



Redstone School Council – January 31, 2022

Attending

Sherry Morgan (Principal)
Renee Laflamme-McNally (Vice-Principal)
Doug Inglis (Teacher Rep)
Lucy Park (Co-Chair)
Bahar Jalili (Treasurer)
Cassandra MacDonald (Secretary)
Giovina Zembowski
Corrine Francis

Call to Order – Sherry Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Land Acknowledgement – Read by Lucy Park

Teacher Report – Doug Inglis

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

- **African and Caribbean Heritage/ Black History Month - February**
 - Black History and African Heritage Month celebrates the contributions of people of African descent to the cultural, economic, political and social fabric of Canada dating back to the early 1600's and to the present day. During the month of February, we deliberately reflect upon persons of African heritage, famous and not so famous, who have been of significant influence through their ideas, words, and actions, and we appreciate the place of African culture in the history of the world. Students and staff will learn and celebrate through in-class activities, readings, conversations, and daily announcements.

- **Say "Cheese!" Grade 8 Grad Photos - Mon. Jan. 24**
 - Our graduating classes had their last set of Redstone photos taken last Monday. Grade 8 students who are learning on-line were able to attend before the morning bell for their pictures. Students who were absent for the first photo day also had a chance to have theirs taken.

- **Grade 8 Course Selection for High School Presentation - Wed. Jan. 26 at 10 am**

- Staff from Richmond Green Secondary School made a virtual presentation to grade 8 students last Wednesday to share information and address questions about course selection for grade 9 in September.
- **Character Matters - January and February**
 - Students in each class who have been chosen as recipients of the *Character Matters* award for the traits of optimism (Jan.) and perseverance (Feb..) will be celebrated in a video montage assembled by Mr. Janzen. Classes will watch the video in their classes at the end of February.
- **Redstone Talent Showcase**
 - This year's talent show is open to all students (K - 8). A Google Classroom for Redstone's Got Talent will be created for any student who wants to participate. Students can upload a video of a 2 minute vocal, instrumental, dance, magic, visual art, comedy, or any performance piece to the Google Classroom. The final montage of 3 separate videos of performances (Primary, Junior, and Intermediate) will be available for classes to view by the spring break.
- **Forest of Reading**
 - The Forest of Reading is Canada's largest recreational reading program with over 270,000 participants every year. The goal is to develop a lifelong love of reading while celebrating Canadian authors. There are programs for all ages, connecting young people with new Canadian literature as well as giving them the opportunity to vote for their favourite book. Ms. Short has been using her library time to read picture books of this year's authors to primary classes and having students in the classroom and on-line discuss the stories and pick their favourite one. Students learning from home can access the books through Sora using the digit 0 before their yrdsb username.
- **Indigenous Art Project for intermediate students**
 - Our intermediate division is supporting student & teacher learning of Indigenous art and culture through a 10 week art project that allows students to gain a deeper understanding of knowledge and core values of Indigenous people. Author and visual artist Deron Douglas is leading the project, which will involve the grade 7/8 and 8 classes collaborating to paint an Indigenous art mural in the library. This is also considered a

special graduation project that the intermediate students get to participate in during their final year at Redstone.

Administrator's Report – Sherry Morgan

New Staff

- Returning office staff and new caretaking staff at Redstone.

Food Drive and Toy/Clothing Drive

- The drives were a success with numerous donations.

First Term Report Cards

- Will be emailed out to parents the week of February 22.

Learning Model Changes

- Google form for learning model changes were sent to parents.
- Please submit Google Form to request a change in learning models.
- If students want to return to in-person, parents are to send an email to the office and provide 48 hours to make the switch.

Staffing Process

- Looking at the next school year, planning is in process. 470 students projected for next year.

Treasurer's Report– Bahar Jalili

- Currently, \$511.21 in account.
- \$2900 for playground sealing will not be covered by the school board.

Co-Chair Report – Lucy Park

Pro-Grant

- Application has been filled out and submitted. \$800 for speaking event for parents.
- Topic could be on mental health and inclusion. 1 night virtual event for parents (1 1/2hr).
- Past topic was on internet safety, moving on and being safe, topic on dealing with anxiety

Fundraising

- Donation Drive, council to discuss further.

Closing and Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Monday, March 28 – 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.