



Redstone School Council – November 24, 2022

Attending

Deborah Snow (Principal)
Justin Hui (Vice-Principal)
Doug Inglis (Teacher Rep)
Navid Ahmed (Co-Chair)
Tabinda Jatoi (Co-Chair)
Bahar Jalili (Treasurer)
Cassandra MacDonald (Secretary)
Lucy Park

Call to Order – Justin Hui called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Land Acknowledgement – Read by Justin Hui

Welcome & Norms Review

Motion to Approve Minutes

- Moved: Lucy Park
- Seconded: Bahar Jalili

Staff Report – Doug Inglis

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

1) Skating Trips to Tom Graham Arena

- Junior and intermediate classes will participate in 2 separate skating trips to Tom Graham Arena at Richmond Green. Students and teachers will walk to the rink on the mornings of **Wed. Dec. 21** for junior classes and on **Thurs. Dec. 22** for intermediates for 2 hours of leisure skating. The cost is \$5 per visit, and students need to have a CSA approved helmet while on the ice. We have a few used skates for those students without their own, and parent volunteers who would like to help lace up skates are welcome to volunteer. The second trip to the rink will be in January (Wednesday Jan. 25th - juniors and Thursday Jan. 26th - intermediates).

2) Character Matters Assembly for Nov. and Dec. (Responsibility and Respect)

- Our second character assembly of the year will be held on **Thurs. Dec. 22** in the gym. Recipients in each class who received the award for the traits of

responsibility and respect will be celebrated, and Ms. Evans will lead the primary and the junior/intermediate choirs in musical performances (with instrumental accompaniment from Mr. Inglis and his student teacher, Ms. Kim).

3) Holiday Food and Toy Drive

- Redstone will organize another food drive in support of the Richmond Hill Community Foodbank and a 'Holiday Heroes' toy drive in association with York Region Police from **Nov. 28 - Dec. 9**. Any donations of non-perishable food and personal care items for the food bank and new unwrapped toys will be appreciated during this period. Your donations will help families in need in our community throughout the holiday season.

4) Winter Wonderland Dance - Fri. Dec. 16/22

- Redstone is hosting a 'Winter Wonderland Dance and Activity Day' on **Fri. Dec. 16** for all students. The dance will be held throughout the day in the gym, with each grade getting time to participate in the dance or enjoy various activities that will be set up in the library. The cost is \$5, with proceeds supporting grade 8 graduation. This event will be available on SCO by tomorrow or early next week. Students/staff can wear white and blue to show their school spirit on this day.

5) Holiday Sing-along!

- On the afternoon of **Fri. Dec. 23**, the last day before the break, classes will assemble in the gym for a holiday sing-along of songs of many faiths and cultures to celebrate the joy of the season and end our calendar year at the school with music and fun!

6) Photo retake day

- Student photos will take place again for those who were absent, or had broccoli in their teeth, on **Tues. Dec. 6**. Say "Cheese!"

7) Update on Holiday Concert...

- Unfortunately, there will not be a holiday/musical concert prior to the winter break as there is not enough time to prepare all classes. There may be a spring concert instead in the new year. Perhaps this can be an opportunity for the council to do their book swap fundraiser as discussed last month.

8) Spirit Week - Dec. 19 - 23

- During the last week of school leading up to the winter break, the school will be having spirit week, where students who wish to take part will dress in various themed items on each day of the week. The event will be communicated to families in the coming weeks and announcements in school as well as flyers will

be posted in the halls. Themes will include rainbow/tie dye, Redstone colours, holiday colours, winter accessories, and pyjama day.

NEW YEAR UPCOMING EVENTS

9) Fitness Electives - planned for Wed. Feb. 8/23

- Grade 4-8 students will have the opportunity to take part in a full day physical activity field trip of their choice on Wednesday February 8th. Activities being explored are rock climbing, Cedar Glen Outdoor exploration, bowling, martial arts & soccer training activities, locations TBA. Stay tuned for more information regarding electives in the new year.

Student Report – Provided by Bahar Jalili

Suggestions from students:

- Students are interested in having more field trips

Treasurer's Report – Bahar Jalili

- Balance from previous meeting \$2693
- Movie Night fundraising generated \$511
- Balance \$3,205

Co-chair Report – Tabinda Jatoi

F&ST Program by Family Services of the York Region

- Provide various events that allow families to come together (6-8 weeks)
- No cost
- For discussion at next meeting
- Note: Currently there is a waiting list
- [Families and Schools Together - Family Services York Region \(fsyr.ca\)](http://familiesandschoolstogether.ca)

Jungle Sports

- 4-10 days
- Setup in gym
- For discussion at next meeting

Book Fair

- Given holiday concert will not be moving forward
- Suggestion to have book fair during spring holiday concert (perhaps open 1-2 hours prior to concert)
- Perhaps inform parents that school will start collecting book donations after the holidays
- Bins in front of classes starting in January

- Books appropriate for JK-8 students
- Flyer to be created – Lucy to create

February 16 Movie Night

- Consider having students create photo booth frames
- Council to discuss logistics in early January

Principal Profile

- No suggested changes to the profile.

School Council Constitution

- Board is revamping school council handbook.
- Committee discussed details of the constitution and received clarification.

Fundraising Plan

- Each school will have a fundraising plan and will align with school improvement plan.
- This year school improvement plan will be finalized in the new year.
- Key areas of focus:
 - Learning & Teaching suggested ideas Forest of Reading, Mathletics
 - Equity/Anti-Oppression-Islamophobia/Anti-Black Racism Anti-Asian Racism/Anti-Semitism/2SLGBTQ+: texts with focus on anti-racism and anti-oppression
 - Indigenous Education & Equity: Intermediate Mural
 - Modern Learning: technology: cost sharing
 - Environment, Engagement: Recess Equipment (picnic tables), graduation

Special Interest Providers – Young Rembrandts, Ten Ten Sports, Karate Kids

- Programs that can be held in the school during lunch time
- YR (Nov 17 – Dec 22); TTS (Jan 23 – Mar 8); KK (Feb 9 – Jun 1)
- Admin to look into Futbolito

Upcoming Items/Fundraising Possibilities/EQAO/Movie Night survey

- EQAO results sent to each child that participated
- Prepared foods for lunch time suggestions included: Akimi sushi (\$5 for 6 California rolls including ginger and wasabi) or AI sushi, Subway, Swiss Chalet

- (Yonge and Bernard offers halal), Toppings,
- Suggestion to reduce # of days for Lunch Lady to make space for other service providers
 - Movie Night survey to be sent to parents through Survey Monkey.

Closing and Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Thursday, January 26 – 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.