

**RODEN PUBLIC SCHOOL - SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 19, 2014 | 6:00 – 7:40 P.M.**

**Council Members Present:** Renee Perrin, Matthew Hall, Steve Cwirenko, Nadia Smid, Michael Yhip, Will del Aguila, Sarah Rogers, Tawnya Hallman, Doah Wilson

**Other Attendees:** Mark Lasso (Principal), Frances Watson (teacher), Adrienne Tyson (Parent)

**Regrets:** Natalie Das, Jennifer Stephen, Heather Bell (Equinox rep)

**Recording Secretary:** Nadia Smid

**Principal's Report (Mark Lasso)**

Model Schools updates

- Author Eric Walters visited both schools
- Funds were directed to the Roden dance for DJ
- Restorative Practices Training provided over 2 days (one teacher over two half days). Cost \$275/teacher/day for substitutes.
- Climate survey for Gr. 4-6. Takes place every two years. Letter went home to parents already. Students get board survey; parents get ministry survey.
- Facilities: hole in Rm. 216 has been fixed; testing for mold was negative. Tiles need to be installed.
- Outside garden fence – waiting on a response
- Solar panel measurements taken but still undetermined if it will still happen.
- Gender based prevention office met with the Principal and then Staff. Aim is to provide a safe and inclusive environment for all kids. Staff training to be provided. Potential for a parent evening in May.
- Literacy and Numeracy providing evening for parents on April 9: focus on strategies for parents, activities and lectures. Includes all grades.
- Roden is invited to Equinox' social justice night at end of April.
- Staffing model process in progress. Support staff allocation change to Roden's FDK ECE: there will be 3 classes (27

- students) + 1 class (15 students) instead of 4 classes as we have this year.
- Next month Mark will review teacher allocation.

### **Equinox Update on Landscaping**

- outdoor landscape design presented
- raised about \$60K (25K grant)
- drainage issues in the northeast corner that is shared with Roden and are investigating options right now. Looking for support from Roden.

### **Chair - Will**

- Recognition – work in progress on thank you cards for sponsors, volunteers, etc.
- Posters in the front windows of the school should be limited to the Council bulletin board
- April council meeting rescheduled for April 16th
- Equinox liaison is not a position on council as per bylaws so the liaison is not a voting member.

### **Fundraising - Doah**

- Community donation from Skylark owner may provide an additional donation. We need to identify an area that the money could benefit, such as the Snack/Breakfast Program.
- Presented overview of fundraising dollars and suggestions for allocation.

**Motion by Doah to carry over \$3000 to next year's council budget.**

**CARRIED**

**Motion by Doah to set aside \$1000 for Grade 8 grad until a request comes in along with budget. CARRIED**

**Motion by Doah to hold a \$3000 minimum on a big purchase, to be determined, that will impact the school. CARRIED**

**Action:** Will to start online discussion and vote for RFFs: photography, ukuleles. To be decided by Friday, March 27.

**Action:** Tawnya will work with Mark to revise the RFF.

## **Grants – Matthew**

**Action:** Matthew to reach out to the Eco club for assistance of gathering information for the Tree Canada/Fedex Award.

**Action:** Sarah will provide information for the PRO grant.

## **Volunteers - Nadia**

- combined class distribution lists with the mailchimp list and increased the number of emails by approximately 20%

## **Healthy Kids - Tanya**

- Reaching out to Mr. Poon about organizing a running club in the spring.

## **Parenting Workshops - Sarah**

- will organize another parenting workshop for May 7

**Adrienne** – Grade 8s are selling popcorn as a fundraiser with her assistance

Meeting Adjourned 7:40

Next Meeting: April 16, 2014

Approved:

Matthew Hall Mar 21 2014

Will Del Aguila Mar 25 2014

Sarah Rogers March 21 2014

Tawnya Hallman March 31, 2014

Renee Perrin March 31, 2014

Steve Cwirenko April 15, 2014