

October 19, 2016	Regency Acres Public School	7:00-9:00 p.m.
Attendees (council members)	Lisa Leoni, Heather Deckert Judy Sandiford, Joan Lash, Carol McLeod, Kim Davies, Leah Clark, Jillian Snider, Sandy Kennedy, Diana Moniz, Kathy Duncan, Rodney Mooy	
Attendees (general)	Brent Wonch	
Regrets	Maryam Mogouei, Sophia Li, Pat Morton	
Welcome 7:04	Joan welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Kathy pointed out some typos in the minutes from September 21 and asked for clarification around making a direct donation to the school.	
Motion	A motion to approve the agenda was made by Sandy and seconded by Carol. A motion to approve the minutes with the corrections suggested was made by Leah and seconded by Diane.	
Previous Business	<p>Pro Grant</p> <p>Sandy is very happy with the response to the Karyn Gordon presentation on November 10. So far 73 people have confirmed and the invite has just been sent out to Lester B Pearson. Attendance will be capped at 100. There have been child care requests for 25 children. Lisa will look into having one or two lunch supervisors on duty along with high school students looking for volunteer hours. Council discussed offering refreshments but it was decided that only bottled water will be offered.</p> <p>Lester B Pearson has extended an invitation to their workshop on Nov 15. Joan mentioned that the topic of the presentation was a little unclear and believed they would receive a better response if it was presented as kids & social media... a workshop for parents.</p>	
Principal's Report	<p>Curriculum Night</p> <p>Lisa reported that approximately 70% of families attended. Sandy liked being able to buy food on sight rather than preordering. Rodney suggested that next year there should be cheese available for burgers.</p> <p>Report cards and interviews</p> <p>Report cards will be sent home on November 22. There will be interviews: November 24 evening & November 25 morning. The school will continue the practice of parents contacting the office to schedule interviews. Judy asked that parents not call before 9:00am.</p>	

Computer Cost Sharing

The maximum that can be spent is \$12,500. Council will contribute \$5,150 which is up \$1,650 from last year. The board will provide the rest. Lisa reviewed a list of technology items that will be ordered.

P.A. Day

October 28 is a P.A. Day for staff professional learning.

Lifetouch Photos

Lisa reported that parents are happy with the quality of photos this year. Retake day is November 3. Lifetouch has donated an IPAD to the school which has been given to the Community Class. The school has signed a 3 year contract with Lifetouch and they will also be doing the graduation photos.

Parent Workshops

Lisa reported that parents have approached her regarding the school offering parent workshops. She will prepare a survey using Survey Monkey to get an idea of what topics parents are interested in. Leah suggested a workshop around "new math", or how to help your child with math homework.

Central Area School Council Forum

This will take place on November 2. Please email Joan if you would like to attend as we still have one spot available. Lisa & Joan will attend.

EQAO

Lisa reviewed the school EQAO results. She reminded council that the test is a summative test of the primary years and the junior years. The grade 3 results in writing were just below the 75% school target threshold. The grade 6 results showed a large discrepancy between literacy and math skills with only 42% of the students achieving the standard in math. Grade 6 math was low across the province with only 50% of students in the province meeting the standard. Lisa will be doing a deeper analysis of the grade 6 math results.

Lisa reviewed the YRDSB Math Strategy and the school plans for improvements in math learning and instruction.

<p>Staff Report</p>	<p>Salad Lunch Heather reported that the first salad day will take place on October 25. Salad Days will continue this year and then biweekly for the following two school years at a small cost to students. The launch event on Oct 25 will be covered by the media.</p> <p>Student Council Student council will get underway soon with elections taking place in November. Students in grades 4-8 will listen to speeches and vote on various elected positions.</p> <p>Terry Fox \$224 was raised during the Terry Fox run.</p> <p>Volleyball Tournament. Regency hosted a small tournament and ran the first concession stand which raised \$156. Frozen yogurt and potato chips were popular, the popcorn was not. Next time the stand will be set up outside the big gym rather than in the small gym.</p> <p>Regional Cross Country Took place October 19.</p> <p>Family Yoga Night Family Yoga Night is November 29 from 5:30- 7:30pm. A flyer was sent out with the information.</p> <p>Halloween Boo-tique The Halloween Boo-tique has raised \$300 so far. Lisa thanked students Sarah and Georgia for all of their hard work in helping run the boo-tique.</p>
<p>Financial Report</p>	<p>Carol reviewed the financial report. The annual fundraising goal is \$61,620. Several September fundraisers (hot dogs, yogurt and pasta) exceeded the targets. Last year Kids Kitchen spirit lunches raised \$147 from April to June. Carol will follow up regarding a transaction fee that has been applied to on cash purchases.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Joan reminded council of the school policy on lunch/treats: when a student is absent, food cannot be held and no refunds given. Any remaining food items will be donated to the food cart. Judy will send a reminder to parents.</p>

	<p>Jill suggested that council have a Communications coordinator to help ensure that a consistent message is sent (e.g how fundraising dollars are spent, above mentioned lunch policy etc). Jill will look into creating a council drop box to begin organizing this. Members will forward any templates that they are currently using to Jill.</p> <p>Rodney provided information on the open house at Safety Village and the upcoming Halloween event.</p> <p>Jill mentioned that parent leads are needed for concessions and salad days. Sandy volunteered to be Parent Lead, Salad day. Joan volunteered to do the concessions along with Mr. Lanning.</p> <p>Kathy provide information on David Suzuki's Take Me Outside Day. Lisa will share information with staff.</p> <p>Kathy also provided information on a company called Solar Backpacks. Solar panels in the backpacks charge a lamp that students can do homework by rather than using a kerosene lamp. When you buy a backpack, one backpack is donated to a child in Kenya. Lisa will share this information with student council once they are elected.</p>
9:00	Meeting adjourned at 9:00.