

November 20, 2019	Regency Acres Public School
Attendees (2018/19 council members)	Lisa Leoni, Kim Davies, Sandy Kennedy, Sera Weiss, Judy Sandiford, Diana Moniz, Brendt Wonch, Claudia Velocci, Janine Reiley, Rodney Mooy, Adrienne Watt, Pipette Eibel
Regrets	Kathy Duncan, Susan Patton
Attendees (other)	N/A
Agenda and Minutes	<p>Kim Davies called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.</p> <p>Brendt Wonch motioned to approve the agenda, and the motion was seconded by Diana Moniz.</p> <p>Rodney Mooy motioned to approve the October 16, 2020 meeting minutes, approved seconded by Janine Reiley.</p>
Principal's Report	<p>EQAO: At the October 16, 2019 School Council meeting, EQAO results were discussed. Efforts are underway to develop strategies to improve math results, including tactics for teachers and parents. This will be a divisional focus, not school-wide. An evening math session for parents may be offered in December if Work to Rule action permits</p> <p>Chapters Night & Read-a-Thon: Nov 21, 2019 marks Regency's annual read-a-thon event, including an evening fundraiser at Chapters in Newmarket. Claudia Velocci and Janine Reily are volunteers at the Chapters event and will distribute handouts to parents to promote fundraising efforts that evening.</p> <p>Mary Poppins Musical: Lisa confirmed that the rights to perform the Mary Poppins musical show are for one year only plus a small royalty fee (while the school may retain the materials forever).</p> <p>Regency PA Ski Days: The school board has put a moratorium on ski days for this school year to review practices and procedures. Therefore, Regency's planned ski days scheduled for Jan. 17 and 31 will be cancelled. As the YRDSB will not sanction school waiver forms for ski days, School Council is unable to unlock any discounts.</p>

	<p>ACTION ITEM: Lisa will speak with the board to confirm what restrictions can be reviewed in order to allow subsidized ski days during PA days.</p> <p>Kiss & Ride: A concerned parent has reached out to the town of Aurora for an inquiry on road safety. The parent cited the following concerns: 1) cars are driving on sidewalks; 2) yellow hatching is required in this area to deter parking. As the school property ends at the sidewalk, this is a town of Aurora issue. More details will be forthcoming at the next parent council meeting on January 15, 2019.</p>
<p>Staff report</p>	<p>The Chapters Night taking place on November 21, 2019 was reviewed.</p>
<p>Fundraising Report</p>	<p>An update was provided on recent fundraising initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Halloween Boutique & Pumpkin Patch: \$1,100 - Fresh From the Farm: \$458 - Bag to school \$88.50 - Chocolate Sale: projection is \$10,000 <p>Festive Shop: Claudia and Janine reviewed their organizational plan to executive Festive Shop. A total of 12 volunteers are required*. Depending on the quantity of donations received, a decision will be made on where to host Festive Shop (classroom 9 or gym). Set-up will take place between December 4-6 when volunteers will sort and price donations. ACTION ITEM: Lisa will provide a class list in order to scheduling classes for shopping days.</p> <p>*Volunteers who are sorting only (e.g. not interacting with students) do not require police checks.</p> <p>Movie Night: A dinner-movie night will be planned for April 2020. Pizza and popcorn will be sold at this event.</p> <p>Communication Improvements: Diana Moniz commented on the lack of communication to parents concerning the upcoming grade 8 trip.</p> <p>Brendt Wonch is advocating for improved communications to parents when evacuations are implemented on any given day. His concern is that children will become desensitized to a crisis</p>

	<p>situation.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Lisa will dialogue with the board to understand what can be done to improve communications to parents, as well as seek advice on how parents can speak with affected children in order to promote empathy and compassion for a classmate who may be struggling.</p> <p>Rewarding Excellence: A suggestion was also made by Brendt to look into a way to acknowledge excellence (e.g. Dean’s List or Honour Roll).</p> <p>House League Teams: A suggestion was made to look into house league sports that may be offered after school.</p>
<p>Healthy Schools Report</p>	<p>A free panzerotti pizza day will be offered to all students on November 21, 2019.</p> <p>The Aurora Optimist club has donated \$1300 to support the morning breakfast program. Sera suggested that we reciprocate their support by using their food truck at the next curriculum evening.</p>
<p>Financial Report</p>	<p>Rodney provided an overview of the school’s financial activity. Pizza sales continue to do well. For future pizza sales, parents will be given more purchase flexibility (versus having to buy the entire semester).</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.</p>