

Rouge Park PS School Council Meeting Minutes February 2021

Introductions

Approval of Jan 2021 minutes

Approved by sarah, seconded by Murtuza

Discussion about secretary roles - please see then end for a schedule.

Intro to Lindsey

20 yrs experience

Doncrest Richmond hill - VP for 3 yrs

Greensborough- VP for 1 yr

In the fall 2020 was in EVS

Has a desire to keep the in person & EVS communities connected so that it's a smooth transition when we are all back together.

Is married with 2 kids - 18 & 20 yrs old & away at school

Loves teaching

Is inspired by the idea that she can change the trajectory of a child

She is wanting to know the staff and families in the community

We are in this together - whether problems or celebrations

The warmth of the staff has been amazing

Decision making is student focused with an educational stand point

It's all about LEARNING

Fav saying with the students - "If you mess up, fess up."

It can be made right, just have to be honest

She is no judgemental about behaviour as is a form of communication

Maintaining the inclusive mind frame

A feeling of mattering & belonging is earned and she is committed to earning that with the students

Medicine wheel approach

School report

Return to face to face is going well with everyone adjusting to the new PPE and regulations

Chess club is running by staff with guidelines

Rouge park review

Newsletter to be distributed approximately every Friday in order to effectively communicate the changes

COVID

If one child in a household has even one symptom ALL children in the same household must stay home too.

Only exception is a tummy ache.

If anxiety is a pre-existing condition the staff can work with the student and family

What would have been March break is going to be a fun spirit week that staff are planning like sports dah, carnaval etc

April break instead of March break this year

Black history month

Highlighting success of the black community

Learning is embedded with this in mind

Ie. intermediates are examining poems and the spoken word and creating digital mosaic art

Grade 4 are doing announcements with this in mind

March 8 is a Board wide event celebrating this and vision casting for future

Pink shirt day is feb 24

Started in Nova Scotia when a kid was bullied for wearing a pink shirt and then next day a big group came to school in pink shirts in solidarity.

Focus on the learning is how do we lift each other up

Virtual wellness night

Cornell village partnering with us

March 9, 6:30-7:30

Model change

Total of 8 students left for online learning

Nee ones arrived through new registrations

March 2 is the last day in this modality

March 3 is the first day of the new modality.

Rouge park is not effected and will not lose teachers or have to reshuffle classes!

Making some efforts to include the EVS community

Perhaps having events where there is interaction

EVS for the fall?

There isn't a definitive answer yet but the discussion is that everyone will be in person with the exception of those who are immune compromised in which a small EVS community will remain.

PRO GRANT

Looked back at previous parent survey and online safety was important next to mental health
Have an opportunity to book Scoot ste Marie who is board approved and offering both a parent
& student workshop. If we include 4 others schools as well as ourselves the \$ will cover the cost.
Another set of schools is having it done in March so we can benefit from the feedback given
after that has been completed
We could book him for the spring if desired

Shout out to staff & Families for maintaining a positive attitude despite the regulations and
increased PPE

Shout out to students who present as happy, engaging, confident & willing to share/talk.

Shout out and welcome to Lindsey
She is engaging, communicative and friendly. She is seen on the yard daily making rounds at
recess in an effort to get to know the children.

Next meeting March 25 @ 6:30 pm
Please forward any topics to Lindsey

Meeting minutes schedule:

Feb - Sarah

March - Dolly

May - Vincy

June - Sarah