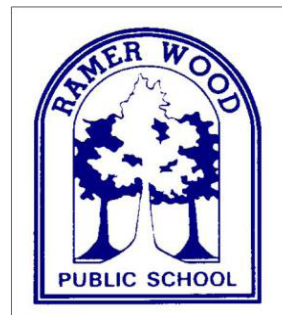


School Council Meeting

Wednesday May 28th, 2014

Location: Ramer Wood Library, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Note: FREE Babysitting in the gym for those who would like to participate in the meeting

AGENDA

6:30 p.m.	Welcome	Heather Patterson and Ann Reid – Co-Chairs
6:35 p.m.	Approval of Minutes	Kelli Cote, Principal Minutes posted to website → http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/ramerwood.ps/SchoolCouncil/Pages/School-Council.aspx
6:40pm	Review & Update of Action Items from Prior Meetings	Heather Patterson, Co-chair & William Valdez, Secretary
6:45 p.m.	Treasurer's Report	Susan Prizeman, Treasurer <i>5/28 Update: Cash available = \$2455</i>
6:50pm	Funding Needs for Remainder of Year (eg. Field Trip subsidies, Safety goggles, Music, community assistance, etc)	Susan Prizeman and Heather Patterson <i>5/28 Minutes: see below</i>
7:00 p.m.	Review Ramer Wood Communication/Parent Participation Survey & Plan for Distribution	Kelli Cote – Principal, and All Council
7:15 p.m.	Review Inserts for Kindergarten Welcome Package & Beginning of Year Package (School Council Welcome letter, Council Nomination Form, Mabel's Labels, other)	Kelli Cote, Principal and Heather Patterson, Co-Chair
7:25 p.m.	Other Business (Curriculum Night, Desired Sub-committees for next year, volunteer section in our website, etc)	<i>5/28 Minutes: See below</i>
8:00 p.m.	Adjournment	
<p>If you would like to see an item added to the agenda please contact either of our Co-Chairs or our Principal prior to the meeting: Heather Patterson, Co-Chair: heatherpatterson@rogers.com Ann Reid, Co-Chair: gsisthebest2001@yahoo.ca Kelli Cote, Principal: kelli.cote@yrdsb.edu.on.ca</p>		

This is last meeting of 2013/2014 School Year. Proposed 1st Meeting of 2014/2015 School Year will be Weds. Sept. 17, 2014 which will include elections of school council executive.

Attendance: Heather, Stacey, Susan, Pam, Rebecca, Maria, Bindu, Keilli, Will, Maria- Anna, Nesan

Meeting begin with the approval of minutes from Last Meeting. Motion was second by Stacey.

Treasurer's report.

Cash Available = \$2455 total revenue for the year and big source of fundraising was pizza. Mabels Label had changes to the website and order process which may have affected income for the year. This year funds were spent on gym equipment, clavanova, kindergarten play area improvements, and guest speakers.

Fundraising for Next Year

Down from last year. \$8900 Investment in Education participation down, no bulb sale, and less sales on pizza. Kelli discussing how fundraising is down across the province. 31 graduating which costs are being taken on from school.

We want to leave a slush fund of \$1000. Anything else on the list that can be taken off for \$1500. No technology purchased this year. Maybe revamp the front of the school. Add marketing TV? Kelli needs a community board. Kelli is recommending to take down Mural and possibly relocate it in order to make room for the TV. Landscaping at front of building.

Council raised concerns about the lack of field trips for grades 3's & 4's (normally they would go to Black Creek Pioneer Village and Medieval Times Respectively). Kelli identified that to approve these trips the cost must justify the educational benefit which she didn't believe that these trips achieved. Cost of Medieval Times is \$60 per kid for the Grade 4. Approx. 40 kids. . Kelli also identified that teachers had not come forth requesting field trips.

Decide on how to use the \$1500. Vote is passed to spend \$1500 toward Communication TV to communicate upcoming events, reminders, etc.

Participation Survey

York region board school climate survey. Available on surveymonkey. Further follow up survey. Available until June 2, 2014. Monday June 9

Ramer Wood Communication Survey: Print copies as well. Hard copy to be provided and can be done online or paper copy. 1 week to be given in between notes. Parents to be sent a copy of survey prior to distribution.

Inserts

Letters are crucial. Newsletter to include the next year topics and to have inserts ready earlier for distribution. Beginning of the year Kindergarten package. Update dates. Includes info on parent council meeting, school forms, we need to decide on date for first parent meeting of the New Year. Sept 2 first day of school. First meeting Sept 17. Kdr welcome is Sept 17. Start- Up committee if anyone interested in organizing dinner as part of Curriculum night then please let Heather know if you need any guidance. If no one picks up there will be no dinner or do we sell just drinks? Refreshments?

We have a list of role for executive and more subcommittees (identify barriers, report on money and more done over email then in person to try and get more involvement).

Other Business

Is there a section on the website to get more info to volunteers? Try to recruit more.

Terry Fox run needs volunteers. Emphasis on the forms the online donation more. Create landing pages for class or grade since you can't do the individual kids. We will need the password.

Grad is on the 23rd!

Notes

Heather to send blur**be** on to Kelli by Monday about Mabels label. - DONE

Heather and Susan with positive feedback on this year's group.

Adjournment.

Primary Playday June 19 outdoor play

EQAO – 6 one hour sessions. Results are out. Standardized testing for 3 and 6