, can provide opinion – not voting members
  - Only elected members can vote on issues
  - Important to decide if you want to have that responsibility
  - Attendance is essential as we need certain numbers of votes
  - Question about the roles, Nadia outlined the roles
  - No elections needed, appointed only
    - Co-Chairs (2) Nika Daei, Myra Chow
    - Treasurer (1 or 2) Helen Bullingham, Hannah Guo
    - Secretary (1 or 2) Manisha Gandhi, Jolyn Commisso
    - Communication Chair (1) Khadija Rawji, Nicole Bertram
    - Pizza Committee Chair (1) Aroon Baksh
    - BBQ Committee Chair (1) Dana Turculet
    - Fundraising Chair (1) Pedram Madahian
    - Programs Chair (1) Victoria Kim, Jane Park
    - Jane and Victoria split 1 vote
    - Khadija and Nicole split 1 vote
  - Members at large:
    - Jennifer Fang, Minran Li, Ying Tomaso, Svetlana Tsiunel, Mehry Kanicheh, Salwa Steitieh, Ana Bernstein, Jennifer Ingram, Yuanyuan Wu
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- **Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Dates (Nadia)**
    - Only need 4 meetings, we usually have 6 dates
    - Any questions about dates?
    - Nadia anticipating all meetings virtual until at least February
      - Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>
      - Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>
      - Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>
      - Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>
      - Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>
      - Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

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

- Protocols put into place because of COVID, Sanitation
- Start-Up Smoothly
- Always busy in normal times, even crazier with pandemic
- Fairly smooth start
- Welcome assembly for students virtual the second week
- Teachers pre-recorded messages for students
- Teachers projected at same time
- Safe and Caring Schools began this week
- Using Google Meet, present
- First Fire Drill and Lockdown will happen soon
- Waiting on guidance from Public Health and Fire Dept
- Planning soon
- Had hold and secure drill last Friday
- Reorganized school
- Today was first day of new classes
- Enrollment numbers 530 students, down from 570 when everyone is in school
- Currently 357 students in school
- 173 online
- 32% of population online
- 36 Grade 2 Students
- 48 Grade 3 Students
- 52 Grade 4 Students
- 53 Grade 5 Students
- 59 Grade 6 Students
- 48 Grade 7 Students
- 61 Grade 8 Students
- Classes of Grade 2-3 15 Kids
- Classes of Grade 4-8 20 Students
- Reduction in staff 3 teachers re-deployed to virtual
- Complex that need French teachers, English
- 9 Staff Teaching Virtually:
  - Anna Cherid, Melissa Burns, Tony Thornton, Dan Mulligan, John Dias, Dana Nacuta, Karen Drodge, Dhayna Kankanamge, Jacob Samaraj
- New Staff
- Bernice Wong (LTO Grade 3 for Abbe Horowitz), Melissa D'Ambrosio (Grade 7), Diandra Brown (LTO for Grade 3 for Julia Hui), Chantel Denis-Persaud (Grade 7 & Prep), Sarah Fried (Grade 6), Debra Fabian (Grade 5)
- Karen Cizmar is our new budget secretary (EOAA). New to school and role
- Mme Walker-Rosewood re-deployed to Beverly Acres 2 days a week
- A/C has been installed in Gym, Library, Office

- Working on augmenting technology
  - Teachers moving devices around
  - Students have been asked to bring devices
  - 2019-2020 Grad will be happening Virtually
  - Waiting on clarification from board for technology going to be used
  - EQAO cancelled for this year
  - Any questions?
  - Question about if ventilation will be upgraded with ministry funding
  - Nadia replied that we have been provided with upgraded ventilation filters already installed
  - Ruth explaining cohorts for outdoor play with wristbands to stay in the cohort
- **Other Business**
    - Balls/Equipment for students?
    - Look at as a council expense
    - Also agendas have been paid for, so may be a council event in November
    - Question about field being "Dog Park"
    - Concern for field area
    - Question about sanitizer? Kids complaining about sanitizer and smell of them.
    - Parents are asking about how to forward concerns about sanitizer.
    - Question about Open House, no information about Open Houses
    - No information as of yet
    - Sanitizer is not allowed to be brought in
    - Needs to comply with public health
    - Meet the Teacher/Curriculum night Virtually – in discussion with staff, discussing logistics of it
    - Lower numbers to begin with: less Grade 2s, movement out of area, parents deciding not to put children back in French Immersion