

RODEN PUBLIC SCHOOL - SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
November 13, 2013 | 7:55 - 9:00 P.M.

Council Members Present: Renee Perrin, Matthew Hall, Steve Cwirenko, Natalie Das, Jennifer Stephen, Nadia Smid, Michael Yhip, Will del Aguila, Doah Willson, Sarah Rogers

Regrets: Tawyna Hallman

Other Attendees: Christopher O'Shaughnessy, Heather Bell (Equinox rep), Uzma Ansari (teacher)

Recording Secretary: Sarah Rogers

- Chair's report (Will del Aguila)

- Discussion to determine 2013-14 parent council's top priorities
 - Through an informal survey, Will found that parent engagement is most important to council members

Motion to define three priorities as:

- 1) Increase parent engagement
- 2) Increase student safety and health
- 3) Increase children's enrichment

Moved by Will, seconded by Mike
Passed

- Classroom funding
 - Discussion on adopting formula used last year: \$275 per class plus \$5 per student

Motion to maintain existing funding formula for 2013-14
and revisit amount towards end of school year

Moved by Will, seconded by Mike
Passed

- Treasurer's report (Steve Cwirenko)

- Council's account has finally been transferred to PACE credit union
 - Steve has ordered cheques; as soon as they arrive, council can start issuing them

- As of Nov. 12: retained earnings, excluding outdoor benches and classroom funding = \$11, 265

- Discussion on the need to build a reserve, as council is in favour of having an amount that would carry over to next year

The vice-principal said there may be a requirement to spend a % of money fundraised this year on this year's students – that must be determined

Action (council): create a conversation via google group on how to establish reserve, what amount could be carried over

Action (Steve): set up a petty cash envelope in the front office

- Fundraising chair report (Doah Wilson)

- Upcoming fundraising activities: movie night Nov. 29, Funscript & QSP

- Have been unable to provide a tax receipt to a donor from last year
As it stands, donor has to issue the donation directly to TDSB

Action (Doah): find out how to provide tax receipts for donations

- Communications chair report (Natalie Das)

- Natalie wants to identify the main languages spoken in the school community. Hindi, Urdu and Bengali were named. Some mother tongue parents have agreed to help with translation.

Action (Natalie): start a thread in google groups on translation: should we do it, what should be translated, how much we're willing to pay, etc.

- Volunteers/Bylaw chair report (Nadia Smid)

- Bylaws: extensive search for past bylaws, but they can't be found. New set under development. Estimated completion: end of December.

- Class Reps document was circulated to teachers and council for feedback. Advertisement for Class Reps will be included in November newsletter.

- Equinox liaison (Heather Bell)

- Equinox school's major fundraising event, its winter fair, will be held Dec. 8 from 11:00am to

3:00 pm.

- Equinox wants to give Roden council \$300 for use of the popcorn maker.

Action: Doah to start google groups thread to discuss this further.

- Model Schools/Ward council rep (Jennifer Stephen)

- Ward council – in response to complaints about speeding and unsafe road crossing, traffic safety complaints can be made at this link:

<http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/recordsmanagement/crimereporting.php>

- Next Model Schools meeting will be at D A Morrison M.S. on Thursday, Nov. 21st from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Speaker is Michelle Monroe from the Parents Advisory Committee talking about "Parents Rights in the TDSB and Navigating the TDSB". Transportation is free and dinner will be provided.

- Business arising from October meeting minutes

- Discussion on council having a role in hosting parenting workshops at the school in partnership with East End Health Centre and community member Leanne Wild.

(In October, council already moved to pay \$60 towards babysitting and refreshments for this event)

Motion to host a January parenting workshop with Sarah Rogers as council liaison

Doah moved, Will seconded

Passed

- Principal's report (Christopher O'Shaughnessy)

- thank you to parents Dorothy Hrischenko and Joanna Eaton who have been taking care of the school's lost and found.

- new TV monitors have been installed in the school entrance foyers to showcase students' work, class activities, safety notices and other reminders.

- large bulletin board will be installed outside the gym doors for sports, clubs and teams information, schedules and updates.

Ajourned 9:13 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 6:00 p.m. in the Roden School Library

Renee Perrin

Michael Yhip

I approve - Steve

I Approve -Will

I approve - Jennifer

Approved - Matthew