

February 17, 2016	Regency Acres Public School	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Attendees (council members)	Lisa Leoni (by telephone), Becky Knowles, Joan Lash, Lynn Pearson, Carol McLeod, Kim Davies, Leah Clark, Gwen Al-Kas, Diana Moniz, Jillian Snider, Pat Morton, Sandy Kennedy, Laura Parkin, Susan Roy	
Attendees (general)	Rodney Mooy	
Regrets	Karyn Clegg	
Welcome 7:01	Lynn called the meeting to order.	
Motion	A motion was put forward to approve the agenda by Sandy and seconded by Joan. A motion was put forward to approve the minutes by Sandy and seconded by Lynn.	
Previous Business	Pat has ordered a large Regency Acres flag that will be ready for pickup on February 18. The flag can be used at outdoor events such as the school BBQ, Track and Field, and ski nights.	
Principals' Report	<p><b>Report Cards</b> Report Cards will be sent home on February 19. Parent teacher interviews will be conducted on an 'as requested' basis. The school will be reviewing the 'at risk' data (students who are below grade level in reading and writing) and will share that at the March meeting.</p> <p><b>Student Council</b> The Student Council executive has been elected. There is now another round of elections for ministers and classroom representatives. These positions will be announced by the end of the month.</p> <p><b>Activate Aurora</b> Official launch was last week and many prominent figures have been visiting, as a result. RAPS has been visited by the mayor of Aurora, a NHL player and former Olympic figure skater, Vanessa Crone, who is trying to get ice time for RAPS kids to skate with her. Gemma Goldstein (Activate Aurora liaison) is trying to get free swim passes. There will be a Healthy Chef Program for junior students. All students received a water bottle. This may impact the sale of our school water bottles but we will continue to sell them at future events.</p>	

	<p><b>Pawsitive Pals/Buddy Bears</b>  This was a very positive event with many parents calling or emailing to say thank you. The students were all very happy to receive their bear and read the message from their peers. Joan and Lynn shared some feedback they had received from the school community.</p> <p><b>Groove Education Dance</b>  This program was well received and every class had a minimum 40 minute session.</p>
<p>Staff Report</p>	<p>Becky reported that everyone is happy and there is nothing to report.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Gwen provided samples of Molisano’s hot pasta lunches. This will be trialed in the spring (May) as a possible lunch idea for next year. It may replace the pita lunch as pita sales have been decreasing. Price will be \$5 and include pasta and a juice box. They will deliver if we have a minimum of 30 orders.</p> <p>Sue brought up how parents dropping off Tim Horton lunches are in violation of the school nut policy. Lisa clarified that the policy is “nut sensitive” not “nut free” as the school cannot guarantee that all lunches brought to school are nut free. We cannot stop parents from sending Tim Horton lunches, however, if a student does bring in a lunch with nut products they will have to eat lunch in the office.</p>
<p>Financial Report</p>	<p>Carol reviewed the fundraising plan (FP). The anticipated fundraising for the year is \$67 000 and the anticipated spending for the year is \$60 000 leaving a surplus of \$6000-\$7000. So far pure fundraising has raised \$16 676 to date with another \$20 000 needed to reach our goal.</p> <p>It has been noticed that milk sales are decreasing so this will be promoted more and options will be considered as to how to make this program run quickly and smoothly as many students have stopped buying milk due to the long lines. Lisa will look into providing a free milk day. A second selling location on the 2nd floor will be considered.</p> <p><b>School Cash On-line</b></p>

	<p>Norma has recently been trained on this system that will allow parents to pay online for things like lunches, field trips and spirit wear. All YRDSB schools will implement school cash on-line by Sept. 2016. Pat asked if the spirit wear provider would be willing to do one off orders if we left spirit wear on the system all year. We would need to manage that order with deadlines and set order dates.</p> <p>Lynn suggested a workshop to demonstrate how it works to parents but it was felt that a workshop would not be necessary.</p> <p>Lisa will follow up with Norma for when we are ready to go and we will select a small trial fundraising item with which to begin.</p>
<p>Fundraising Report</p>	<p><b>Movie Night</b>                  Movie Night was a success with approximately 160 students attending. Another movie night is being planned for April 22 (Earth Day).                  Diana mentioned a problem with sitting on wet floors and the committee will come up with a plan to address that, perhaps suggesting people bring their slippers to change into while watching the movie and that way wet shoes/boots can stay in the hall.</p> <p><b>Dance-a-thon</b>                  The Dance-a-thon is scheduled for April 1 with a kickoff event on March 21. It will be hosted by Professor Jamz. The cost to the school is \$800. Leah will source glow items to be handed out to students during the Dance-a-thon. The fundraising committee will look into providing incentives/prizes to encourage donations.                  Kim suggested that the class who raises the most money gets extra dance time.</p> <p><b>Bag 2 School</b>                  Leah is trying to change the pickup date to April 8 or 15 to avoid conflict with other events. We will ask that any formal wear donations go into a separate, labeled bag to assist with donations for grad attire.</p> <p><b>Grad Pop Up Shop</b>                  There was talk of having a Grad Pop Up Shop in April to allow students to purchase donated clothes or accessories. After a discussion, it was decided that Becky will speak to the grade 8 teachers to determine how many students are in need of assistance and then propose a private plan to</p>

	<p>accommodate those students. It was thought that some students might not be comfortable going to the Pop Up Shop to purchase items or wear a dress that had been donated by a recent graduate.</p> <p><b>Ski Night</b>  The first ski night was quite successful with \$719 in sales. We will not know the actual profit until the next meeting. Rodney Mooy is the lead for this event and he and Joan brainstormed ideas to expand future ski nights and came up with the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> change name to Family Ski &amp; Tubing Night in order to attract more families who do not ski</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> the Regency flag will be used at the next event so families know where to go when they arrive</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Snow Ambassadors will go around to the classes to promote the next event</li> </ul> <p>The next Family Ski &amp; Tubing night is March 4 and we will examine the possibility of holding one more after March Break.</p> <p><b>Air Band</b>  Becky will speak to Mrs. Hillaby about a date for this after the musical is finished.</p> <p><b>Spring/Summer Fair</b>  Is still in planning stages. Please email any ideas to Leah.</p> <p><b>Jump Rope for Heart</b>  Kickoff Assembly is planned for April 26 with the event taking place May 30. Lisa will follow up with Mrs. Moffitt about date and what it will look like in terms of donations.</p>
Other	<p><b>Pro Grant</b>  Sandy updated that we have been invited to the Alyson Schafer presentation on Parenting Anxious Children at Lester B. Pearson on April 5. Childcare will be provided. An email will be sent out asking for RSVPs.</p> <p><b>Pasta Day</b>  Pasta day was very successful. Thank you to all those who helped cook and serve.</p> <p><b>Parfait Day</b>  Ran more smoothly than last year. All students were served in under 40 minutes. The students enjoyed their parfaits.</p>

	<p><b>Salad Day</b> Salad day will take place on June 14. Students will need to bring a bowl and a fork and will be served salad with chicken and other toppings.</p> <p><b>Panzerotti Day</b> This will be April 5 and another free event for the students.</p>
Meeting Adjourned	9:00
Next Meeting	Wednesday, March 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

Action Item	Person Responsible
-plan a date for Molisano pasta lunch trial	Gwen
-look into free milk day in an attempt to boost milk sales	Lisa
-get more information on Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser to ensure it does not conflict with other fundraising events	Lisa