

Redstone Parent Council – March 5, 2018

Attending

Wendy Thompson (Principal) Doug Inglis (Teacher Rep) Maria Konstantopoulos (Co-Chair) Kavitha Sachchi (Co-Secretary) Vivian Murray-Black (Treasurer) Juan Jaime Barreto Caroline Dawn Karren Lee Niki Koutsovasilis Jeff Young	Bahar Jalili Varinder Bhabra Yvette Nazarian
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Call to order at 7:05pm

Land Acknowledgment:

Wendy read the land acknowledgment script to acknowledge the land we are on and thank the First Peoples of the Mississauga's of the Credit and the William's Treaty First Nations and other Indigenous Peoples for sharing this land with us. We would also like to acknowledge the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation as our closest community and Partners in Education

Review of previous meeting minutes:

There was a motion to accept the Minutes from the January meeting.

Moved: Karren

Accepted: Jeff

Teacher Report – Caroline Dawn and Doug Inglis

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

School Wide...

- **Character Matters/Grandfather Teachings assembly** – the junior classes will be hosting our second of three yearly character assemblies on Tuesday March 6th, period 7 (1:50). We will be celebrating the First Nations Grandfather teachings and the character traits of respect, optimism, and perseverance through dance, song, and multi-media presentations. Students who were recipients of the monthly character awards in December, January, and February will be acknowledged.
- **Math Processes** – One school focus for teacher's professional development (PLT and Staff Meetings) is the 7 Mathematical Processes. These include Problem

Solving, Reasoning and Proving, Reflecting, Selecting Tools and Computational Strategies, Connecting, Presenting and Communicating. Teachers are explicitly teaching and supporting these strategies in their math programs.

- **Planning for Nowruz- Persian New Year-** Ms. Thompson, Ms. Cheung, Ms. Mira, Minhaz, Faati (Le Club) and a group of students are working on a school wide presentation that includes a slide show, a presenter, songs and dances to celebrate Persian New Year. The event will be on Thurs. March 22nd.
- **March Break** – Enjoy the week of March 12-16 off as March Break.
- **Healthy Schools - snack program** – thanks to generous grants provided to our school by the Food for Learning Foundation, we now have 3 food groups represented in our daily snack program – cheese strings (dairy), whole wheat melba toast (grains), and apples (fruit). Snacks are available from the office and in those classrooms whose teachers have requested a snack bin which our HS student team replenishes daily.
- **Annual Earth Hour** – We are scheduled to have our earth hour on March 23 at 2pm where we will turn off the lights and conserve energy

Primary (K – 3)

- **Fire Safety Presentations (School Wide)** – local fire safety experts were at Redstone on February 5, 6 and 7 to provide important information and strategies for all students to ‘learn not to burn.’
- **Grade 3 Swim to Survive** finished their sessions at the local community pool which focused on basic life saving techniques in the event of a water emergency.
- **Primary Concert** – Ms. Evans and Primary Teachers (Grades 1-3) have a 30 minute presentation around the theme of the classic picture book *Where the Wild Things Are* on Thursday March 8th at 6:30 in the school gym.

Junior (4 – 6)

- **McMichael Art Gallery Field Trip-** Ms. Richter and Mr. Inglis’ grade 5 classes will attend this local art museum in Kleinburg on March 21st, in support of our social studies (First Nations, Metis, and Inuit) and art curricula. This is a rescheduled date, as our initial booking coincided with a snow day bus cancellation in early February.
- **School Climate Survey** - Students in grades 5-8 had the opportunity to complete a Redstone Climate Survey to collect data around the Learning Environment, About Me, Healthy Living/Well-Being, Equity and Inclusivity & School Safety. We will continue to engage in conversations about Social Justice and Environmental Stewardship, Equity and Bullying Prevention.
- **Winter Fitness Electives** – students in grades 4 – 8 have their second session of winter fitness programs which included skiing, snowboarding, or tubing at Snow

Valley in Barrie, rock climbing at the Hub in Markham, and Skyzone Trampoline in Vaughan.

- ***The Secret Life of Riley K*** – On March 2, junior students watched his theatrical performance, presented by the organization Education Arts Canada,. The performance addressed issues related to young people coping with anxiety and other mental health issues.
- **Junior Concert-** Miss Evans and the junior teachers have prepared a wonderful ensemble of music, dance and multi-media performances for Wednesday March 7th at 6:30pm in the gym
- **Carnaval** - The French teachers have been preparing for festivities to happen on March 8th (Period 1- Period 6). Great events such as snow shoeing, team building games, Mardi Gras mask-making, and Bonhomme crafts will be enjoyed by students in grades 4-8 in support of our French program and curriculum.

Intermediate (7 – 8)

- **High school Course Selection-** Grade 8 students have registered for course selections for high school next year!
- **Intermediate Basketball** – The area tournaments were held at Crosby Heights P.S. on Mon. Feb. 26 for the boys’ team and Tuesday Feb. 27 for the girls. Both squads were victorious in the preliminary rounds; unfortunately, the girls lost out in the semi-finals after several hard-fought games. Coach Fleming is very proud of the effort and progress shown over the season by our athletes. Our boys’ team had a great showing at the areas, placing first, and are moving on to the regional finals at Bill Crothers S.S. on Wed. March 7th. Congratulations to our coaches Mr. Stoddart and Ms. Kolesinski on a great season, and we wish them well this Wednesday!
- ***The Secret Life of Riley K*** – as above for juniors; intermediate students participated as well.

Administrator’s Report – Wendy Thompson

Regional Parent Symposium – April 4th

Parent symposium is planned for April 4 to discuss equity and inclusivity. Typically invite parents not on council to learn about what the board has to offer regarding topics such as special education, bullying etc. Redstone is currently invited to send two parents to join in the symposium.

Town Hall Meetings for Input:

Weekly newsletter had message about town hall meetings with the new director regarding the strategic plan and student improvement plan, etc. The director needs input from the

community, so town hall meetings are set up at the following locations below:

- Newmarket Sunday April 22 2-4pm – Sir William Mulock
- Richmond Hill Saturday April 28th – 10-12 noon (Bayview Secondary PS)
- Maple April 25 – 630-830pm (Maple High School)

Redstone Mini Climate Survey Results

- There was pre- teaching with respect to the questions on the survey so the students could have a good interpretation of the questions that were asked
- Survey results were similar to what was seen in board survey
- students feel the need for social justice –environmental stewardship – that Redstone isn't noticing bullying and asking for clarification
- one of the actions being identified to address this issue is to have student leaders in the building to improve the student voice – gr 5-8
- Future plans to conduct a similar survey to compare the results and to identify if the actions put in place seem to be efficient.

Treasurer's Report – Vivian Murray-Black

- Successful family dance night
Total revenue 1452.10 – expenses – net \$1088.81
- Increased cost of milk to 88cents – still need to pay March.
Owe money for ice cream party – wait till hot weather –
- Approx. \$1028 left

Co-Chair Report – Maria Konstantopoulos and Jeff Young

Purchasing Year Book:

Question regarding where to order year book? Would it be schoolpayonline? Concerns will be addressed by sending more information through the weekly newsletters.

Question regarding new French Teacher:

The start date for the new French teacher will be after March break for grade 7 & 8

Last council meeting – tentative decided Tuesday may 8 teacher lunches– teacher appreciation day – tentatively move to May 10th – Vivian to confirm availability

Next meeting will be April 9, 2018 – 7:00pm.

Motion to adjourn – Doug

Second – Vivian

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.