

October 17, 2018	Regency Acres Public School
Attendees (council members)	Kathy Duncan, Lisa Leoni, Kim Davies, Sandy Kennedy, Sera Weiss, Rodney Mooy, Susan Patton, Diana Moniz, Brendt Wonch, Leah Clark, Chandradaye Boodhai
Regrets	Judy Sandiford, Farnaz Farokh
Attendees (other)	There were no other attendees at the October 17 meeting.
Agenda and Minutes	<p>Kathy Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm</p> <p>Opening Notes: All Council Meeting Minutes and communications will be distributed via the board email system. Action Item: Lisa will share the password credentials with Kathy & Sandy.</p> <p>Agenda approval: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Leah Clark and seconded by Brendt Wonch.</p> <p>September 17 Meeting Minutes: A motion to approve the September 17 Meeting Minutes was made by Sera Weiss and seconded by Brendt Wonch.</p>
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lisa reviewed a contact sheet detailing 2018/19 School Council member contact information. Note: permission to publish contact information was granted in the confidentiality forms that were signed by members). If anyone does not want to have their contact info included, please advise Lisa - Lisa reviewed the fundraising initiative calendar that was distributed to parents - The holiday concert will take place on December 20. A bake sale will be offered - Curriculum night was successful but the weather was challenging. Possibly Lisa will look to advance this evening one-week ahead of time next year. Participation seemed to be down from previous years, especially in the senior grades - Lisa is still looking to hire school lunch assistants. Council members are encouraged to spread the word to people who

may be interested in the job

- Lisa received support from Council to spend \$5,000 in computer cost-sharing (which will be matched by the board). This will include the purchase of new desktops, mini-ipads in need of replacements and laptops

- The info letter on *Every Student Counts* has been sent to parents (senior grades will complete on their own; junior with parents). Results from the survey will be used to measure how students are identifying within their school environment. Additional information about the survey (i.e., FAQs and survey questions), is available [online](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/escs.

- Lisa reviewed upcoming important dates.

- Parent-Teacher interviews will take place Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23

EQAO

Lisa reviewed the 2017/18 EQAO results and outlined some important considerations with respect to EQAO:

- Math results across the province are low. Teacher-collected data does not always match standardized testing

- EQAO testing does not allow for accommodations for children with special education needs (they may be exempt from testing but this results in point losses for the school. Regency does not exempt any students with special education needs)

- Moving forwards, Regency staff has identified the top 2 areas of priority: Number sense and Numeration

- Steps will be taken to try to integrate all units throughout a term (so that there is not a gap between when the child studied a unit and when they write the test)

- A focus will be made on mental math and memory

- Lisa will be distributing helpful sheets to parents to help them practice key skills with the children at home

- Strong focus is being made to improve math through board initiatives and ongoing supports

Writing:

	<p>- Reading comprehension is accessed through writing skills but may not be reflective of our kids' competency</p> <p>Summary – Regency is committed to the students' learning and well-being. Kathy urged Council members to convey EQAO testing conditions and limitations to friends.</p> <p>Link to website:</p>
<p>Staff report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terry Fox Run raised \$388.35 - BOKs will be offered at Regency once again beginning November 20, 2018. 25 spots are available! - \$1,764 was raised at the Book Fair. Proceeds will be divided between classes and the library - Recognition was given to Scholastic for offering reduced book prices to promote a good cause - The Health Schools committee will be offering a free panzerotti pizza lunch on November 13 - The Aurora Optimist Club has donated \$1500 to Healthy Schools <p>ACTION ITEM: Kathy and Kim to send hello and thank you to Optimist Club (Key contact: Glen Sharp)</p>
<p>Fundraising Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Fundraising calendar was recdently emailed and sent home to parents - Sera reviewed the Oct 25 pumpkin patch event. Sales are not strong, but the event will be looked upon as a community building event vs a revenue generating opportunity - Fresh from the Farm sales are complete: \$890 collected - Big Box Fundraiser: Each family will receive a box to take home. If uninterested, the box will be returned to the classroom. If interested, parents may keep and pay \$33.00. An order form with instructions will accompany the box of cards PRO Grant evening will be cancelled if we don't have confirmation by November 1

<p>- Previous Business</p>	<p>Pumpkin Patch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small gym needs to be reserved for the night of pick up - Run the Halloween shop same night - Close: 7:30pm - Adult accompaniment required - Pumpkin decorating kits will be available <p>Bag to School (week of Nov 5)</p> <p>Art Fair May 9 - Sera to manage donations, etc.</p> <p>Ski Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be offered on PA Days in Jan and Feb
<p>Financial Report</p>	<p>Rodney reviewed the Financial Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some numbers are still being reviewed and sorted as Rodney transitions into this new role. We anticipate that forecasting and clarity around numbers will be more intuitive as we progress
<p>Other</p>	<p>A recommendation was made by Leah Clark to initiate discussion early on grade 8 grad night (re: décor for the gym) in order to take advantage of potential cost savings</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.</p>