



Regency Acres P.S.

School Council Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting Via Videoconference
January 14, 2021
7pm – 8:10pm

Participants: Kerry Grossinger, Judy Sandiford, Sandy Kennedy, Kim Davies, Janine Riley, Sera Weiss, Claudia Velocci, Janine Riley, Brendt Wonch, Rebecca Haberman, Val Pristupa, Sibel Saridas, Cheryl Bacon, Modiehi Lakalake

Regrets: Elena Gomar (Rojano), Rodney Mooy

Meeting Minutes:

Kerry opened the meeting at 7:05pm.

Sera welcomed all participants to express a message of appreciation. This included gratitude for the school's response to technical challenges with online learning, as well as excellence in teaching within an online platform.

Rebecca motioned to approve the January 14, 2021 meeting agenda; the motion was seconded by Claudia.

New Business:

Library Square Art Project

The Library Square project will be paused until Regency students return to in-person learning.

Parenting Seminar

A free virtual speaking session will be held on Thursday Jan 28, 7pm-8:30pm. The topic is "Parenting During Challenging Times." This session will be available to all Regency families and neighbouring schools. It is being put on by York Hills Centre for Youth and Families. Participants can pursue a 1:1 discussion with this organization after the session if there is a desire for that. The goal is to get as many people involved as possible.

PRO Grant

Sandy provided an overview of what Regency has done in the past for PRO Grants, including keynote speakers and topics that were explored. The in-person sessions were generally well attended by Regency parents and neighbouring schools.

The suggested topic for the 2021 PRO Grant will be mental health. Parent Council was asked to provide specific areas of interest. The following ideas were suggested:

- Helping children cope with isolation during COVID-19
- Managing health screen time during the pandemic
- Promoting a healthier, active lifestyle to offset sedentary habits during COVID-19
- Paul Davis was suggested as a potential speaker

Action Item: Kerry to submit an application for a PRO Grant. If accepted, resources will be explored. Timing will be confirmed (lunch webinar or evening event).

Finance Report:

Kerry reviewed the most recent finance report. At the October Parent Council Meeting, support was given to purchase play equipment that could be sprayed down after to ensure sanitation. A total of \$1,000 has been allocated to spend on recess equipment. Kerry confirmed that she has not purchased anything since that discussion, and will wait until there is more clarity around when students will return to in-person learning. The spray bottles are currently on backorder. Over the coming weeks while the students are learning virtually, efforts will be made to label everything properly and with clear instructions so that the equipment is set to go once we returned and pending public health guidelines.

Fundraising Updating

Fundscrip & Mabel's Labels:

Unfortunately, neither of these initiatives have been successful in raising money.

School Updates

Grade 8 Graduation:

Kerry is still waiting for direction from the Board, more information will be shared when it becomes available. A custom sweatshirt is being explored by Mr. Fuller and Ms. Moffitt, and available for purchase at a reasonable cost if enough parents are interested.

Unanimous approval was given to allocate \$1,000 towards graduation expenses, such as recognition awards. More investigation will go into planning a virtual graduation for students when direction has been shared by the board. Suggestions include:

- Contacting Ginger's Cupcakes for support
- Packaged dinners
- Treats/snacks for graduates

Outdoor Improvements

Pea gravel will be replaced by wood chips this March, 2021

PA Days

Jan 15 and Feb 1

Virtual Book Fair, Feb 10-23

Possibly a primary grade teacher will read a book one evening to students

Snowshoes and Ski Equipment

Regency is on a wait list to receive this equipment, but everything is currently paused due to the pandemic

Report Cards

Report cards go out electronically Feb 8-16

School Permits 2021-22

A request was made to have permits for the school on Thursday nights.

Terry Fox – Recognition for Ms Moffitt’s Class!

The Terry Fox Foundation formally recognized Ms Moffitt’s grade 7/8 class and thanked them for the essays that students had sent. Terry Fox’s brother, Fred Fox, created a video for the school. It has been shared with the YRDSB and all Regency families. This is a huge accomplishment and one that we should feel very proud of!

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday February 23, 2021

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm