



Regency Acres P.S.

School Council Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom
December 2, 2020
7pm – 8:15pm

Participants: Kerry Grossinger, Judy Sandiford, Sandy Kennedy, Kim Davies, Sera Weiss, Claudia Velocci, Brendt Wonch, Rodney Mooy, Rebecca Haberman, Elena Garcia (Rojano), Sacha Sprague-Street, Reza Nejad

Regrets: Cara Cellini, Megan Stratton, Shadi Pourafzal, Jodie MacDearmid, Meghan Stratton, Cheryl Bacon, Vanessa Boodai, Devika Patel, Neelu Sahrawat, Azam Mokarrami, Janine Riley

Meeting Minutes:

Kerry opened the meeting at 7:05pm.

Sera wanted to begin with a new routine of starting the welcome with appreciations. Participants were encouraged to share their appreciation for school initiatives that are going well, including the recent virtual Parent-Teacher interviews! Future parent council meetings will incorporate “appreciation” moments at the start of meetings.

Rebecca motioned to approve the December 2, 2020 meeting agenda; the motion was seconded by Brendt.

Sera motioned to approve the October 1, 2020 meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Claudia.

New Business:

Library Square Art Project

Sera shared an update on this initiative. Regency students will be working with their teachers to create boards that will be displayed at the new Library Square. Engagement and uptake on this project has been very good thus far.

Action Item: Sera will set up a meeting with all stakeholders to determine next steps.

Outdoor Equipment

At a recent planning meeting, the current state of the Regency schoolyard was a topic of discussion. Areas for improvement include the tarmac and growing place, as well as repairs to the buddy bench. The following ideas were proposed:

- Look into buying outdoor play equipment (balls) that are colour coded and matched to individual cohorts. Students will be instructed to use their colours only. Equipment will have to be sprayed down after each use (wipes will not be effective)
- Explore options for the tarmac, including a cost estimate to redesign and paint the asphalt (Spring project)
- Explore options for the growing place

Council was unanimous in their consent to move forward on all proposals providing they meet school board standards and fit within our budget.

Action Items:

- Confirm costs for all options
- Confirm availability of current funds to support improvements
- Submit an application to initiate proposed changes
- Confirm if there is a warranty to replace the buddy bench
- Considering contacting Laurie Wheeler of Activate Aurora to determine if there are any partnership opportunities to offset the cost of these projects

Fundraising Guidelines:

The guidelines have changed so as to permit the sale of the “Box of Cards” fundraising initiative. Note, all payments must be received online. Touchless pick-up will be available, albeit direct to home delivery will be encouraged. Decision to proceed was not decided upon at this meeting.

Financial Report

There is currently \$5700 in reserves. The fundraising committee is still deciding what the next fundraiser will be. A letter will be issued to parents in the Spring asking for a one-time voluntary donation to Regency. The “discretionary” aspect of this one-time ask will be emphasized in the communication to parents.

Fundscrip

The Fundscrip campaign is underway. So far, uptake and engagement has been slow. A paper flyer and electronic communication will be sent to parents to encourage more uptake on this fundraiser.

Bookfair

Mr. Lanning has organized a virtual bookfair that will take place February 10-23, 2021. All proceeds will go to the school library.

School Update

A virtual graduation ceremony took place on December 1, 2020 to honour this year’s graduates!

A charity food drive has been organized by Regency. Donations may be dropped off at the front door of the school.

A virtual holiday assembly is being planned. Students are participating in a display board decorating contest.

Students will be able to switch learning platforms (virtual to in-person, or in-person to virtual) in January 2021. More communication from YRDSB will be shared with parents on this matter after the holidays.

Kerry reviewed the new procedures that have been implemented with respect to inclement weather. If school transportation is cancelled, schools will be closed for students. Students will continue to learn using Google Classroom in a synchronous/asynchronous style.

Kerry will be confirming the date for a presentation by Youth Speaks, a not-for-profit organization that addresses topics such as mental health, drug use, bullying and anxiety

amongst youth. Funding for this initiative was donated by the Town of Aurora. The speaking engagement will be available to students in grades 6-8, will take place virtually on January 19th.

Kerry confirmed that Regency will not be a COVID-19 targeting test site.

Rebecca motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm, seconded by Claudia.

The next Regency Parent Council meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2021