

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
RPPS SCHOOL COUNCIL  
(held October 2, 2014)

Present:

Chair- Abby DeWolfe

Vice Chair- Caroline Matt

Treasurer - Nicole White

Secretary - Ryan Kilger

Members at large - Marta Reyes Lipman, Anna Zyzniewski, Nabanita Giri

Principal - Shari Brodie

Parents/Guardians: Gillian Campbell, Imbaw Storer, Marta Klepaczek, Kristi Squires,  
Joni Hamlin, Margaret Fudali, Debjani Mitra

Regrets:

Member-at-Large - John Arnold, Valerie Binet

Volunteer Coordinator – Melanie Ertel

Book Fair Chair - Seanna Kreager

Teacher Representative - Tena McGean

OCASC Representative - Corrina Arsenault

Quorum established and the Agenda was presented by Abby, seconded by Caroline and approved.

1. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from Meeting of Parent Council held June 10, 2014 were presented and approved. Abby moved and Marta Reyes Lipman seconded.

2. Chair's Report: Abby DeWolfe

Abby thanked Council members for their assistance last year and she noted some of the Council accomplishments. Abby presented the annual report (as amended) for 2013/2014 which is attached as Schedule "A" to these minutes. Of note, \$9000 was allocated but went unspent last year leaving a balance of \$10,991.00 in the bank account. Abby explained how council elections are going to be run in accordance with the Council's Constitution. A Parent in attendance noted that there was a discrepancy between annual report and the financial statement provided. Abby stated that the final numbers were not available at the time the annual report was created and that the figures contained in the financial statement were accurate. Abby, with the assistance of Nicole White will provide an amended annual report to be attached to the minutes.

3. Council Election: Abby and Gillian Campbell

The following individuals have presented their candidacy for election to School Council Executive. They were elected by acclamation by the individuals present:

Caroline Matt, Imbaw Storer, Nicole White, Kristi Squires, Joni Hamelin, Ali Asgari, Joel Berger, Nabanita Giri, John Arnold (absent), Abigail Fyfe (absent), Mart Reyes Lipman, Anna Zyzniewski.

The following Executive Council Members have been elected by acclamation to their respective positions by the Executive Council Members in attendance:

Past Chair: Abby Dewolfe

Chair: Caroline Matt, nominated by Joni Hamelin, seconded by Nabanita

Vice-Chair: Imbaw Storer, nominated Abby, seconded by Kristi

Treasurer: Nicole White, nominated by Caroline Mattm, seconded by Abby

Secretary: Kristi Squires, nominated by Abby, seconded by Caroline

Book Fair Chair: Joni Hamelin, nominated by Caroline, seconded by Nicole

Volunteer Coordinator: Ali Asgari, nominated by Abby, seconded by Caroline

OCASC Representative: Joel Berger, nominated by Abby, seconded by Marta

Members at Large: Nabanita Giri, John Arnold, Abigail Fyfe, Marta Reyes Lipman, Anna Zyzniewski, nominated by Abby, seconded by Caroline.

#### 4. Presentation/Discussion with Chris Ellis candidate for Public School Trustee Alta Vista & Rideau-Rockcliffe:

Abby introduced Mr. Ellis and noted that it is the Council's policy to provide equal opportunity to each individual standing for election as Trustee but Abby was unable to contact the second candidate for Public School Trustee Alta Vista & Rideau-Rockcliffe despite her various attempts.

Mr. Ellis presented a handout to those in attendance. Two main issues were discussed with Mr. Ellis during the meeting, being (a) a crossing guard at Springfield and Rideau Terrace and the OSTA Bell Time Change. Mr. Ellis stated that if elected he would work with the School Council to have their concerns raised with the OSTA and the Board. All those in attendance had an opportunity to introduce themselves to Mr. Ellis and provide comments to him regarding the "hot button issues" concerning them that would be of interest to Mr. Ellis.

In regards to the Bell Time Change, it was noted by Council Members that the vote has moved to January 2015 and a report is due to be released in November to the Trustees. This report will be made public but OSTA will not consider any input from interested parties after October 15th. Shari also suggested that Staff Members will likely provide feedback to the Board in regards to the effect of the change in start time.

Mr. Ellis stated that to defeat the motion concerning the Bell Time Change, there will need to be support of majority of Trustee (6). A parent in attendance asked if the motion need to be approved as a whole or is each school to be voted on individually. Mr. Ellis stated that it depends on the wording of the motion.

5. Principal's Report:

Shari Brodie

EQAO results for the School, Board and Province are now available on line for Grade 6 and Grade 3 students. Shari provided those in attendance with a copy of the School Report and noted that the Grade 6 scores dipped but they are tied with the provincial level.

Shari reviewed the snack program which is now available at the school for all students and is funded by Ottawa Breakfast Program. The program was given a new fridge and provides yogurt, cheese, cereal, muffins and they need volunteers to assist with the program.

A question was raised about renovating the kitchen at the school and it was stated that Board approval before any renovation will be necessary. The School has received funding from the Board for lunch time monitors (5 hours a day) to supervise the students during the snack time/ lunch. The School is looking for individuals to perform these supervision services.

Shari is also anticipating Ministry funding for tutors and has already been in contact with individuals who are prepared to act as tutors once funding is approved. Cross country running is happening next week and they will have their new jerseys (bright green) which were purchased last year. Emilie Mongrain has been awarded and Evergreen grant (\$600) and \$600 from Belair Toyota to build raised flower beds for the gardens. The School now has a new sensory room (the "Treehouse") to assist students and the new Kindergarten classes should be finished by January 2015.

6. Adjournment 9:00 pm.