

Roden School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Held 6pm – 9pm in Roden School Library

Attendance

- Mike Doig, Kathleen Meeks, Paula Ravenscroft, Jen Pendergast, Erica Flynn, Kelda Higgins, Kristen Boyd, Wendy

Decisions

- PARENT SOCIALS
 - **LEAD:** Mike to organize these as reoccurring events at Eulilies
 - Looking to book in January
- KINDERGARTEN DAY OF ACTION
 - **DECISION:** council not to take a stance on the political issue, but will publise that it's happening.
 - Petitions have been collected for signature by a parent NOT acting on behalf of council.
 - Monday morning the petition will be put on an Equinox parent's porch for further signature collection
 - **FOLLOW UP:** in January meeting will discuss if council will take a stance on this issue
- NUTRITION PROGRAM
 - Wait to find out the budget before determining if more money is required for deficit
- CLASSROOM BUDGETS: **Allocation of \$2000 towards classroom budget incremental increase.**
 - **Vote held. 6 voted and passed.**
 - DECISION: Ask teachers to create a Wishlist for their class up to \$100
- WATER STATION: **Allocation of \$2500 towards water fountain improvements.**
 - **Vote held. 6 voted and passed.**
- STEM: **Allocation of \$2000 towards Scientist in the School.**
 - No vote needed as money was already allocated and voted on previously. This is just the specific activity that the money will be put towards within STEM.

General Business

- ROAD SAFETY UPDATE
 - Completing the form is a must in order to register a community complaint.
 - Website and calling is NOT additive and doesn't impact how police react
 - Increasing complaints could result in a community cop
 - Tawnya continuing to investigate what it means for a "school safety zone".

- ETFO – WORK TO RULE
 - Kindergarten Day of Action scheduled for Dec 9
 - The Kindergarten Intervention Program (KIP) has already been removed for 2020
 - Concerns about the withdrawal of full day kindergarten
 - Class size increases
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- VACCINATIONS
 - Cathy to prepare a statement
 - Discussion surrounding there being a notice on the building regarding the low vaccination rate at Equinox at the building for drop in/daycare parents
 - Worth communicating to Equinox School Council concerns parents have raised about the low vaccination rate
 - Overall nothing to be done by School and School Council, need to take action with MPP or Toronto Public Health
- SPEAKERS – FOR PARENTS
 - **LEAD:** no one assigned yet, to decide if this is something we want to pursue in the new year.
 - Historically we've done speakers (3) on mental health for children
 - Dealing with Emotional outburst, Mental Health, Screen time, Sexuality
 - Potential to do this and align with the School Improvement Plan (SIP)
 - Haven't been well attended, usually around 40 people
 - Screenagers: usually held at a local school, it will be held at Cosburn. Quite expensive to host it we'll be advertising it when it happens.
- SPEAKERS – FOR STUDENTS
 - Last year we did Black History Month and split the cost with Equinox
 - Suggestions/contacts welcome for speakers especially if they align with SIP
- ARTISTS IN THE CLASSROOM
 - **LEAD:** Giselle potentially, to be confirmed. Has lead it historically.
 - Money to support spring Art Auction at the Spring Concert.
 - Artists volunteer to work with a class and they produce a class project that is raffled off at the spring concert. Previously we've had involvement from the local businesses: SkyBlue - Carrie / Blue Crow Gallery - Jodi

Budget

- OVERVIEW
 - Need to state what we're fundraising for and then spend it within the year
- NUTRITION BUDGET
 - Need to clarify what the deficit is and whether further fundraising is required
- CONFIRMED EXPENDITURES
 - Cultural Enrichment - Every student goes (including kindergarten) in the gym and happens during the day
 - Tends to be tied to the curriculum
 - Thursday Feb 27 - Creole Heart of Cuba - Dance

- Thursday March 5 - Sheldon Casevant
 - Thursday April 23 - Canadian Orchestra
 - These funds are set aside for the following year
 - Maker Club - \$400 for Sarah Press
- CONFIRMED FUNDS RAISED
 - Curriculum Night & Dance-a-thon: raised \$2000 approximately for Nutrition
 - Grade 8 Trip - raised \$700 - Need to top of to \$1000
- OUTSTANDING ASKS
 - School Musical - Wendy
 - Auditions ran in October, Cathy promoted it to students personally class to class
 - 50/50 split for the Equinox and Roden student populations
 - Laptop Renewal – costs to determine
- BIG ASK FOLLOW UPS
 - Sign Quotes
 - \$25,000 for an electronic one
 - Potential to create this as a capital project that runs over the course of several years to accumulate the funds
 - \$5000 from this year's budget potentially. No decision made and will be discussed in January.
 - Water Station
 - Does the \$2500 cost cover a filtered station? Or just a cooling and easier to fill station?
 - Find out the cost to retrofit the existing water fountains with spouts for easily feeling?
 - STEM
 - Allocate \$2K for the scientist in the school
 - Reach out to Mr.Donovan/Ms.Vicrinis to let them to know that Scientist in the School is available. Please book it and then send Kelda the invoices.

Follow Ups

- **JEN:** to pass along email about Road Safety to Council group email.
- **KRISTEN:** to append to meeting minutes
- **JEN:** to provide address of house the petition will be available on for advertisement on Facebook
- **JEN:** to follow up with Cathy to confirm the deficit of the nutrition program to determine how much additional funding is required from council
- **JEN:** to send out a copy of the teacher specific summary of the survey results to council
- **JEN:** to confirm with Chris what specific fountain we receive for the \$2500 cost
- **JEN:** to inform Mr.Donovan and Ms. Vicrinis that money is available for Scientist in the classroom. Invoices to be sent to Kelda.
- **JEN:** to follow up with Cathy to see if she'll have a response about vaccination rates at Equinox for the January meeting

- **JEN:** to follow up with Giselle to find out details on how the sprint art auction is organized.
- **KRISTEN:** to follow up to see if Rhonda will be lead for the Fun Fair this year
- **KELDA:** to follow up and find out if Dana has second deposit for dance-a-thon in the office