



Redstone School Council – April 6, 2021

Attending

Wendy Thompson (Principal) Maureen Daly (Vice-Principal) Doug Inglis (Teacher Rep) Navid Ahmad (Co-Chair) Amy Zhao (Treasurer) Tabinda Sadaf Jatoi (Co-Secretary) Cassandra MacDonald (Co-Secretary)	Jeff Young Bahar Jalili Corinne Francis
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Call to Order – Wendy Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Quorum was present.

Land Acknowledgement – Read by <Giovina Navid>.

Teacher Report – Doug Inglis

Here are recent and upcoming academic, social, and extra-curricular school events:

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Items:

- 1. Redstone’s Got Talent!**
 - This year’s talent showcase is virtual and open to all students (K - 8). A Google Classroom for Redstone’s Got Talent was created for any student who wants to participate, and photo or video submissions of a 2 minute vocal, instrumental, dance, magic, visual art, comedy or any performance piece were posted to the Google Classroom from March 15 - 31. The final montage of 3 separate videos of performances (Primary, Junior, and Intermediate) will be available for classes to view before the spring break in April. Many thanks to Ms. Thompson, Mr. Janzen, Mlle. Armeland, Ms. Evans, and Mr. Inglis for organizing the event, and the students who participated all displayed amazing and diverse talent!
- 2. Dismantling Anti-Black Racism (DABR) Strategy**
 - In support of our board’s strategy, a series of 4 lessons has been provided for teachers to present to their students in March and April. The topics of the lessons include understanding the difference between our local community and the global on-line community, making the connection between our identity, assumptions, and the images (e.g., selfies) we post, creating norms for on-line behaviour, and strategies for responding when someone is being mean or hurtful on-line. The lessons include materials the students can access within our Google Classrooms, as well as information and resources for parents.
- 3. MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) - April 19, 20, 22, 23, and 26**
 - This organization, which provides education aimed at preventing tragedies caused by impaired driving, will be making presentations to our intermediate classes in

April. Although our students aren't drivers yet, the goal is to provide them with knowledge to make smart decisions when they are in high school and behind the wheel of a car.

4. **Social Justice Club**

- This group of 10 intermediate students, under the tutelage of Mlle. Zhang and Ms. Hodgeman, is committed to taking action on social justice issues and bringing awareness to the school community through events and educational material (e.g. posters, announcements). Their mandate is to have a safe space for students to meet regularly to talk about issues related to mental health, equity, youth social justice, racism, and gender identity. Their current project is neurodiversity awareness in support of autism awareness month; students are selling bracelets and keychains to raise money for *Autism Canada*.

5. **VORC (Vivian Outdoor Resource Centre) April 26 - 28**

- This outdoor education centre, located in Newmarket, receives hundreds of student groups each year, with programs designed to support the science and social studies curricula of all grades. With current Covid restrictions, we are not visiting them this year, and we are awaiting confirmation on whether they will provide on-line programs for our grade 2 and 4 classes in April and May.

Administrator's Report – Wendy Thompson

Paid School Lunch Assistants

- Looking to for full-time lunch assistants
- If unavailable to do full-time also looking for folks available to do supply work, to fill in for a few days.
- Will need to have a police screening.

Cultural Appropriation with Susan Dion

- Members of the community have to be cognizant of activities that may be considered cultural appropriation.
- A video was shared to explain Cultural appropriation in more detail <https://thelearningexchange.ca/videos/susan-dion-appropriation/>
- Need to make sure we are more inclusive.

DABR Strategy

- Focused and learning on how we can contribute to the [Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy](#).
- Need to improve inclusivity and addressing anti-black racism in schools.
- The board has developed a strategy including increasing knowledge of students, staff and the community in terms of becoming racially literate.
- The DABR strategy's goal is to achieve racial equity in YRDSB schools for Black students and staff.

Pavement Playground Painting

- Painted games include 2 basketball hoops, 2 hop scotches, 4 squares, Snakes and ladders, Battleship grid, etc.

- Cost will be ~\$2700.
- Work to begin likely in mid-May.

Treasurer's Report – Amy Zhao

- Current balance is \$ 8600. Compared to last month \$9100. \$460 spent on staff appreciation.
- Pavement playground painting will come out of these funds (~\$2700).

Co-Chair Report – Navid Ahmad

Dismantling Anti-Black Racism

- School Council to discuss ideas to dismantle anti-black racism as part of the next school council meeting. Work on gathering insights from parents and communities.

Virtual Meeting for Grade 8 graduates

- Consider bringing kids together synchronously and live.

Closing and Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Monday, June 7 – 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn – Jeff Young

Second – Doug Inglis

CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.