

RPPS School Council Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2018 – 7 PM, RPPS Library

Participants:

Candace Amis, *Vice-Chair*
Nicole White, *Treasurer*
Laura Charlton, *Secretary*
Melissa Bulmer, *Volunteer Coordinator*
Janelle Sauvageau, *OCASC Rep*
Christina Leadlay, *Book-Fair Chair*
Imbaw Storer, *Past Chair*
Éric Grenon, *Member at Large*
Hacene Oukacine, *Member at Large*

Linda Lee, *Member at Large*
Katia Sioufi Guarna, *Principal, RPPS*
Heather Gordon, *Teacher, RPPS*
Jane Hooker, *Parent*

Regrets:

David Mackie, *Chair*
Sheila Sugavanam, *Member at Large*
Hazem Abu-Dalfa, *Member at Large*

1. Approval of / Additions or Changes to Agenda;

Agenda was approved.

Moved by Linda Lee; seconded by Christina Leadlay; carried.

2. Approval of February 13, 2018 Minutes;

Minutes were approved.

Moved by Imbaw Storer; seconded by Hacene Oukacine; carried.

3. Business Arising from Minutes / Review of Action Items;

- Pizza/ Milk Program Information:
 - Copy of received
- Pizza/ Milk Program Parent Message:
 - Not necessary. Position has been filled.
- Author's Workshop Information to Candace:
 - Candace has secured authors through MASC.

4. Non-Teacher and Community Rep(s);

None

5. Vice Chair's Report

Candace Amis reviewed upcoming dates for council & school related events.

6. Principal's Report

Katia Sioufi Guarna provided the following update;

- Friday update to include information about class composition for next school year. There will not be an option for parents to request a specific teacher.
- ***New*** Parents with children in EDP now have a code to enter school after 4:00pm. Important security addition for the safety of students & staff.

- 2nd lockdown to occur this Friday. Scheduled during class time. Next year lockdowns & fire drills will occur at unstructured times (ex. recess/ nutrition break).
- Waste of food in garbages has been astronomical (e.g., whole bananas, plates of hot lunches...). Proposal of starting Litterless lunches or Boomerang lunches next school year.
- Grade 6 parent meeting April 10th 6-7.
- April 23rd-May 11th parent school climate survey to be completed provided by OCDSB
- Education week update - Tuesday May 8th from 10:30-11:15 a Parent Volunteer Appreciation Tea will be held in the library, followed by an assembly in the gym from 11:15-12:00.
- Confirmed grandparents day would be held from 1:45-2:45
- Parent brought complaint/concern to Katia regarding idling cars at pick-up time/ not parking against curb. Katia will ask that parents try to park against curb & not idle cars in an upcoming Friday Update.
- Spring Fling - April 26th. DJ is booked. Simplifying the dance this year. No major individual prizes, instead a Pizza Party will be held for classes who raise the most money. Parent volunteers will be needed to count money pledges that come in.

7. Teacher's Report

Heather Gordon did not have any updates for this month's meeting.

7. Updates;

a) Treasurer - Nicole White

- Not many updates, most things moving along as normal.
- Made just over \$15,000 for milk/pizza in 1st half of year.

b) Book Fair Chair - Christina Leadlay

- Thanked volunteers who helped with kanata book donation (300 boxes of books!).
- 1st book sort night is this Thursday to go through the boxes.
- Book donation bins to re-open very soon.
- New volunteers for the book donation team welcome.
- Rockcliffe Park library book sale leftovers will potentially happen after their sale.
- Tara MacKenzie from Lemon Catering will not be able to do catering for book fair this year. Looking to fill catering position.
- Jessica Vaillancourt is stepping down from her position from children's team lead. Position needs to be filled.
- Still on hunt for volunteer coordinator, book donation team lead, & vice-chair.
- In-person meeting in April.

c) Volunteer Coordinator - Melissa Bulmer

- Milk & Pizza coordinator position has been filled! Allison Padova has agreed to take on the role.
- Pub night to encourage other parents to join council (potentially May 22nd at Royal Oak or Clocktower)

d) OCASC Representative - Janelle Sauvageau

- Passed copy of minutes from February OCAC meeting minutes for council to review
- Potential revision to policy that would move council funds to a board-run account

8. Other Business;

- Author's Workshop Update - Candace Amis
 - Candace has booked authors through MASC - 5 confirmed for May 9th, 2 confirmed for May 10th
 - Authors include Jamaal the Poet, Kim Kilpatrick, Josephine Rioux as well as Sonia from Rockcliffe Park Library
 - <http://www.masconline.ca/en/artists/artist-by-discipline.aspx>
 - Will require extra funds for brunch because more authors are attending
 - Grade 6 students will introduce authors
- Spirit Drive Update - Nicole White
 - The drive is complete with the exception of a few outstanding orders
 - Some additional grade 6 shirts were printed for those that missed original order deadline
- Sports Facilities Update - Imbaw Storer
 - Complicated because of 4 groups involved
 - City has let Hosers know that City will be making decisions about facility use
 - Hoping to confirm that RPPS has control over facility during school hours
 - Hosers have moved the pavilion to the southern end of the property
 - Looking now at the track & field; RPRA association rep (Imbaw), Kris Bulmer represents RPPS, RPL soccer rep, have been provided with estimate \$75,000 (top tier) from Shawn Malhotra (Hosers president who is also involved in construction) to regrade, put in irrigation system etc...(\$16,000 in bank currently for track & field maintenance).
 - Option to have a grass track with painted lines
 - North-south mini soccer fields also an option
 - Mountain View Turf to give a quote
 - Timing; work to start as soon as school ends 4-6 month project to build pavilion
- Science Night Update - Jane Hooker
 - Family Science Night will run on **May 9th from 6-8** in school gym
 - *Scientists in the School* is running the event (<http://www.scientistsinschool.ca/>)
 - Gym has been booked
 - Discussion on whether parents should RSVP
 - Refreshments to be provided by council & will be organized by Janelle

- Non-RPPS siblings are welcome
- In need of 5 parents to run stations at event

Action Item: Melissa Bulmer will look into getting 4 parent volunteers to run stations (Laura Charlton will run one station)

- Blanket Exercise - Jane Hooker
 - The Blanket Exercise is a powerful learning experience. It uses blankets to explain Indigenous history in Canada.
 - Jane suggested participating in the Blanket Exercise as a school community.
 - Event could be funded through a PRO grant.

Action Item: Jane Hooker & Laura Charlton will look into cost of Blanket Exercise & PRO grant application process

9. Adjournment;

9:00 pm adjournment

Next Meeting: April 10, 2018 – 7 PM, RPPS Library