# September 25 2019 Meeting Minutes

Meeting held in Roden library 6pm – 7:20pm followed by Principal’s report

## School Council Nominations

* Introductions around the room of all in attendance
* Overview of school council roles and then nominations
* **Decisions made:**
  + Jen to return as co-chair, joined by Erica
  + Kelda to remain treasurer. Will send out email requests to full executive when needing a second person for money counts. Typically done on Mondays during the lunch hour. Takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.
  + Kristen as secretary
  + Gavin to continue as communications lead sending outthe newsletter with Brendyn doing the roden.ca website updates.
  + Paula to remain fundraising lead with Rhonda joining as volunteer lead.
* Discussion points:
  + Request made to gain access to school council newsletter list to solicit volunteers. Potential approach discussed to have individual council members reach out to parent groups when volunteers are needed with hopes of a better response/turn out.
  + **RHONDA:** Investigating signup.com to identify volunteer roles, effort and timing as a way to secure volunteers.

## General Business

* Library is permitted for School council meetings every Wednesday for sub-committee/teams as well. Notify the office prior to coming to ensure that the doors are open.
* School council will be meeting the first Wednesday of every month this year, with the exception of January when it will be the second Wednesday.
* Google group setup and invitations to new executive school council members to be sent out this week.
* PRO (Parent’s Reaching Out) Grant applications have still not opened for this year. **Jen to keep a look out to see if they start accepting applications**. Not sure if the funds will be available.
* School Statement of Needs – Need to review last year’s application and adjust for any additional points. Will be reviewed as part of the VP placement process.
* Winter/Spring concert dates have yet to be set by Music teacher, **Cathy is anticipating a date TBD by October 4th**.
* Clothing Bank in breakfast room being heavily used. Need to find a way to increase promotion of its existence and the upcoming Clothing/Toy Swap.
* Ward Forums: held 6/year and run by trustee of Ward 15, Jennifer Story. First one is October 17th on School Space. **School council would like to have one representative attend. Doesn’t have to be the same person each time. No volunteers at this time.**

## Finances

* Request for big ask for the Music program for this year. **Specifics to be discussed at next meeting** as list of items still being constructed. So far: iPads for GarageBand, Boomwhackers,
* Also proposed that Water Refill Stations be added as a consideration. **CHRIS:** (VP) to investigate if there are limitations/requirements for the stations from EcoSchools.
* School Council does NOT have to allocate funds to Lice checks this year, it will be covered by Public Health. Confirmed by Cathy.
* Hot Lunch program looks to be self-sustaining this year and doesn’t require additional support from school council.
  + This year 30 kids subsidized every Tuesday/Thursday
* Breakfast and Snack program funding did not receive the provincial funding it had previously. There is a $3000 shortfall per term. $6000 for the year.
  + Envelopes being sent home next week (Sept 30) for donation ask.
  + **REQUEST**: Blurb on envelope to reference the shortfall amount AND how much that translates into as a donation per student.
* **CHARLIE:** reaching out to Laura Cappadocia with regards to gardening grant for Roden.

## Items Added to October 2nd Agenda

* Review of what was purchased by School Council Funds from previous year, I.e. Dishwashers, counters, sports equipment.
  + Feedback from previous year was to do better at publicizing this to parents so that they have a clear picture of WHAT the school council money has provided.
* **Jen to confirm if the date is October 11 or 17th for the clothing/toy swap.**

## Principal Report

### Budget/Finances

* Request to have it broken down by child is known, however, really late in pushing through the budgets so Cathy doesn’t have it yet
* Work to rule starts Monday details coming Thursday Sept 26. Care takers, Jodi, Stephanie and all ECE in kindergarten and EA and SNAs impacted.
* Caretakers: hallways, gym and outdoors, including garbage bins outside are out of scope.
* Request to discuss outdoor clean-up for November meeting. To include Laurie and Heather.

### EQOA

* Mixed results which are now posted.
* Equinox which doesn’t usually write it did last year and really shot up the results.
* Unpacking it on Oct 11 PD with teachers.

### Traffic

* Really want to find a way to raise awareness of going 30 in the school zone.
* Turning illegally left during the morning was being tracked by police for the first couple of weeks.
* Still a concern.

### Grade 8 Leaders

* Very keen group from both schools this year
* Attended a WE conference on inclusivity
* Will be leading orange shirt day assembly: 9:30 primary and 10:30 juniors. Parents are invited and it’s at the gym.
* Intend to have some of them attend school council meetings to represent students.

### Extracurriculars

* First cross country event October 3rd.
* Girls and boys soccer has been started.
  + Girl turnout was lower, so it’s being opened up to Grade 4 – 6 in hopes of increasing turnout for future years.
  + Boys remains Grades 7 and 8.
* Girls and Boys Basketball
  + Has become an annual basketball camp
  + Starts in grade 3
* Karate Kids had a huge group this year
* Read Up Club had a great turnout for their first event Tuesday Sept 24.

### Climate Strike

* Some of the older classes will be marching to monarch park after morning recess, to be done by lunch time.
* Parents can participate will need to sign out students not in the classes if wishing to participate.
* Also includes going along Gerrard and tell the merchants
* Building school climate culture