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Runnymede Public School (PS) Council Meeting

November 29, 2012

Runnymede PS Library

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Attendance:

Andrew Violi (Co-chair), Caron Raybould (Co-chair), Susan Armstrong, Ivana Barbieri, Kyra Blessing, Narinder Cadeau, Erin Carroll, Martha Chamberlain, Danielle Chandler, Katherine Clark, Amelia Dennis, Heather Evans, Sarah Frame, Sean Hume, Nora Irwin, Heather Jordan, Marshall Leslie, Donna Mackay, Jackie Marrie, Pam McArthur, Jennifer McIntyre, Jennifer McLean, Jenn Meyers, Denyse Pilkington, Rick Reed, Audrey Robinson, Jess Shulman, Jacqueline Sustar, Jerry Tiessen, Julia Tseretopoulos, Alberts Vitols, Helen Williams, Ann Witalis, Jason Witalis, Brian Withnell, Krista Wylie

M.1 Call to order, welcome

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

M.2 Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

M.3 Adoption of previous minutes (October 30, 2012)

The previous minutes were adopted without change.

M.4 Administration update

CTV News did a piece on overcrowded schools. Irene Atkinson provided a tour with K.Wylie and A. Violi (parents). The piece worked out well.

Today Mr. Kite's retirement was officially announced.

Report card period went very well.

Elementary teachers will be in strike position as of Dec. 10th. An outcome of this is that we are having musical presentations during the day, as opposed to concerts. In addition, activities that link to the Ministry of Education will also be impacted eg, sports teams, field trips. Runnymede is maintaining a positive attitude. There has been contingency planning for the Quebec trip in December and that trip is currently under consideration. And there has even been some initial planning to ensure the graduation celebration goes ahead at the end of the year, even if teachers cannot attend.

M.5 2012-2013 Budget review

A copy of the Profit and Loss Budget was circulated (see attached). So far we are ahead of budget. We anticipate being ahead by \$5,000 at the end of year if all funds come in

according to plan.

The field trip bursary funds are not currently being used. We will hold them for now, but at a future point in the year if it looks like there will be no field trips, we may consider reallocating those funds.

M.6 Committee updates

Written updates were circulated with the Agenda. A question was raised for the Communications Committee regarding a process for ensuring that all Ward 7 and broader meeting notices get sent to the parent community, and a discussion about streamlining the rapport so that it is shorter and more regular (monthly).

M.7 Pursuing grants

J. Marrie volunteered to help identify grant opportunities that fit with the school's initiatives.

M.8 Update on pedestrian crossings on Runnymede Rd. (north and south of the school)

This item was not discussed.

M.9 Ward 7 updates and council working session

M.9.1 Repair work currently underway at Runnymede PS

Two issues we are trying to bring forward are overcrowding and state of disrepair. Letters have been sent to the Minister of Education, Chris Spence, and various individuals within TDSB who were identified by Trustee Atkinson.

A. Dennis met with a Facilities Supervisor immediately following the letters being sent and several repairs were undertaken: wall plastering, washrooms painted, a carpenter has put up pictures, safety mats were installed in the senior gym, a leak in the roof was repaired, tiles in the kitchen and basement were replaced.

Adventure Club asked about a point in the letter alluding to rumours that the after-school program might leave the school, and this was explained as a "worst-case scenario" possibility.

Other items on the list of things in need of repair included windows and new soap dispensers for the washrooms. A suggestion was made that an email be circulated to solicit ideas and observations from parents on other things that need repairing at the school.

M.9.2 Ward 7 updates and working session

H. Jordan provided background on the capital plan and why it was on hold by the Ministry. The Keele and Swansea additions being on-hold directly impacts our over-capacity issue.

The Ministry has given money to the TDSB for full-day kindergarten but the board put the money into the operating budget and it cannot be specifically identified.

The plans for additions to address over-crowding have been talked about for several years, and there is no money.

The only option left to address over-crowding here would be to bus children to another school. We have already had a PART, ARC, and portables. Swansea is already bussing kids in catchment to another school that has space.

The council moved into a brainstorming session about what we should and can do in light of this.

Tactical suggestions included the following initiatives:

Social Media/Video – J. Thomspson, S. Frame
Petition – N.Cadeau, J. Witalis

Letters – K. Wylie, J. McLean, J. Meyers
JK Registration – J. Myers
Newspaper (Media) Strategy – K. Clark
Lobby Liberal Candidates – I. Barbieri

M.10 Other business

A. Dennis distributed a request for donations of laptops for a school in Tanzania that Grade 6 students helped to build a few years ago. The laptops would be repurposed and sent to the school so that our students can communicate with them.

