RAPS School Council Minutes Meeting # 1

October 1, 2015	Regency Acres Public School 7:00-9:15 p.m.			
Attendees	Lisa Leoni, Becky Knowles, Lynn Pearson, Karyn Clegg, Jill			
(council members)	Snider, Diana Moniz, Leah Clark, Gwen Al-Kas, Sandy			
	Kennedy, Kim Davies, Laura Parkin, Carol McLeod, Pat			
	Morton, Susan Roy, Joan Lash			
Attendees	John Clegg, Rodney Mooy, Cara Tuch, Karen Salhany-Dool,			
(general)	Sheena Murphy, Tina Carson, Caroline Wiley, Jo Greig			
Regrets	Kathy Duncan, Dina Paraskevopoulos			
Welcome	Lisa began the meeting by welcoming both new and			
7:04	returning council members. Introductions were made.			
School Council	Lisa discussed the purpose and make up of council			
Selection	-13 parent members			
	-1 teacher representative			
	-1 community representative			
	-1 support staff representative			
	Lisa reviewed the Code of Conduct that all council members			
	must abide by and explained all members must sign a			
	confidentiality agreement.			
	- 15 nominations were received and only 13 positions			
	available for council so Joan explained "Member at Large",			
	can attend all meetings and participate in discussions but is			
	not able to vote.			
	-Sheena Murphy and Kathy Duncan volunteered to be			
Members at Large.				
	-Lynn suggested that a system be put into place for next year to acknowledge all nominations to avoid any confusion			
	-Joan reviewed responsibilities of executive positions (co-			
	chairs, secretary, treasurer, co-fundraising chair and			
	community rep.).			
	-Joan Lash and Lynn Pearson were acclaimed as co-chairs.			
	-Kim Davies was acclaimed to secretary.			
	-Carol McLeod was acclaimed to treasurer.			
	-Leah Clark and Karen Clegg were elected as fundraising co-			
	chairs (Jill Snider also volunteered).			
Council Members	Gwen Al-Kas, Leah Clark, Karyn Clegg, Kim Davies, Sandy			
	Kennedy, Becky Knowles, Joan Lash, Carol McLeod, Diana			
	Moniz, Pat Morton, Laura Parkin, Lynn Pearson, Jill Snider,			
	Susan Roy,			
Motion	A motion was put forward to approve the agenda by Leah			
8:05	and seconded by Sandy.			
	A motion was put forward to approve the minutes by Lynn			
	and seconded by Gwen.			
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Financial Report	A full financial report will be presented at the next meeting.			

	Curriculum Night Curriculum night has been postponed indefinitely. Lisa will
	explore options with staff after labour situation has been resolved.
Principal's Report	New Staff There are several new permanent and occasional staff members at RAPS. There is a new community autism program in the school for one year. This class is a
	partnership with YRDSB and local community agencies.
	Labour Update Lisa provided an update on the labour situation with ETFO and CUPE. ETFO is in Phase 3 of a work to rule and CUPE is in Phase 2 of a work to rule. Communication about the work to rule strike action is coming from the director's office and Lisa is unable to answer questions about report cards and interviews. Many events are still happening with the support of parent volunteers. -RAPS has been selected to participate in Active Aurora. -Lynn thanked Lisa for the additional work and support during the labour action. -Sue asked about traditional trips that were planned for later in the school year. Lisa explained the grade 8 grad trip was booked during last school year but she is unable to provide any other information. -Parent volunteers cannot help with taking over the core duties of staff -Leah brought up that there may be parents waiting for cheques to be cashed and Lisa will work on getting these deposited.
	Fundraising Lisa explained the YRDSB fundraising plan guidelines. All fundraising events must state the purpose right on the form that goes home. The plan is developed with staff and council, there is no more voting on allocation of funds. Sandy asked what happens if estimate is higher than actual cost. Lisa explained those funds can be allocated elsewhere.
	Early Years Programs Ontario Early Years Centre is running two different programs on Thursday and Friday mornings in the unused kindergarten room. These programs have been well attended so far.

	Pro Grant Sandy has again applied for a Pro Grant and been approved. This year RAPS will have a <i>Money Mentor</i> workshop for parents on November 16 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. There are 40 spots available for this program and again we are reciprocating with Lester B. Pearson's Alyson Schaefer presentation.
New Business/ New Updates	Evergreen Grant Sandy is working with Leah and Sheena to complete an Evergreen Grant. The grant is up to \$3500, which can be matched by a local Toyota dealership to develop a greening initiative with parents, teachers and schools. Mrs. Carretta and Mrs. Sargeant are also assisting.
	Hallowe'en Costume Exchange Leah explained that the Hallowe'en costume exchange made \$188.00, which was donated to a local women's shelter. Some leftover costumes were donated to the kindergarten classes and the drama department. A thank you card will be sent to Ruby's (costume accessories donation) to thank them for their donation.
	QSP Jo Greig explained the QSP fundraiser. The theme this year is Garfield. In addition to the magazines and cookie dough, this year will also include the Entertainment book (downloadable coupons) and a Christmas section. The kickoff assembly will be Friday, October 2 and orders are due by October 19. Cookie dough will be delivered on November 19. Jo explained the profits from QSP -Embrace(Christmas)—45% -Jewellery—40% -Coupon Book -40% -Magazines\$10/subscription -Cookie dough—30-40% depending on the total number of units sold
	Pita Pit Lynn explained that for October they will be trying Extreme Pita (it is local and has slightly higher profit margins). Students will be polled to find out which they prefer.

New Business/ New Updates	 Booster Juice Gwen explained the profit for Booster Juice is roughly \$50 per month, which goes towards the Healthy School Food Cart. Kid's Kitchen Sandy explained that Kid's Kitchen Spirit lunches will usually be the first Friday of every month. The school makes \$1 per lunch on these days. Kid's Kitchen also provides lunch delivery on Mondays. Sandy will help if there are more than 35 lunches to distribute. Hot Lunch Caroline Wiley and Karen Dool explained hot lunch is run in 2 sessions. Last year's profit from hot lunches was around \$8700. There had been some discussion about changing providers for hot lunches but it was explained that Mr. Sub and Little Caesar's are both local businesses with ties to the school. They offer good prices and are very quick to respond to and correct any issues. It was suggested on the form that parents send containers on hot lunch days to bring home any leftovers. Little Caesar's will be providing the same portion size but each slice will be cut in half to make it easier for the younger students. Pat suggested a reminder email for the first few weeks reminding parents to send storage containers. Water Bottles Lynn presented the new Regency Acres' water bottle and presented several options for price points. It was decided to wait to begin selling the bottles as hot lunch and QSP is already going on. This will be discussed at the next meeting. A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Pat to sell the bottles for \$7 or 2 for \$10
Motion	A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Pat to sell the bottles for \$7 or 2 for \$10. -motion was not carried A motion was made by Gwen and seconded by Sandy to sell the bottles for \$5 each. -motion carried
Other Business	Freezie Day
	Leah has already purchased freezies for future freezie days.
Meeting Adjourned	9:15
Next Meeting	Wednesday, October 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

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Action Item	Person Responsible
-determine time frame for selling water bottles	Lynn