

Little Rouge Public School Council

Minutes-September 9, 2013

In Attendance: Yvonne West, Gail Auyeung, Dave Dalton James, Jaz and Debbie, Sheila Coleman, Ateka Alidina, Fatima Punjani, Gail Lam, Rob Giannini, Vihar, Noel Shippey, Amira, Veronica, Nadine Pickthall

1. Introductions
 - a. Collection of contact information
2. Role of School Council
 - a. Chair's Role explained
 - b. Treasurer's Role explained
 - c. Secretary's role explained
3. Elections-All executive positions acclaimed.
 - a. Fatima Punjani will be secretary
 - b. Vihar will be Treasurer
 - c. Ateka Alidina and, Gail Auyeung will be co-chairs with the provisions that Gail will give a commitment of 50% of her time and Ateka is tentatively acclaimed and will confirm later.
4. Gail Auyeung chaired the meeting.
5. June minutes were reviewed.
 - a. Yvonne noted that #3, a, part 2 was incorrect and she asked for it to be removed. It read "Little Rouge grade 8 teachers will not be attending the graduation ceremony." They did attend. Parents did set up/clean up, Yvonne and Miss Rebeiro did the ceremony and dinner.
6. June minutes approved by Fatima and seconded by Noel.
7. Treasurer's report (Noel)
 - a. Explained balances presented
 - b. Yvonne said that Heather had asked to do Kiva gift cards and this was not reflected in the budget. Therefore the budget will be less \$100.
 - c. The Kiva initiative was explained (Yvonne)
8. Gail Auyeung and Heather will take care of the Kiva donation.
9. School Report (Yvonne)
 - a. Enrolment Numbers:-The numbers for this year are up from the projections and so we have some classes where the numbers are relatively high: Junior and Intermediate classes re almost at 30 and all of our Kindergarten classes are over 20 (cap) and another Primary class also over cap. It is possible that we will get additional staffing, and therefore it is possible that we will have to re-organize.
 - b. Compliance day (Monday September 23rd) explained.

- c. Yvonne answered questions about how the school would deal with moving the young children, and we would communicate with parents in advance-likely by mid-week of the previous week.
 - d. Curriculum Night on September 26th. Teachers are doing diagnostics. For Curriculum night, teachers will share their expectations
 - e. Terry Fox Run September 27th. Information will be sent home shortly.
 - f. Rocket Rally September 27th
 - g. EQAO results are embargoed until later in the month-we will discuss our results at the next Council Meeting.
 - h. We will have a fire drill this week. (The first of 6 for the year)
 - i. During the first week of October, we will have a Lockdown drill (the first of 2)
 - j. The new security system at the front door-All doors being locked. Visitors will have to buzz into the office, there will be a visual of the visitor and they will have to communicate through a speaker.
 - k. We will have Full Day Kindergarten for the next school year- a new daycare is going to be built (on the East side of the school) as we expect to need the space. Keeping the students safe will be a priority and a safety plan will be worked on with the Site Manager.
 - l. We expect the start-up of extra-curricular, and “Be the Change” and “Eco Club” has already started. Parents questioned whether a list would be available of extra-curricular so they could encourage their children to sign up.
 - m. Character Trait this month: Respect
10. Dates for Council Meeting noted.
11. Last 2 Year’s Work explained:
- a. Volunteer Reading Program
 - b. Triple P
 - c. Ambassadors
 - d. Fun Fair
 - e. Fundraiser-Next meeting we are to come with ideas (Last year’s Entertainment Books were not cost effective)
 - f. Staff Appreciation Lunch
 - g. Winter Games-pancake/hot chocolate-parents asked specifically if this would be repeated this year.
 - h. Career Fair
 - i. Bike Fest
 - j. Graduation
12. Meeting adjourned at 8:25