

April 19, 2017	Regency Acres Public School
Attendees (council members)	Lisa Leoni, Heather Deckert, Judy Sandiford, Joan Lash, Carol McLeod, Kim Davies, Jillian Snider, Pat Morton, Kathy Duncan, Sandy Kennedy, Rodney Mooy, Diana Moniz
Regrets	Leah Clark, Sophia Li, Maryam Mogouei
Attendees (general)	Brendt Wonch, Sheena Murphy, Karen Dool, Tina Carson
Agenda and Minutes	<p>A motion to approve the agenda was made by Pat and seconded by Kathy.</p> <p>A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kathy and seconded by Pat.</p>
Principal's Report	<p><u>New Director of Education</u> Leslie Johnstone is the new Acting Director of Education. She was previously the Associate Director of Education.</p> <p><u>Equity Symposium</u> Lisa and Norma Moffitt attended the YRDSB Equity Symposium. They attended two different sessions where ideas will be shared to bring back to the rest of the school staff around equity.</p> <p><u>Spring Photos</u> LifeTouch will be doing spring and sibling photos on April 20. Lisa asked LifeTouch Photography if students can take a picture with a buddy so that students without siblings at the school do not feel left out. Parents and grandparents are also welcome to attend for family photos.</p> <p><u>Volunteer Breakfast</u> Mrs. Claus and Mrs. Kalish are organizing the event. This will take place on April 27 from 7:45-8:30 in the library. Invitations have been sent home.</p> <p><u>Welcome to Kindergarten</u> The Welcome to Kindergarten event will take place on May 3 from 4:30-6:00. There are currently 14 new junior kindergarten students registered. Joan asked if volunteer opportunities could be explained to parents at this presentation. Lisa will take a few minutes to let new parents know what kind of volunteer opportunities are available.</p>

	<p><u>Valencienne in Kindergarten</u> This event featured a famous fashion designer who was working with the kindergarten classrooms. She has a learning disability and is passionate about sharing her story and working with schools to recognize the different ways in which children learn. She talked to the students about the importance of art and donated large amounts of materials for the students to create with. Many students created their own fashions from the material.</p> <p><u>Human Rights Presentations</u> The York Region Police did two separate presentations for the junior and intermediate students focusing on human rights as a follow up to last month’s incident. Lisa reported that the students were very receptive to the presentations and that there were many good follow up discussions in the classrooms. Sheena Murphy questioned why parents were not given details of the incident. Lisa and Brendt Wonch (a parent who is a York Region Police officer) explained the protocol of communicating with the community when the police are involved. All communication must go through both the police communications department and the school board. Lisa explained that all students were given the same message when the incident was discussed last month.</p> <p><u>Donation</u> Lisa shared a letter written by Sophia Li, who is a new parent to the school and a new member of council this year. Sophia thanked school council for their professionalism, dedication and hard work.</p>
<p>Treasurer’s Report</p>	<p>Carol reviewed the financial report. So far \$36,282 has been spent. The Dance-a-thon brought a profit of approximately \$5700. Carol will reduce the financial plan by about \$2000. Teachers are going to be surveying their students about items to purchase for the “Stay and Play Zones” (from dance-a-thon fundraiser). Adjustments will be made to the Fundraising Plan in order to increase funds in the SIP focus of hands-on-learning.</p>
<p>Fundraising Report</p>	<p><u>Bag2School</u> Bag2School drop off is April 24-26. The pickup will be on April 28. Judy will send out a reminder email on Friday.</p> <p><u>Coupon Book</u> The Coupon Book will not happen this school year as the company is still working on developing connections in Aurora and Newmarket and we want the coupon to be local businesses. Sandy will stay in contact with the vendor over the summer so that we can try to have a</p>

<p>Staff Report</p>	<p>sample available for Curriculum Night in October.</p> <p><u>Pause to Play</u> Jill and Heather are reviewing student choices and organizing events. Some students have still not selected their electives. Parent volunteers are needed to help the day run smoothly.</p> <p><u>Play Program</u> This is for students in grades 6-8. It gives students a chance to be leaders and lead playground games for the primary students. The leaders will be trained the morning of April 25 by a York Region Public Health nurse. It would be helpful to have 2-3 parent volunteers for this training.</p> <p><u>Spring Concert</u> The Spring Concert is scheduled for Thursday May 11 at 7:00. Mr. Moore has several groups performing and Mr. Fuller is performing a short musical with the grade 3-5 students. Joan will speak to Leah about organizing a bake sale and/or raffle on that evening.</p>
<p>Healthy Schools Food and Fitness</p>	<p><u>Salad</u> The next salad lunch is April 20.</p> <p><u>Hot Dog Lunch</u> The next hot dog lunch is April 27.</p> <p><u>Pasta Lunch</u> The next pasta lunch is May 9.</p> <p><u>Yogurt</u> The next frozen yogurt day is May 16.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p><u>PRO Grant</u> Sandy will be preparing the proposal for a PRO Grant for next year. The response to Karyn Gordon was very positive so she will look at booking her again. Council agreed on a workshop entitled "Empowering kids/teens in an Age of Overindulgence". Lisa was concerned that this workshop would focus on "privilege" and material overindulgence. Sandy will contact Karyn Gordon to find out more information. If the workshop does not suit the school community, then the backup presentation was "Teaching Empathy and Gratitude".</p> <p><u>Parent Leads</u> Jill and Leah are setting up parent leads for next year. More information will be shared at the next council meeting.</p>

	<p><u>Buddy Bench</u> Sheena Murphy asked about the installation of the “Buddy Bench”. Lisa is waiting on the school board to bring in a contractor to install it.</p>
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 8:21