

**RODEN PUBLIC SCHOOL - SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 11, 2013 | 6:00 - 7:40 P.M.**

**Council Members Present:** Renee Perrin, Matthew Hall, Steve Cwrenko, Natalie Das, Jennifer Stephen, Nadia Smid, Will del Aguila, Sarah Rogers

**Regrets:** Doah Wilson, Heather Bell, Michael Yhip

**Other Attendees:** Mark Lasso, Teacher Mme. Penny Stavrakos, Parent Theresa Baillie

**Recording Secretary:** Nadia Smid

**1. WELCOME (Will)**

**2. CHAIR'S REPORT (GUILLERMO)**

- Multiple Requests for Funds received from teachers for classrooms and rotary programs. No policy on handling rotary requests currently exists.

**MOTION** by Will and seconded by Natalie to vote on rotary program RFFs online on a case by case basis. **Motion passed.**

- Movie nights - Will suggested promoting movies in the community. Questions raised about level of security. Space is limited in the gym but we should cross promote with Equinox.

**ACTION: Discussion to be moved online.**

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT (STEVE)**

- Classroom funding money has been transferred to Roden School
- Comment on reserve

**4. FUNDRAISING CHAIR'S REPORT (see written report)**

**5. GRANTS CHAIR (MATTHEW)**

- Grants team includes 4 parents who have offered their help with writing the applications or research - Theresa Bailey, Angela Joseph, Mike Wallace and Sarah Weatherwax
  - As many grants require a fully developed and articulated idea, we need to petition the school community to find dedicated and passionate people. Will suggested updating Roden.ca to include an Idea drop box so that we may parents may identify their skill sets that & project ideas
  - Grants of note to seek more info and formulate a proposal included in report to come
  - Discussion on presenting top grants applications and ideas to parents. Mark noted that some follow up reporting is required so need to work with Mark on long term planning.
- ACTION: an article will go on the web site.**

**6. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT (NATALIE)**

- Discussion on Council Table at Bake Sale on Thursday.
- ACTION: table at winter concert to promote Council and sign ups for newsletter,**

**committees/class reps. Natalie to provide free give aways.**

- Mme Stavarakos - discussed the new Roden web site and sharing information. School web site being updated **with trips, events, clubs, etc. and a link to our site.**  
**ACTION: Will add a suggestion box and a link to roden.ca.**
- Additional ideas raised such as skating night; canvas painting auction for each class. To be considered in future.

#### **7. VOLUNTEER CHAIR/BYLAWS (NADIA)**

- Now have class reps for about half our classrooms. Classes still needing reps: Ms. Mighton, Ms. Vaccinos, Ms. Lumley, Ms. McGonigle, Dr. Granahan, Ms. Campbell, Mr. Mighton, Mr. Lam. Please encourage other parents from these classes to contact me for more info.
- When there is a class rep, I send a letter to the teacher informing them and a sign up form goes home to parents. We're off to a good start: one class is currently organizing a class gift to the teacher.
- Next steps: starting to collect emails and find additional reps.

#### **8. EQUINOX LIAISON (RENEE)**

- Reminder to parents not to idle engines and drivers should not park on east side of ashdale when dropping off kids.

#### **9. MODEL SCHOOLS/WARD COUNCIL REP (JENNIFER, MARK)**

- Model School meeting dates were only provided recently; Mark has asked to have dates earlier to communicate to parents
- Next event is a social in December; includes food and free transportation (taxi chits).
- Program underway to understand child demographics.. Mark wants to send some rotary teachers to the program.
- Purchased \$700 in textbooks for literacy for JK/SK
- Paid \$150/each for anaphylaxis training for teachers and council.
- Movie license \$700 for one school year.
- Cabinet for JK/SK books \$200.
- Two teachers going to Dare to Dream middle school conference on leadership
- Ontario numeracy program is starting for middle school teachers
- Cat4 results will be put out soon
- ESL and swimming classes are being offered to parents.
- Jennifer and Uzma are going to the parent academy.

#### **10. HEALTHY KIDS/SAFE SCHOOLS REP (TAWNIA)**

- Report in shared drive

#### **11. SAFE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE Update (TAWNIA)**

- Report in shared drive

#### **12. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- **Discussion on** Parent workshop - Jan 14 at 6:30 Discipline - 2 workshops in English/Urdu.

Posters before Christmas

- Council social - Jan 21

**ACTION: discussion on details to continue online**

### **13. COMMUNITY LIAISON REPORT**

- Report in shared drive.

### **14. NEW BUSINESS (10 minutes)**

#### **1) Buddy bench (Mike)**

**ACTION: to be discussed online**

#### **2) Bixi bike program (Matthew)**

- Toronto council recently voted to save the Bixi bike program by officially adopting it as part of Toronto Parking Authority as of next spring
- To that end the parking authority has proposed rebranding the program with a new name (TBD) and expanding stations across the city
- The City has created a website - <http://wewantmorebixi.to/> - where one can suggest new bike stations and/or vote on suggested spots. There are already suggestions for our neighbourhood in Greenwood Park, on Gerrard by the Tikka House and at Coxwell and Dundas.
- Suggest posting this site to Newsletter and Roden.ca to get the word out for parents to vote on a favoured site

#### **3) Jeffery Baldwin memorial (Matthew)**

- I've been very moved by the recent inquest into the death of Jeffery Baldwin. What I did not know until recently was that this lad lived in our neighbourhood on Woodfie Rd and he would have attended Roden or Duke of Connaught.
- There are memorials to Jeffrey in Greenwood Park by the playground with a tree that was recently vandalised (City is fixing that) and a bench and small garden
- There is a petition on Indiegogo - <http://www.indiegogo.com/projects/jeffrey-baldwin-memorial> - to raise funds to make a memorial statue of Jeffery in a Superman costume in Greenwood Park - perhaps we could donate on behalf of the council to this fund
- Alternatively we could dedicate the Buddy Bench to Jeffery with a plaque

**ACTION: to be discussed online**

#### **4) Notice board in JK/SK area (Tawnya - 5 mins)**

Parents in the JK/SK area will miss out on the Council bulletin board at the front of the school. Since this area reaches a significant number of parents, it is a missed opportunity to communicate with them. I imagine it as a shared board with school staff so that it would also allow JK/SK teachers or principal to communicate with parents.

**MOTION by Tanya and seconded by Will to install a board in the north JK/SK area.**

**Motion passed.**

**ACTION: Tawnya to send picture and measurements of the area to Mark so something to be made.**

### **13. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Mark - 20 minutes)**

- the school was pre-approved for solar panels on the roof. There was a structural and electrical survey this week to determine installation requirements.
- We are on the list for being a green bin school. Implementation date is TBD.
- The secure entry system is being phased in. They have started installing electronics on the Roden side. Equinox installations are TBD.

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, January 8, 2014, 7:20 p.m. in the Roden School Library**

**APPROVED BY:**

**Sarah Rogers Dec. 18**  
**Matthew Hall Dec. 19**  
**Steve Cwirenko Jan. 6**  
**Renee Perrin Jan. 6**  
**Jennifer Stephen Jan 6**  
**I Approve Jan 09**