



Regency Acres P.S.

School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 9, 2023

In person attendees: Ms. Grossinger (Principal), Ms Farley (teacher), Mr. Lanning (teacher), Janine, Megan, Cyra & Faramerz, Brendt, Tina, Rebecca

Virtual attendees: Cheryl, Judy, Beth

Regrets: Sera, Claudia, Rodney

Start 7:05 Introductions and Welcome

7:09 Land Acknowledgement

7:10 Agenda Approval -Janine & Brendt

Minutes from last meeting Janine & Brendt

- Fundraising Plan - Kerry

-Reviewed what can and cannot use council funds for.

-Kerry suggested that information be included about what funds may and may not be raised for (see below):

Funds **may** be raised for the following purposes:

- assistance funds, such as, but not limited to, providing payment for the cost of a field trip for students who require financial assistance;
- supplies, equipment or services which complement items funded by provincial grants, such as, but not limited to, extracurricular band equipment and audio-visual equipment;
- field trips or other excursions;
- guest speakers, presentations or to cover the cost of occasional staff to assist with events and activities for students;
- ceremonies, awards, plaques, trophies or prizes for students;
- scholarships or bursaries;
- extra-curricular activities and events; and/or
- school yard improvement projects, such as, but not limited to, playground equipment, shade structures and gardens, with prior approval from Plant Services.

Funds may not be raised for?

- items funded through provincial grants such as, but not limited to, core learning materials, supplies, furniture, technology, workbooks, etc.
- facility renewal, maintenance, or upgrades funded through the provincial grants, such as, but not limited to, structural repairs, sanitation, emergency repairs, or replacing flooring due to wear and tear;
- infrastructure improvements which increase the student capacity of a school or are funded by provincial grants;
- goods or services for employees (i.e. gifts or lunches for staff appreciation), where such purchases would contravene the Education Act or school council by-laws regarding conflict of interest;
- professional development or occasional teacher coverage for staff attendance at professional development activities;
- administrative expenses not associated with the fundraising activity; or
- support for religious or partisan political activities, groups or candidates.

-Fundraising efforts should follow above guidelines and connect to the school improvement plan (SIP)

-SIP is the School Improvement Plan, draft in progress. Focus on Mental Health and Well being; Equity, Inclusivity and Community

- As part of fundraising plan, Angel fund - approved last meeting - support who needs it on an as need basis
- Principal to spend money based on input from teachers and school council - based on previous survey conducted with teachers the following has been ordered:

-Tech ordered - headphones \$500

-Fans for warmer weather and board compliant (one per classroom) - \$1000 max.

Reviewed other “buckets” and amounts -according to fundraising plan, the following are areas that school council funds will go to support:

- Phys Ed - \$1000 for new equipment (ex. Basketballs, volleyball replacement)

- Graduation -historically spend about \$3500 - fundraising continuing and allocating this amount as of now; venue for dinner has been donated, charging each family \$25 to cover cost of food

- Art Fair -allocated \$50 per class for art supplies

- Outdoor equipment -\$1000 (for outdoor equipment for each class, needs replenishing to accompany tarmac games)

- Library -TBD

- Music instruments -\$2000 to purchase additional instruments, replace old instruments to enhance program

-Tech -in teacher survey, request for wireless speakers to be compatible with current tech.; pricing TBD

- Spring - previously known as Welcome to Kindergarten, the event is called Discover Kindergarten

-event to welcome new JK families and students; last year had school council members there to introduce school council and make connection to new families, goal was to be representative of community (ex. Farsi speaking representative was appreciated)

-Kerry to let council members know when date is selected so that we can have a school council representative or two present at the event

Reviewed other buckets and amounts - share plan as part of the minutes - notes included above

- Phys Ed
- Grad
- Art Fair
- gym equipment
- Outdoor equipment
- Library
- Music instruments

Increase Snack Shack to include Fro Yo Fridays (pre-purchase online) -office will prep pre-order via school cashonline only

Grad committee to get donations / sponsorship

School Council Forum Recap - Rebecca

-CEC Central Feb 15

-Overview of YRDSB Student Mental Health and Addiction Strategy

Breakout Sessions

1. ABC of Mental Health
2. De-streaming
3. Supporting your child's identity and mental health
4. Creating Parent and Family Engagement in Schools

-included a Trustee Meet and Greet

Fundraising Update - Changed chocolates to cookies.

-Create QR code - help parents easily get to website to order

Spirit wear -shop closes March 24th

Pizza Volunteer sign up sheet -create a calendar to organize pizza volunteers, have volunteers sign up when available

Cultural night - ideas coming from parents in community, consider different cultures and coming together as a school community to bring awareness and build community, plan for next Fall

-school applied for DeJardin Grant \$5000 - for technology - will find out mid-April if won.

-Thanks to Council, Students and Principal for contributing to the submission

-May 1 - 5. School Art Fair (May 4 evening - band play) -due to a variety of factors, art fair is postponed until a future date in 2024.