



Redstone School Council – March 2, 2023

Attending

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| Diana Del Bello (Principal) |
| Justin Hui (Vice-Principal) |
| Doug Inglis (Teacher Rep) |
| Tabinda Jatoi (Co-Chair) |
| Bahar Jalili (Treasurer) |
| Cassandra MacDonald (Secretary) |
| Priya Unmkishnan |
| William Entwistle |
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Call to Order – Justin Hui called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Land Acknowledgement – Read by Justin Hui

Welcome & Norms Review

Motion to Approve Minutes

- Moved: Bahar Jalili
- Seconded: Cassandra MacDonald
- Approved.

Staff Report – Doug Inglis

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

1) Pink Shirt Day - Wed. Feb. 22/23

- **Pink Shirt Day** is a globally recognized day in support of anti-bullying, upstanding behaviour and simple acts of kindness. Pink Shirt Day began in 2007 when a Nova Scotia student was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school. In a show of upstanding spirit, two students at the school purchased dozens of pink shirts and distributed them to their classmates to wear the next day. It has since been recognized annually worldwide as a day to stand up and speak out against bullying and homophobia. On February 23, 2022 and every day at Redstone, we continued to practice kindness and acceptance, with students and staff wearing pink to show that we do not tolerate any form of bullying.

2) Post-March Break Spirit Week

- March Break is coming (March 13-17), and we have some fun spirit week activities planned when the students return to school. Each day from Tuesday, March 21st on will be an inclusive and fun theme: Tues. - *Rock your Socks Day* (bright or mismatched socks in support of World Down's Syndrome Day; Wed. - *Fun in the Sun Day* (bright clothes, beach wear, sunglasses); Thurs. - *Athletic Day* (sports teams, jerseys, hats, team colours); and Fri. - *Earth Day* (celebrate Earth Day by wearing blue, green and/or brown)

3) **Primary Play Day - *Healthy Hearts and Minds* -Tues. March 7**

- Primary teachers have planned a morning of interactive and fun activities for our younger students in grades 1 - 3. The theme of the events will be a combination of mindfulness, wellness, inclusion, and fitness. Classes will rotate through a wide range of activities including cooperative gym games, scavenger hunts, karaoke, sledding, and a hot chocolate booth. We look forward to supporting our primary students in this fun event!

4) **Author Visit - Wed. March 22/23**

- Author Rishma Govani, parent of one of our intermediate students, has published a children's book *Sushi and Samosas*. It's a story of diversity and discovery, as a family explores foods from around the world to gain a better understanding of different cultures and to move beyond the routine of chicken nuggets. Ms. Govani will do a read-aloud to our primary/junior students and discuss how she turned her passion for food into the theme for her children's picture book.

5) **Intermediate (Gr. 7 and 8) Basketball Tournaments**

- Our intermediate boys won our first invitational tournament in 3 years on Feb. 9, defeating teams from William Berczy, Doncrest and Silver Stream P.S. They made their way to the finals again the following week, placing second to a strong team from Bayview Hill P.S. Congratulations to the boys and their coaches Mr. Grey and Mr. Stoddart. The girls' basketball team was to compete in their first invitational tournament of the year on Feb. 23 but the event was cancelled due to the storm. Both teams participated in the area tournaments at Red Maple P.S. on Tuesday (Feb. 28 - boys) and Wednesday (March 1 - girls). Out of the 10 teams in each tournament, the boys and girls' teams placed 3rd and 5th respectively. Way to go, Roadrunners!

6) **February is *Black History Month***

- We continue to celebrate Black excellence in our schools and communities and recognize the achievements of Canadians of African and Caribbean descent through classroom learning activities and discussions. Display boards, both upstairs and down, are showcasing the many outstanding achievements of black Canadian and international figures, and Mr. Barwin's gr. 7 students are sharing profiles of trailblazers past and present

on the morning announcements all month as well.

