



Regency Acres P.S.

School Council Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting Via Videoconference
October 1, 2020
7pm – 8:30pm

Participants: Kerry Grossinger, Judy Sandiford, Sandy Kennedy, Kim Davies, Sera Weiss, Cara Cellini, Megan Stratton, Shadi Pourafzal, Jodie MacDearmid, Claudia Velocci, Janine Riley, Brent Wonch, Rodney Mooy, Rebecca Haberman, Elena Garcia (Rojano), Cheryl Bacon, Vanessa Boodai, Devika Patel, Janine Riley, Meghan Stratton, Sacha Sprague-Street, Neelu Sahrawat, Azam Mokarramipour

Kerry opened the meeting at 7:03pm by welcoming everyone to the 2020-21 Parent Council. Sandy Kennedy was asked to take minutes for the meeting.

Virtual Meeting Guidelines:

Kerry reviewed the “Virtual Meeting Norms” that participants are expected to adhere to:

- Cameras may be turned on or off (optional)
- Please mute your microphone to minimize noise
- The chat function may be used to post questions to the moderator
- Ideas are to be shared respectfully
- There is value in all voices and different perspectives
- Exercise patience and flexibility

Agenda Review:

Kim Davies welcomed all participants and reviewed the agenda. Brent motioned to approve the October 1, 2020 meeting agenda and Sera seconded the motion.

Action Item: There is uncertainty as to whether the minutes from the last School Council meeting in March were distributed. Kim and Sera agreed to look further into this matter. For now, the last School Council meeting minutes are not yet approved.

2020 – 2021 School Council Elections:

Sera extended a warm welcome to all participants, who in turn were given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Kim reviewed the positions that were available within Regency’s 2020-2021 School Council. A discussion ensued around the Healthy School Chair role. It was explained that while the program will be scaled back due to COVID, it will still be active and work in partnership with Judy Sandiford, who has received a food handling certificate. The focus of Healthy Schools will be to continue to promote opportunities for nutrition, mental health and overall well-being. The following positions were confirmed for the 2021 Regency Acres Parent Council:

Chair and Co-Chair: Sera Weiss and Kim Davies

Fundraising Co-Chairs: Claudia Velocci & Janine Reiley

Secretary: Co-Chairs Elena Rojano and Sandy Kennedy

Treasurer: Rodney Mooy

Healthy Schools: Rebecca Haberman

Regency Teacher Representative: Neelu Sahrawat

Regency Staff Representative: Judy Sandiford

Members at Large: Remaining Participants

Kerry reviewed future Parent Council meeting dates:

Tuesday November 3

Wednesday December 2

Thursday January 14

Tuesday February 23

Wednesday April 7

Wednesday May 12

Tuesday June 15

2019-2020 Finance Report:

Rodney Mooy confirmed that there is approximately a \$3,000 surplus that will be carried forward from last year.

Claudia and Janine have set up two fundraising accounts: 1) Mabel's Labels; 2) Oliver's labels. This is a turnkey fundraising initiative that requires no work from students nor parents. To date, \$150 has been raised through Mabel's Labels (20% donation on all orders).

The fundraising committee ordered Big Box cards earlier this year. Due to COVID, this promotion is temporarily on pause and will be resumed when things return to normal.

Fundscrip, a new fundraising program, will be implemented later this school year. Fundscrip is another turnkey fundraising initiative involving rechargeable gift cards.

Future fundraising initiatives will need to follow along similar models. Due to COVID restrictions, the school is unable to send merchandise or products home with students; nor is it able to handle cash. All transactions must be completed through school cash online or through the vendor's online website. This also applies to milk tickets or other school transactions. Sera voiced her concern that some exceptions should be made to accommodate families who are better set up to use cash vs online transactions. It was agreed that this will be addressed when COVID guidelines are removed.

Regency School Council is considering offering parents the opportunity to make a single donation to the school (e.g. 1x cheque vs multiple support mechanisms). Council is also investigating a partnership with Indigo Books to support a virtual fundraising evening where a portion of online purchases go to Regency.

A fundraising goal has not yet been established. A firmer estimate of what may be required will be shared as the school year progresses and teachers are able to identify their classroom needs, including technology requirements.

School Update:

Kerry provided a comprehensive school update. In her presentation she covered important topics such as Regency's adherence to the Caring and Safe Schools guidelines, the routines that

have been adopted for recess and lunch periods as well as Health and Safety guidelines that are being followed.

The Terry Fox run will be offered this Fall and all students will be participating by completing laps that are age appropriate.

The Aurora Staples store has generously donated school supplies to Regency. Kid's Club donated cloth masks for students who may need.

A class reorganization is scheduled to take place on October 5 in order to accommodate class sizes (target of 20 in Kindergarten, 15 in gr. 1-3, 20 in gr. 4-8) and cohorts. The in-person school population is currently at approximately 255 students; approximately 65 students have opted for virtual learning.

Kerry will take pictures of the newly renovated small gym and share them in an upcoming school newsletter.

Kerry is happy to be working in Aurora once again, and we are happy to have her!

Closing Notes:

The next Regency School Council meeting will take place on November 3, 2020.

Sera and Kim thanked everyone for participating this evening.

Brendt motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm; Rebecca seconded the motion.