

**R.L. Graham School Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes of Thursday, January 12, 2016**

Location	R.L. Graham Staff Room	COMMENCE:	6:30 pm	ADJOURN:	8:02 pm
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>					
Jane Macpherson, Principal	<i>Present</i>	Lee Canavan	<i>Present</i>		
Susan Dickson, Vice Principal	<i>Present</i>	Linda Peters, Teacher	<i>Present</i>		
Alison Fardy, EOAA	<i>Present</i>	Lori Wheeler	<i>Present</i>		
Amanda Allen	<i>Present</i>	Maddie and Owyn, Student Council	<i>Sends regrets</i>		
Amanda Hislop	<i>Present</i>	Melanie Boland	<i>Sends regrets</i>		
Arlene MacLeod, Student Council	<i>Present</i>	Melissa Hames	<i>Present</i>		
Charlene Gunn-Hagerman	<i>Sends regrets</i>	Robin Rheume	<i>Present</i>		
Corinne D'Angelo	<i>Present</i>	Samantha Oxley	<i>Present</i>		
Frances Dionne, Teacher	<i>Present</i>	Sara Halk	<i>Sends regrets</i>		
Gerald Meade	<i>Present</i>	Sharon Poulter	<i>Present</i>		
Ingrida Roberts	<i>Present</i>	Staci Bassie	<i>Present</i>		
Kara Skripnikova	<i>Present</i>	Tanja Hinkkanen	<i>Present</i>		
Karen Hellier	<i>Present</i>	Terence Boland	<i>Present</i>		

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<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>REPORT BY:</b>
Opening Remarks	<u>Approval of November Minutes.</u> <u>Motioned by Amanda H. Seconded by Ingrid.</u> <u>Vote: All in favour. Motion carried.</u>	Corinne D'Angelo

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Personal Release Form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form used by Board for consent, for example, emails on minutes.</li> <li>To be signed prior to the end of the meeting.</li> </ul>	Susan Dickson
Student Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request small amount of money for cost recovery, for Santa Claus parade \$20 dollar entrance fee and breakfast with Santa</li> <li>Want to offer something for Valentine's Day, example pink milk for breakfast program</li> <li>Require markers, paper for marketing through the school, candy grams.</li> <li>Pink Shirt Day is Feb 22nd, anti bullying program, pink bracelets offered</li> </ul> <p><u>Motion to give \$280 to Student Council.</u>  <u>Motioned by Corinne. Seconded by Sharon.</u>  <u>Vote: All in favour. Motion carried.</u></p>	Arlene MacLeod
Composting Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green bin program, kick off week of January 16th to minimize footprint</li> <li>Grade 7/8 class will be leading the learning in the school, targeted education and motivation, kids will create their own 3-D examples</li> <li>Kick off assemblies for younger students</li> <li>Taking responsibility for removing green bins daily, custodians exchange</li> <li>Students will be assigned a classroom to support</li> <li>Goal to minimize waste by 30% per year</li> </ul>	Frances Dionne
Musical Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer to put on High School Musical production by Disney</li> <li>Theme: people can be different and support their difference, diversity, anti bullying</li> <li>Most interest is in junior division, grades 4-7</li> <li>Applied for Stand Up Grant through the Board. Underwriting our show, production costs, Disney will allow a one-time use of product.</li> <li>2 performances, May 16 and 17, \$5.00 ticket price. Offering popcorn, drink sales, pictures in costumes possibly to recover cost</li> <li>Auditions have already started, kids are excited. About 52 students already interested. Big time commitment from the students.</li> </ul> <p><u>Motion to give \$800 CDN for High School Musical Production.</u>  <u>Motioned by Corinne. Seconded by Amanda and Melissa.</u>  <u>Vote: All in favour. Motion carried.</u></p>	Frances Dionne
Principal Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many trips planned and executed so far: Science Centre, Sibbald's Point, Primary skating, and Markham Museum to name a few</li> <li>Kindergarten Registration begins January 20th</li> <li>New format for kindergarten report cards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>four frames with reporting for parents also</li> <li>now called year one and year two students (not junior or senior)</li> <li>DECE's name will also be on report card</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Jane Macpherson & Susan Dickson

