



## Redstone School Council – September 29, 2022

### **Attending**

Sherry Morgan (Principal)
Justin Hui (Vice-Principal)
Doug Inglis (Teacher Rep)
Navid Ahmad (2021 Co-Chair)
Lucy Park (2021 Co-Chair)
Bahar Jalili (2021 Treasurer)
Cassandra MacDonald (2021 Secretary)
Tabinda Jatoi
Rachel Oliver-Herskovils
Soohyeon Kim
Kamand Riazat
Maryam Sadat
Hassan Hedayaty
Carol Shi
Adolphus Egwuonwu
Michael

**Call to Order** – Sherry Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

**Land Acknowledgement** – Read by Sherry Morgan

### **Introductions and Norms Review**

### **Admin Presentation (Nominations)**

#### **Council Elections: Executive Roles**

- Navid Ahmad – Co-Chair
- Tabinda Sadaf Jatoi – Co-Chair
- Bahar Jalili – Treasurer
- Cassandra MacDonald – Secretary

#### **Council Meetings Dates (start time 7pm)**

- Thursday, October 27
- Thursday, November 24
- Thursday, January 26
- Thursday, February 23
- Thursday, March 30
- Thursday, April 27

- Thursday, May 25

### **Teacher Report – Doug Inglis**

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

#### **1) Terry Fox Foundation Fundraiser**

- This year's event is back to a combination of cash donations and an on-line option, in the hopes of getting our students more directly connected to the event. Our goal is \$1200, and we are just past halfway, with one week remaining. Donations from Redstone families and staff are greatly appreciated. To wrap up the event, classes and their teachers will walk a 1 km route around the neighborhood on Thurs. Oct. 6 to celebrate our success and pay homage to a great Canadian, Terry Fox.

#### **2) Safety Week – Sept 28 – Oct. 4/22**

- Safety Week provides an opportunity to practice proper safety protocols and draw attention to our roles in providing a safe learning and working environment. Safety Week is scheduled from Wednesday, September 28 - October 4. Activities that are taking place in classes and around the school include *Caring and Safe Schools* presentations, fire, lockdown and hold and secure drills, bullying and cyber-bullying information, and bus and bike safety.

#### **3) Orange Shirt Day – Fri. Oct 30/22**

- *Orange Shirt Day* is a national movement to recognize the experiences of Indigenous survivors of residential schools and to show our commitment to ensure that every child matters. Students and staff are encouraged to wear orange in support of both the movement and for Ms. Phyllis Webstad, a spokesperson and residential school survivor, whose new orange shirt was taken away from her as a child at residential school and became a symbol for the movement.

#### **4) Character Matters/7 Grandfather Teachings Assemblies**

- Redstone has always celebrated outstanding character in our students and staff. This year, we will return to whole-school assemblies in the gym to honour students who consistently demonstrate and model great character in and around the school. The character traits for September and October are *courage* and *empathy* and are taught in conjunction with the 7 First Nations Grandfather Teachings of bravery, honesty, humility, love, respect, truth and wisdom.

#### **5) Curriculum Night - Thurs. Oct. 13**

- Curriculum Night will be held on Thursday, October 13th, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Teachers will meet parents and summarize the learning for the year, clarify classroom routines and expectations, and address general questions. There will be 2 sessions on the half hour for parents with more than one child at Redstone.

#### **6) Food Drive for the Richmond Hill Community Foodbank**

- Families, seniors, youth, and newcomers to Canada of all ages in our city depend on the services of the **Richmond Hill Community Food Bank**. Redstone will once again be supporting our local food bank with a food drive for the holiday. We are politely requesting donations of non-perishable food and personal care items to help others in need. This year's food drive will run from September 26 to October 6th. Students can bring food donations from home to their classrooms, and the staff of the foodbank will pick up the items in early October before the Thanksgiving long weekend.

#### **7) Islamic Heritage Month**

- October is Islamic Heritage Month. Resources will be shared with staff to educate themselves and their students on the history, culture, practices, and traditions of Islam, and information will also be shared on morning announcements daily.

#### **8) VORC - Outdoor Education Field Trips**

- Each year, select grades are chosen to participate in outdoor education programs that support our science and social studies curricula. As with many initiatives, we are returning to in-person, off-site visits to the *Vivian Outdoor Resource Centre (VORC)* in Newmarket. Our grade 2, 4 and 7 classes are scheduled to visit the centre in January.

#### **9) Cross Country Running Team**

- Students in grades 4 to 8 have been training on Tuesday and Thursday mornings under the direction of Ms. Cookson and Mr. Hynd. A team of 60 students will compete at the area meet at Richmond Green on Thursday, October 13, and those who place in the top 15 for their age group will move on to the regional competition on Tuesday, October 25 at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area. Good luck to all of our athletes!

**Treasurer's Report – Bahar Jalili**

- Fundraising last year, raised \$2412 by April
  - Donated \$600 to Grade 8 graduation
  - Rebate \$369 from Imaging
- Total \$2182
  - Lunch lady \$172
  - Milk pram \$339
- Total in account \$2693

### **Other Matters**

#### Fundraising ideas:

- Lunch for kids from local restaurants
  - Note: Board has approved vendors therefore would have to select from this list
  - Ms. Morgan to send list of vendors to council
- Thursday Movie Night (can't sell tickets for movie but can sell pizza, popcorn, etc.)
  - November 17<sup>th</sup> (given PA Day on Nov 18<sup>th</sup>)
  - Ms. Morgan to send council list of movies
- Fun fair (no bouncy castles)
- Donation Drive ideas
  - School council to solicit donations from local companies, teachers, families (items such as gift cards)
  - Classes created (each class picked a theme and received donation for gift baskets)
  - prize ideas (principal for a day, extended recess)
- Gift cards

#### Sub-Committee for Movie Night:

- Need to create sub-committee to start planning
- Need to give school office ample time to put payment in School Cash online
- Parents pre-order pizza, drinks, etc.

Topic for discussion for next meeting: What we will spend the money on. (Mr. Inglis will consult with teachers)

### **Closing and Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be Thursday, November 24 – 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.