7) French Carnival-Week of Feb. 14 - 16

- Our **French Carnival** was a big success this year, providing students in grades 4 - 8 with opportunities to practice their French communication skills while enjoying activities such as castle building, floor hockey, and a dance in the spirit of the real Carnaval de Quebec. Students also received a surprise visit from Bonhomme, the official Carnaval mascot!

8) Character Assembly (optimism and perseverance) - Tues. Feb. 28

- We continue to support, model, and recognize the great character of our students each day at Redstone, and recipients of the character awards for the months of January (optimism) and February (perseverance) were celebrated at an assembly on Tues. Feb. 28 in period 1. Our primary choir, an ensemble of intermediate students, and Mr. Inglis' class also performed songs on the themes of these character traits.

Student Report – Provided by Bahar Jalili

Suggestions from students:

- Lunch time chess club
- Student request box for suggested lunch time programs
 - Mr. Dixon may create a school chess club

Treasurer's Report – Bahar Jalili

- No change from last meeting
- Total Balance \$3,496.85

Co-chair Report – Tabinda Jatoi

Movie Night

- April 27 at 6:30pm
- Movie Night Committee will meet after the March Break
- Will need donation letters to be distributed to vendors

Book Sale

- May 18
- Spring concert will be held the same day starting at 6:30
- May 4th at 6pm to sort books; School Council meeting scheduled for April 27th rescheduled to May 4th
- Books can be setup in the foyer
- We will need parent volunteers

School Generated Funds

- Ministry Funding:
 - \$100 per elementary student
 - Base amount allocation \$3000 per elementary school
 - Special Education Enrollment
- Ministry funding used to purchase instructional supplies and books
- School Generated – Pizza
 - Current balance \$10,292.14; \$900 per week for pizza
- School Generated Funds spending:
 - Subsidies/Grants for families who can't afford school events/costs such as field trips
 - Sports tournaments entry feed
 - Transportation
 - Author presentations
 - School wide presentations **Well being day – March 7
 - Carnaval
 - Gardening program
 - Fit spirit
 - Cost sharing – for laptops
 - DJ for dances
 - Bus passes
 - Graduation costs
 - Trophies and ribbons
 - Costs for family evening events
- Lunch lady funds for discussion next meeting

Grade 8 Grad Funding

- Details on the fundraising target, costs, etc. to be discussed next school council

Cost Sharing

- Cost sharing option for 2022/23 school year to be discussed

Parents Reaching Out Grant (PRO Grant)

- Suggestion to have a speaker to discuss Mental Health Strategies (Scott St. Marie) – 1 presentation each for kids and parents
- Subsidy focused on combatting bullying (perhaps Scott St. Marie to provide presentation)
- The project has to be completed before June 16, 2023
- PRO Grant Final Reports due June 23, 2023

Book Fundraising Pricing

- Identify base price per book individually (e.g. picture books, novels)
- Bundled pricing
- Will determine pricing when books are sorted (May 4th)
- If a number of books left, perhaps provide discounted price for bundle

Special Interest Service Providers – Chess, Engineering for Kids, Mad Science, You Create It, Little Jammerz-Guitar

- **Currently running**
 - Young Rembrandts (Jan 19 to Mar 9)
 - Ten Ten Sports (Jan 23 -Mar 6)
 - Karate Kids(Mar 2 to May 4)
 - Suggestion to look into Jungle Sports
- **Future Options**
 - Tenten Sports – April 26 to June 7 (hold 2nd session)
 - Chess,
 - Engineering for Kids,
 - Mad Science,
 - You Create It,
 - Little Jammerz-Guitar

Upcoming Items/Fundraising Possibilities/EQAO/Movie Night survey

- EQAO no updates at this time.
- Fundraising: Book fair, movie night
- Potential fundraising: ice cream sales (potentially an ice cream truck)

Movie Night date (Little Caesars/Sushi/Booster Juice/Book Drive)

- No additional updates.

Other Topics

Staff Appreciation Lunch

- May 30th
- Need to confirm if there are any Covid protocols.

- Will need parent volunteers

Nourouz Celebration

- Suggestion to hold celebration event

Closing and Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 30 – 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.