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Playground Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playground Policy and Procedure is now in place with resources and application process information;</li> <li>• Can now apply throughout the school year</li> <li>• Funding formula in place to support school playground/greening initiatives \$8,000 - \$25,000</li> <li>• Proposal - form a subcommittee to inform the decisions regarding playground/school greening project               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committee with students, staff, parents, community members</li> <li>○ Poll students and community to determine interest, needs, possible plan, etc.</li> <li>○ Date for first committee meeting to be determined</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Jane Macpherson
Treasury Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treasury report: \$24,145 starting balance at beginning of year</li> <li>• \$13,063 earmarked to playground</li> <li>• \$1,638 to Jumparty and \$1,300 to Presswood already motioned.</li> </ul>	Corinne D'Angelo
Bazaar Follow Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Great success. Continued request for gift bags</li> <li>• Pricing the items ahead of time would be better also having two cashes</li> <li>• Raised over \$1500 to support families in need over the Winter Holidays (21 x \$50 gift cards)</li> <li>• Remainder of the funds will be used to support students who require subsidies for field trips</li> <li>• Approx. \$285 Canadian Tire still available               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Solicit input from school clubs for materials and resources available from Canadian Tire</li> <li>○ Tabled until next meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Corinne D'Angelo
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dance Week: February 6-10, Miss Melissa teaches kids different dances in each class, production at the end of week; \$1,200.00 cost   <u>Motion to give \$1,200 to Dance Week.</u>  <u>Motioned by Corinne. Seconded by Staci.</u>  <u>Vote: All in favour. Motion carried.</u> </li> <li>• Dance-a thon: March 27th kick off with dance date of April 7th, Presswood's Professor Jamz for \$1,300, motioned in November.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prizes: less prizes, but more meaningful.</li> <li>○ Three or four big prizes, ballots, bounce all day passes could also be offered from the Fun Fair</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Jungle Sport: May 1-5, \$4,500. Cost recovery of \$10/per student. Asking \$600 for the shortfall. Each student will have two gym classes.   <u>Motion to give \$600 to Junglesport.</u>  <u>Motioned by Corinne. Seconded by Staci.</u>  <u>Vote: All in favour. Motion carried.</u> </li> </ul>	Corinne D'Angelo

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New Business continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library funding: updating posters, wall art and rugs,               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking for \$700 to \$1,000 to redo of library</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Motion to give \$1,000 to Mr. Gordon for the library.</u>  <u>Motioned by Corinne. Seconded by Sharon.</u>  <u>Vote: All in favour. Motion carried.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technology – Jane Macpherson               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost sharing – 43 Chromebooks, 4 document cameras</li> <li>Need for Tablet computers to support technology enhanced education opportunities</li> <li>Will be consulting with the digital literacy teacher to inform the type of tablet technology that would work best for our students.</li> <li>Funding request to come</li> </ul> </li> <li>Fun Fair: June 10th date, Inflatables have been booked               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would like to begin advertising; Facebook, etc.</li> <li>First meeting January 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Boston Pizza</li> <li>Committee members: Corinne, Staci, Amanda A, Amanda H, Sarah, Kara, Dawn, other community members are welcome to attend</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Involve the graduating class in the planning process</li> <li>Put a call out through the Facebook page and an email blast to the school community asking for volunteers and interested parents to support the planning of graduation.</li> <li>Ask for volunteers to help decorate the day of graduation.</li> <li>Ingrid to create a message to families with the date of the first committee meeting</li> </ul>	Ingrid Roberts
Motion to Adjourn	<p><u>Motion to adjourn the meeting.</u>  <u>Motioned by Corinne. Seconded by Amanda and Staci.</u>  <u>Vote: All in favour. Motion carried.</u></p>	Corinne D'Angelo
Next Meeting	Thursday, February 9th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.	