



Redstone School Council – March 30, 2023

Attending

Diana Del Bello (Principal)
Justin Hui (Vice-Principal)
Doug Inglis (Teacher Rep)
Tabinda Jatoi (Co-Chair)
Naveed Ahmad (Co-Chair)
Bahar Jalili (Treasurer)
Cassandra MacDonald (Secretary)
Kamand Riazat
Alina Jalili (Student Rep)
Lucy Park

Call to Order – Justin Hui called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

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) April is ‘*Celebrate the Spectrum*’ month for Autism

- In April, schools across Ontario learn about autism and how we can support all of our students on the autism spectrum. Our community class teachers Ms. Parolini and Mr. Saltzman have shared resources with staff on this year’s theme of *Celebrate the Spectrum*, and our school-wide activity will be the *Infinity Tree*. Students are writing messages or drawing pictures on colourful paper in an infinity symbol of how they can show acceptance and understanding of neurodivergent people, with a focus on the phrase “Acceptance is an Action.” The messages will be assembled into an ‘Infinity Tree,’ a creation to represent our collective

understanding and inclusion of people with autism. Students will also be making morning announcements about autism throughout the month, and there will be a special presentation at our character assembly in late April.

2) Redstone Gardening Club and ‘Bloom Ka-boom!’

- Ms. Maizelis and Mr. Mangaloglu are leading a group of students in learning about plant life cycles, gardening, growing vegetables, and soil. The group will be planting seeds in the Redstone garden and tending to it weekly, as well as monitoring the growth and changes in the various flora. In addition, the ‘Bloom Kaboom’ initiative will take place again this year, in which all interested classes will create seed bombs under the guidance of Gardening Club members and collectively toss their seed pods (or ‘bombs’) into the ravine on a countdown on April 25. The seeds will disperse and naturally germinate and grow in the reservoir area.

3) Java and Python Workshops with Mobile Design Labs - Mon. April 17 and Tues. April 18

- Our grade 7 and classes will participate in 4 separate training sessions with Mobile Design Labs for computer programming languages: Java and Python. Students can choose which language they want to sign up to learn.

4) Character Assembly - Wed. April 26, period 3

- Our next character assembly will take place on Wednesday, April 26 in period 3 (11:10). We will be acknowledging the great character of students from each class, with a focus on the traits of fairness (March) and initiative (April). There will also be a special presentation by our Dance Team, led by Ms. Parolini.

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

- Mr. Barwin’s grade 7 class visits the outdoor education centre in Newmarket on Friday, April 28 for programs that support our science and social studies curricula. Their initially scheduled visit was canceled due to a snow storm earlier in the year.

6) *Stay Driven* - Spoken Word Presentation by Rapper Duane (D.O.) Gibson - Mon. May 1

- Duane Gibson is a Guinness World Record setting rapper, author, university graduate, and inspirational speaker. His one-hour presentation is called *Stay Driven* that combines speaking with live performance to engage students while delivering a solid message. This presentation to the school is in support of our mental health week initiative.

Student Report – Provided by Alina Jalili

Suggestions from students:

- Chess club: Teachers looking into availability of chess boards. Chess club will be open to all grades.

Treasurer's Report – Bahar Jalili

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

Co-chair Report – Tabinda Jatoi

Movie Night

- Logistics – Mr. Janzen to setup technology, caretakers to setup gym with mats and chairs
- Online purchase deadline April 19th
- Volunteers from high school (6 students), Ms. Ciani to look into
- Flyer will be included in the newsletter March 31st.

Book Sale

- May 4th, council to come to school earlier to sort and price books
 - Perhaps have bags for families
- Spring concert on May 18th
- setup in the foyer/front hall
- We will need parent volunteers

School Generated Funds

- Lunch Lady – receiving funds in June
- Little Caesars fundraiser – lessons learned is to enhance advertising to promote

Grade 8 Grad

- Richmond Hill Country Club (venue + food cost is \$8000)
- Raised \$4554 (money raised from dances, sales of cash cards)
- School will contribute from pizza fund
- Other expenses are for awards and plaques
- School council to consider providing funding for awards and plaques (~\$1000) – to be discussed next council meeting
- DJ \$600
- Security \$120
- Decorations \$100
- ~50 students in grade 8

Jungle Sports

- School will fund most of cost
- School Council can provide funding (discuss funding amount at a council meeting in June)
- Timing: October 2nd to 6th, 2023

Scott Ste. Marie Guest Speaker (PRO Grant)

- Presentation topics:
 - Safety around social media
 - Mental health
- \$1500 +HST per 1 hour presentation, grant of \$800
- Naveed/Diana/Lucy to circle back with other options
- Justin to reach out to Scott re: consideration to reduce price
- Bahar to reach out to other schools re: other options
- Tentative date: June 7th or 9th
- Deadline to apply for grant is June 16th
- Suggestion to reduce presentation length to 45 minutes

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

- **Currently running**
 - Karate Kids (Mar 2 to May 4)
 - Mad Science (Apr20 to June 8)
 - Engineering for Kids (May 3 to June 7)
- **Future Options**
 - Young Rembrants (on Tuesdays)

Upcoming Items/Fundraising Possibilities/EQAO/Movie Night survey

- EQAO:
 - Grade 3 May 29 to June 1;
 - Grade 6 May 23 to 25

Other Topics

Puzzle Night on May 4th

- Sign-up with family to complete timed puzzle

Ice Cream Truck (Ontario Ice Cream)

- To discuss at future council meeting
- Ice cream between \$5-\$7; company provides 25% back
- May need a permit

Closing and Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Thursday, May 4 – 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.