



Regency Acres P.S.

School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 27th 2023 @ 7pm

Attendance -

In person Attendees: Ms. Grossinger (Principal), Ms. Farley (Teacher), Mr. Lanning (Teacher), Sera, Janine, Megan, Brent.

Virtual Attendees: Jackie, Mina

Start: 7:10pm

Welcome and Introductions, Land Acknowledgement

Approved Agenda – Janine, Jackie

Approved Previous Meeting Minutes – Janine, Sera

Financial Report:

- approximately \$23,000 Budget Balance -accounts for fund being collected for food programs, but not all bills have been paid, also indicates funds collected for graduation and graduation trips - fees are being paid for this but haven't come out yet

- purchase wireless speakers

- purchase new fans

- purchase headsets

- consultant and Mr. Lanning looking at more equipment and will purchase more coding equipment. There is already new coding equipment purchased with school budget that was presented to staff recently.

- \$50 per class for art projects in classes, which is an approximate and is in process of being spent by division (K, primary, junior, intermediate)

- Thanks to Ms. Farley and students, we are awaiting the arrival of a Desjardin technology grant for \$5000.

- · Awaiting to hear if we will be chosen/approved for other grants that have been applied to.

- Graduation:

- \$2700 has been raised from snack shack and other fundraising efforts so far.
- \$3500 will be allocated from council
- Venue has been donated from a school community member connection.
- Parent planning committee is pulling together snacks and decor. Currently trying to source sponsors.
- students have been charged \$25 to contribute to the cost of dinner for graduation
- There is Angel Fund available if the need arises for field trips and graduation festivities;\$1000 was allocated in the fundraising plan towards this, final amounts are not yet available due to end of year events
- There has been a package introduced to families, including grad and trip combo approximately \$175.00-\$200.00 cost. Payment plans available to assist with payment
- **Question:** Are there any line items missing at this time? A lot of the \$23,000 has been spent or allocated to be spent but line items are not fully updated yet. **Action item:** please update all line items to see true value in the account.-this will occur naturally as events occur and items purchases are received and invoiced.
- Other items that are being discussed or awaiting quotes: an additional set of uniforms for sports, shirts for band (discussion was had as to whether the shirts will be generic or specific to band), perimeter of library refresh

School Council Calendar:

- Concerned about the potential lack of major fundraising events planned for the future.
- Cookie Sale fundraiser only raised \$730 which was below expectation of \$1000.00
- Multicultural event – thought of idea to charge an entrance fee donation. “Give what you can” --board policies will be reviewed to determine if this is appropriate
- Considering dance-a-thon, read-a-thon.
- Curriculum Night – looking at selling Card Boxes and Ice Cream; want to do a BBQ again
- Movie Night (tentative Oct 19th) – selling snacks and maybe pizza again
- Fresh from the Farm and Citrus Fundraisers support healthy food initiatives, but it is difficult to schedule in advance and prepare volunteers because notice of delivery is short.
- Saplings – Ms. Farley will look into the information behind this idea. No volunteers needed.
- Bake sale was brought up -does not meet health school food distribution, food must be provided by an approved (green licensed) vendor, we get inspected and must follow these guidelines, must align with PPM150

- Pumpkin Patch was brought up – the community is not as involved with Halloween celebrations and we no longer have a connection to get the pumpkins.
- Lack of Volunteers is a concern (brainstorming)
 - coffee with council – 101 about council and volunteering.
 - Parent coffee hang out – trying to reach out to the different communities that make up our school demographic. Ensure to include multiple languages and have them at multiple times.
- Curriculum Night (tentative Oct 5th)
 - discussed BBQ or Pizza options -would we be working with Aurora Optimist Club?
 - Although there was an issue with length of line ups for the Optimus Club for the BBQ this year, we are going to reach out and try to book them for this night again. There is a value in their commitment in the community and their support of youth.
- The request to start pizza lunch sooner in the school year (september) was put forth; input will be considered

School Update:

- Pause to Play – There is a plan for home that students can participate in and is being led by the student leadership team. There will be prizes to be announced at the end to ensure authentic participation.
- Mental Health – There will be a contest for “Things to do when you're stressed”
- Jump Rope for Heart – Assembly has taken place and fundraising has begun.
- Badminton begins their season this coming Thursday and Basketball has wrapped up their season. The basketball season ended really well even though they had to play against the teams that won top spots.
- Juggling club is also taking place currently (grades 3-8)
- Track and Field is taking place soon and is for grades 4-8. They will then qualify to be sent to area finals.
- Discover Kindergarten went well and had more attendance than RSVP'd.

Ms. Sahrawat's class will be taking part in the My Blueprint Project. This will provide a 3:1 ratio of ipads for the classroom. Testing out and providing feedback for use of technology in kindergarten

- BBFK (Building Blocks for Kindergarten) is scheduled to be run in July by Ms. Sahrawat. Program included a DECE and a senior counsellor. There needs to be 20 students enrolled for this program to run and there are currently 5 students signed up.

- Marlies Game went very well for our band. They performed for the school at the Jump Rope for Heart Assembly - they were fantastic
 - Another activity that is up and coming is our Swim to Survive program for grade 3 students, grade 7 students participated in the fall.
 - Question posed about the SIP (School Improvement Plan) was not formally updated during the pandemic but the work is ongoing - it's related to the DAP- Director's Action Plan which centers student well-being and achievement. School is focused on developing goals around mental health and equity. Equity is interconnected with wellbeing. It is in collaboration with Ms. Grossinger, a lead team of teachers and the entire staff. It is aligned with the director's plan.
- Q:** How will council provide consultation for the SIP? **A:** Input is given as part of school council meetings, as this is the body representative of our parent population

Constitution:

- Currently out of date from 2016.
- We need to review and update the constitution.
- Will go forward as a document we need to review and revise yearly.
- Sample template, current constitution and supporting documents were provided by Ms. Grossinger
- Things to consider:
 - election process – we want it to lead to inclusivity and diversity that represents our school community.
 - Elected positions may need to be streamlined or re-organized.
 - How long can someone hold a position?
 - current thinking at this meeting is there should be some flexibility in these guidelines
 - attendance required (There has been lots of turnover and lower attendance due to pandemic and in this rebuilding year)
- Brent will try to convert PDF to word document for Sera to begin drafting.
- Sera will then pass on any remaining work for Janine to lead and Ms. Grossinger to collaborate.
- Plan/aim is to have a draft to present at our June school council meeting.