

November 25, 2015	Regency Acres Public School	7:00-9:05 p.m.
Attendees (council members)	Lisa Leoni, Becky Knowles, Joan Lash, Carol McLeod, Kim Davies, Karyn Clegg, Gwen Al-Kas, Diana Moniz, Jillian Snider, Pat Morton	
Attendees (general)	Karen Salhany-Dool, Heather Deckert, Cara Tuch, Kathy Duncan, John Clegg	
Regrets	Laura Parkin, Lynn Pearson, Leah Clark, Sandy Kennedy, Susan Roy	
Welcome 7:05	Joan began the meeting at 7:05 with a reminder that a paper copy of the minutes would no longer be provided.	
Motion	A motion was put forward to approve the agenda by Pat and seconded by Carol. A motion was put forward to approve the minutes by Jill and seconded by Diana.	
Constitution	Lisa reviewed changes that had been made to the constitution based on discussions at the previous meeting. In the event of tie, the chair or the co-chair has the right to cast an additional vote to break the tie. Joan thanked Kathy Duncan for the work she did on revising the constitution.	
Motion	A motion was put forward to approve the constitution by Kim and seconded by Carol.	
Previous Business	<p>Pro Grant Update The Money Mentor workshop received a great deal of positive feedback. It provided strategies on how to teach children to respect and manage money. The school is looking into a student friendly version of the workshop. Sandy Kennedy is researching similar style workshops for future grants. Regency parents will be invited to a workshop hosted by Lester B. Pearson in the spring.</p> <p>Evergreen Grant This is being worked on by Sandy, Sheena, Lisa, Mrs. Carretta and Mrs. Sargeant. The original plan was for a new outdoor seating area similar to the Growing Place. Due to various school board policies, it may not receive approval to meet the March deadline. The committee will meet in the new year to explore other options.</p>	
Presentation	<p>Yvonne Kelly made a presentation about The Impact of Poverty and Classism on YRDSB Schools, Students and Families.</p> <p>-a family of 4 making <\$70 000 is considered low to moderate income and based on the 2006 census 36.3% of York Region families fall into this category</p> <p>-Yvonne mentioned that approx. 40% of the families at</p>	

	<p>Regency fall within the low – moderate income level -between 2008 and 2010, food bank use increased by 20% Regency has many strategies in place to assist students and families who fall into this category such as the breakfast program, healthy snack cart and fundraisers such as Festive Shop and Hallowe’en Shop.</p>
<p>Principal’s Report</p>	<p>Labour Update ETFO has ratified their central bargaining agreement and is now involved in local bargaining. Parent interviews will take place on an ‘as needed’ basis with the teacher contacting parents with concerns. Grade 1-8 students will receive a progress report on December 11.</p> <p>Arts Programming There is \$2000 allocated towards arts programming this school year. Lisa has found a local artist to act as an ‘artist in residence’. She will spend one week in the school working with every class in the school. She has created a unique activity for every grade that ties in with various curriculum expectations. Diana suggested having kits available for students to purchase if they wanted to duplicate the project at home. Lisa explained that would be difficult to do as materials need to be ordered ahead of time and it is uncertain how many students would choose to purchase the kits. Instead Lisa will ask the artist to develop a material list for each project that will be sent home with the students.</p> <p>Healthy School (Fitness) \$1000 has been allocated to this. Groove Fitness will be returning to provide a dance program again this year.</p> <p>Donations/Charities Regency will be donating \$200 to the Lions Club of Aurora this year. The school will also look into donating left over items from the Festive Shop.</p> <p>A Helping Hands display will be set up to encourage donations to the Aurora Food Pantry. Each student will trace their hand and write a message on it. The cut out hands will be put up in a giant chain.</p> <p>School Council Forum Regency has been chosen to present our fundraising plan at the next School Council Forum! Lisa, Joan, Lynn and Carol</p>

	<p>will attend. Joan congratulated Carol for creating a thorough and easy to read, easy to understand FP (fundraising plan) that was noticed for its attributes.</p>
<p>Financial Report</p>	<p>Carol reviewed the fundraising plan and the changes from the previous month. Any surplus funds will be redirected to Literacy Enhancements. Instrument repairs will now be covered through the school board budget rather than Regency’s school budget. Carol pointed out a discrepancy in the QSP deposits, she will review with Jo Greig and Norma. The revised fundraising goal is \$38 300.</p>
<p>Staff Report</p>	<p>Heather Deckert explained that staff members will be pairing up with community members to organize different aspects of Activate Aurora. The first initiative will be Walk to School Wednesday. The formal kickoff will be December 9 with the Jingle Bell Walk where all students who walk will receive a jingle bell. There will be a school wide walk this day to ensure that all students get a chance to participate.</p>
<p>Fundraising Report</p>	<p>Festive Shop Donations will be accepted beginning November 30 and the Festive Shop is scheduled for December 8 and 9.</p> <p>Popcorn Shop Gwen updated on the popcorn shop and it has been very popular. Grade 7 and 8 students are running the shop but students from all grades will be selected to assist. Jill suggested an option to make a bulk payment, but Gwen explained that they are trying to run it like a shop where the students are learning skills such as making change and counting inventory.</p> <p>Bake Sale/Winter Concert The Winter Concert will take place December 16 and we are looking for donations of baked goods. Karyn Clegg will be the lead on the bake sale. The grade 8 students will be running the table. Request for baked goods will be in the next newsletter as well as an email request.</p> <p>New Initiatives The Fundraising Committee is looking at the possibility of a movie/popcorn night in January. This may be done as a free movie night with just the sale of popcorn. Looking ahead to other fundraising events, Pat suggested trying to tie in the dance-a-thon with the spring fundraiser, as they are both large events that take a lot of time and volunteers. Joan thanked Pat for her observations and said</p>

	<p>that Leah and Karyn are in the early stages of planning these fundraisers (timing, logistics, level of student involvement, etc.) and that they will take into consideration the workload and amount of volunteers needed as they continue to plan any events.</p> <p>Healthy School Cart Gwen explained that the healthy school cart has taken over for the breakfast club. Teachers and volunteers are spending a considerable amount of time shopping for and preparing a variety of healthy snacks. The apples are very popular.</p>
Other Business	<p>Kiss N Ride Jillian raised several safety concerns with the operation of the Kiss N Ride. Lisa will look into having the community safety officer observe the next time he is planning to be at the school. A reminder of the rules and procedures will be included in the next newsletter.</p> <p>School Portraits Many were unhappy with the school portraits this year in terms of composition, price and even receiving different envelopes with different package options for each child. Pat presented photos from another company that had better composition and pricing. Pat will gather information and present council with 3 options in the spring for the 2016/2017 school year.</p>
Meeting Adjourned	9:05
Next Meeting	Wednesday, January 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

Action Item	Person Responsible
-gather school portrait information from other companies	Pat
-request for bake sale donations in newsletter and email	Lisa
-organize the bake sale (bakers/contributions/students	Karyn
-reminder of Kiss N Ride procedures in newsletter	Lisa