



Redstone School Council – November 15, 2021

Attending

Sherry Morgan (Principal)
Renee Laflamme-McNally (Vice-Principal)
Kim Short (Teacher Rep)
Lucy Park (Co-Chair)
Navid Ahmad (Co-Chair)
Bahar Jalili (Treasurer)
Cassandra MacDonald (Secretary)
Corinne Francis
Ada Chang

Call to Order – Sherry Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Land Acknowledgement – Read by Lucy Park

Introductions and Norms Review

Teacher Report – Kim Short

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

1. Healthy Snack Program

- The healthy snack program has started up again for the year. Each teacher has a flat tray to replenish with a selection of healthy snacks (cheese strings, granola bars, bananas). This tray is in the classroom for students who do not have a snack or are still feeling a little hungry.

2. Virtual Book Fair - November 15 - November 26

- Parents may use [this link](#) to access the book fair. They will not be able to purchase anything on the site until November 15, but there are live links available to watch trailers and see featured books.

3. Recognition Events in November

- This month includes Veterans' Week, Treaty Recognition Week, Holocaust Education Week, Hindu Heritage Month, Indigenous Veteran's Day (Nov. 8), and Remembrance Day (Nov. 11). Information and resources have been shared with staff, and announcements in support of these significant events are made daily. For Remembrance Day, students had an early recess to allow for a special video presentation and announcement at 11 am followed by 2

minutes of silence.

4. **Equity Symposium** - Wed. Oct. 27 and Thurs. Oct. 28
 - Our Equity lead teachers, divisional leads, and other staff participated in this 2-day symposium from 5:00 - 7:30, which brought together (virtually) professionals from a wide range of fields to learn about and discuss equity based topics including First Nations' Truth and Reconciliation, Anti-Black Racism, and gender-based issues in education.

5. **Character Matters Virtual Assembly (Video)**
 - Students in each class who have been chosen as recipients of the Character Matters award for the traits of courage (Sept.) and empathy (Oct.) are being celebrated in a video montage assembled by Mr. Janzen. Classes watched the video on Fri. Oct 29, which also featured a musical performance of the Terry Fox song by Mr. Inglis and his students.

6. **Skilled Trades Presentation for gr. 7 and 8 students**
 - Intermediate students participated in a virtual presentation on Wed. Nov. 10 on the education and training required for the many careers that are available in the skilled trades. In Ontario, the "Skilled Trades" refer to professional occupations that involve working with your hands and require specialized training. such as construction, plumbing, electrical work, chef/culinary arts, and auto and machine mechanical repair.

Administrator's Report – Sherry Morgan

School Zone Safety

- Pylons placed in the parking lot will be part of a routine going forward
- At end of day, when cars are leaving, please keep in mind that school buses take precedent. Note: this has caused congestion on Redstone Rd.
- A suggestion was made to possibly have a conversation with the crossing-guard to stop the pedestrians to allow for a break for cars to go through.

Family/Teacher Interviews Nov. 18-19 Google Meet

- If any difficulties choosing a time slot, parents can contact the office to schedule a time.

Food Drive- Richmond Hill Food Bank

- Giovina has already arranged a pick-up date (closer to the winter-break)
- Lucy to confirm dates with Giovina.
- Need to decide location of bins.

Holiday Heroes

- Campaign run by York Region Police.
- Nov 15 to Dec 17; asking for donations for toy drives, children's clothing, gift cards, etc.
- 100% of donations support families in our communities that are in need.

Fundraising

- School Generated Funds – funds that the school council has generated through fundraising; not used for e.g. upkeep of the building
- School budget: Government money allocated per student; must be spent on academic and anything related to learning

- Fundraising ideas:
 - Acorn custom cards (custom cards, children's drawing that could be turned into cards, placemats, etc.)
 - Fundscript (community buys gift cards)
 - Online auction (raffle) – may be an option prior to winter break
 - Need to obtain items (request for donations)
 - Donation drive – can school cash online be open for the next few months
 - Sukaina may have the templates, letters for the donation drive
 - Draws (prizes may have been donated by teachers and community)
 - Samko warehouse – fundraising initiatives
 - Hot lunches will not return this year at this time.
 - Details to be discussed at the School Council meeting on January 31.

Chrome Books

- \$30,000 worth of Chrome books will be provided by the School Board.

School Enhancement Project

- Propose, adding 3 outdoor steel picnic tables (~\$1000 +HST per table and \$1000 per installation per table)
- Total cost ~\$6,000
- The Board has provided approval
- Will need to be funded with the School Generated funds.

De-Streaming Math

- Prior to beginning high school, students select a particular stream (i.e. academic vs. applied vs. locally developed) for courses taken.
- Ministry is in the process of removing streaming options.
- [Link to video](#) that discusses why Ministry is in process of de-streaming programs.

Treasurer's Report– Bahar Jalili

- Currently, \$511.20 in account
- Refund of \$2900 for playground sealing to be received, date TBD.

Co-Chair Report – Lucy/Navid

- N/A

Closing and Next Meeting

Next meeting will be Monday, January 31 – 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.