

Sept. 21, 2016	Regency Acres Public School	7:00-8:40 p.m.
Attendees (council members)	Lisa Leoni, Heather Deckert Judy Sandiford, Joan Lash, Carol McLeod, Kim Davies, Leah Clark, Jillian Snider, Sandy Kennedy, Pat Morton, Diana Moniz, Kathy Duncan, Sophia Li, Rodney Mooy, Maryam Mogouei	
Attendees (general)	Robin Claus, Karyn Sleep-Clegg, John Clegg, Cara Tuch, Sheena Murphy, Tina Carson, Rita Zilbersher, Cheryl Brown, Joanna Courtney, Dorian Simone	
Welcome 7:02	Lisa began the meeting by welcoming both new and returning council members. Introductions were made. Joan Welcomed all new members and explained the purpose of council and the format of the meeting. The previous year's council would participate in a meeting to close out business and then the new council will be elected.	
Motion	A motion to approve the agenda was made by Karyn and seconded by Carol. A motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2016 was made by Leah and seconded by Carol.	
Principal's Report	<p>Lisa explained that school council represents the voice of parents and works to support the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Anyone is welcome to attend any council meeting.</p> <p>Lisa thanked last year's council members for a very successful year. A special thank you to Carol for all of her work on the fundraising plan. Her template has been adopted by many other schools. Thank you to Leah and Karyn for organizing the many fundraising events last year. Thank you to Leah for always reminding council to be sensitive to the cost of the many different treats, events and activities. Thank you to Joan and Lynn for their work as Chairs.</p> <p>Lisa reminded that council also gives back to the school and community, in that the grade 8 students do not pay for any of their graduation or dinner thanks to the fundraising efforts. Last year the school provided four free lunch days, a Valentine's event and donated \$1700 to various charities.</p> <p><u>Library Update</u> Robin Claus provided an update on the library. Over 10,000 books have been culled from the library to due to being out of date or culturally insensitive. She explained that non-fiction books are considered out of date after 10-15 years. She has created a five year buying plan to update the library including books to create the new makerspace</p>	

program and books to support inquiry based learning. The library has also been re-organized in order to support multiple classes working in the library. The library is now able to house 4 or 5 classes at once.

Some makerspace materials have been ordered and the school is waiting on board approval for the bigger items.

This year she will be running Forest of Reading which is a series of reading clubs for students ranging from kindergarten to grade 8. She is looking into a Forest of Reading culminating field trip to Harbourfront Centre.

Canadian author Eric Walters will be making a presentation on October 19 and she is working on booking an author presentation for the primary students.

Finally she has applied to the Adopt a School program through Chapters Indigo and she is applying for a Love of Reading grant.

Curriculum Night

Curriculum Night is October 6 from 5:30-7:30. The first hour is a BBQ and social time outside and the second hour is an open house in the classrooms and other school spaces. There will be a bookfair that night. BBQ order forms will be sent out. Volunteers are needed for the school council table, if you are able to volunteer, please email Joan.

New Grant

Thank you to Heather Deckert and Norma Moffitt who secured a large grant of \$10,000.00. This will allow us to have monthly salad days. The terms of the grant require us to have 8 salad days this school year and 20 salad days in each of the following two school years. The first salad day will be October 25 and it will be free Caesar salad.

School Cash Online

Thanks to Judy and Norma for setting this up. The feedback so far has been very positive. The goal is to have most things available online.

School Musical

Broadway North has finished the auditions for Camp Rock and has selected two casts of 25 students each. The shows

	<p>will take place on February 28 and March 1 at the Newmarket Theatre. The dress rehearsal will be on Monday February 27.</p>
<p>Previous Business</p>	<p>Joan explained that over 20 parent leads have already been assigned for 2016-2017 lunches and fundraisers. This has allowed us to launch some lunch/snack programs in September.</p> <p><u>PRO Grant</u> Sandy provided an update on the PRO Grant. We have received a grant total of \$1000 and have booked Karen Gordon to present on <u>How to Motivate Your Kids and Teens</u>. The presentation will be November 10 from 7:30-8:30. We will continue to have a reciprocal agreement with Lester B Pearson where we invite them to our presentation and we are invited to their presentation on November 15 where Chris Vollum will present on social media.</p> <p><u>QSP</u> Diana provided an update on the QSP fundraiser. The kickoff assembly is October 4 and we will be selling magazines, cookie dough, gifts and candy. The theme this year is emojis. Students will receive a dog tag for every item they sell and there are emoji keychains for achieving certain sales goals. Rodney asked if it was possible to make a direct donation so the school will receive all of the funds instead of 20-40% of QSP sales. The answer is yes, and this will be communicated to parents.</p> <p><u>Halloween Shop</u> Leah provided an update on the Halloween Shop. She receives donations from a company and will also accept donations from the community. Costumes and accessories are sold from \$1-5 and the money goes back to the community.</p>
<p>Financial Update</p>	<p>Carol provided a summary of this year's financial plan, reviewing the different categories and the fundraising events. The fundraising goal this year is \$61,000.00. A large investment was made this year for orff instruments for the grade 4-6 music program. It was mentioned that movie nights would fall under the concession category on the fundraising plan.</p>

	Leah has already arranged for the Cardinal Golf program in May.
School Council Selection	<p>Lisa and Joan presented a slide show explaining the makeup of council, the role of council and the board policies around school council. They reviewed the Code of Ethics and executive positions. The role of “member at large” was explained which is a non-voting member but they can participate in every other way. The makeup of council is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -13 parent members -1 teacher representative -1 community representative -1 support staff representative - 1 student rep (Optional) <p>Rodney Mooy has been appointed as community representative. Heather Deckert has been appointed as Teacher Rep. Judy Sandiford has been appointed as Support Staff Rep. Students wil be invited to present at council on an on-going basis, rather than one student rep being appointed.</p> <p>Lisa listed those who had submitted nominations by the deadline. Sheena Murphy declined a nomination by Karyn Clegg.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Joan Lash was acclaimed as chair -Kim Davies was acclaimed to secretary -Carol McCleod was acclaimed to treasurer -Leah Clark was acclaimed Chair of Fundraising -Jill Snider was acclaimed Chair of Healthy Schools <p>Sophia Li, Maryam Mogouei, Sandy Kennedy, Kathy Duncan, Pat Morton & Diana Moniz were acclaimed as general voting members. Joan welcomed the new council members and reviewed upcoming meeting dates.</p>
Council Members	Heather Deckert, Judy Sandiford, Rodney Mooy, Joan Lash, Carol McCleod, Kim Davies, Leah Clark, Jill Snider, Sophia Li, Maryam Mogouei, Sandy Kennedy, Kathy Duncan, Pat Morton, Diana Moniz, Lisa Leoni
Motion 8:40	A motion was put forward to adjourn the meeting by Kathy and seconded by Leah.