M.11 Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on **January 16, 2013**.
Subsequent meetings have been scheduled for April 11 and May 29.

M.12 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Runnymede Public School Council
2012/2013 Profit Loss Budget
November 29, 2012

	Budget 12/13		Actual 12/13		Forecast 12/13		Fav/(Unfav)		
Net Ordinary Income									
Pub Night / Silent Auction	\$	8,500	14%	\$	-	\$	8,500	\$	-
Swim Club	\$	-	0%			\$	-	\$	-
Pizza Lunch	\$	11,500	18%	\$	22,932	\$	(10,800)	\$	632
QSP Magazine	\$	1,000	2%	\$	1,309	\$	-	\$	309
T-Shirt	\$	1,000	2%	\$	3,043	\$	(610)	\$	1,433
Donations	\$	30,000	48%	\$	32,765	\$	-	\$	2,765
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	750	1%	\$	77	\$	673	\$	-
Prior Year's Expense				\$	-			\$	-
GST	\$	(1,000)	-2%	\$	-	\$	(1,000)	\$	-
Spring Thaw Art Show	\$	4,500	7%	\$	-	\$	4,500	\$	-
Curriculum Night Bake Sale	\$	480	1%	\$	490	\$	-	\$	10
Total Net Ordinary Income	\$	56,730	91%	\$	60,615	\$	1,263	\$	5,148
Retained earnings from prior year	\$	5,500	9%	\$	5,500	\$	-	\$	-
Total Net Ordinary Income & Surplus	\$	62,230	100%	\$	66,115	\$	1,263	\$	5,148
Other Expense									
Technology	\$	(2,000)	3%	\$	-	\$	(2,000)	\$	-
Eco Schools	\$	(500)	1%	\$	-	\$	(500)	\$	-
Kindergarten Refresh	\$	(800)	1%	\$	(800)	\$	-	\$	-
Rainy day lunch room games bir	\$	(300)	0%	\$	-	\$	(300)	\$	-
Outdoor recess equipment	\$	(750)	1%	\$	-	\$	(750)	\$	-
Committed:									
Extracurricular Support	\$	(2,500)	4%	\$	-	\$	(2,500)	\$	-
Yard Improvement	\$	(3,500)	6%	\$	(200)	\$	(3,300)	\$	-
Green Teacher	\$	(3,000)	5%	\$	(1,000)	\$	(2,000)	\$	-
Instrument Renewal - Strings	\$	(2,000)	3%	\$	(2,000)	\$	-	\$	-
Instrument Renewal - Band	\$	(2,000)	3%	\$	(2,000)	\$	-	\$	-
Drama Program	\$	(2,000)	3%	\$	-	\$	(2,000)	\$	-
Library	\$	(2,000)	3%	\$	(2,000)	\$	-	\$	-
House League Sports	\$	(1,500)	2%	\$	-	\$	(1,500)	\$	-
Art	\$	(1,500)	2%	\$	-	\$	(1,500)	\$	-
Primary Arts Program	\$	(7,000)	11%	\$	-	\$	(7,000)	\$	-
Science & Technology	\$	(1,450)	2%	\$	-	\$	(1,450)	\$	-
Spirit/ Centennial	\$	(2,500)	4%	\$	-	\$	(2,500)	\$	-
Peacemakers	\$	(500)	1%	\$	-	\$	(500)	\$	-
Mike Ford	\$	(624)	1%	\$	-	\$	(624)	\$	-
Awards	\$	(400)	1%	\$	-	\$	(400)	\$	-
TRF	\$	(18,700)	30%	\$	(10,000)	\$	(8,700)	\$	-
Field Trip Bursary	\$	(2,000)	3%	\$	-	\$	(2,000)	\$	-
Teacher Appreciation Lunch	\$	(500)	1%	\$	-	\$	(500)	\$	-
Council Communications	\$	(500)	1%	\$	-	\$	(500)	\$	-
Sundry And Admin	\$	(500)	1%	\$	(171)	\$	(329)	\$	-
Total Committed	\$	(54,674)	88%	\$	(17,371)	\$	(37,303)	\$	-
Uncommitted:									
Enrichment Expense	\$	(3,200)	5%	\$	-	\$	(3,200)	\$	-
Extraordinary Expense	\$	-	0%	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Total Uncommitted	\$	(3,200)	5%	\$	-	\$	(3,200)	\$	-
Total Other Expense	\$	(62,224)	100%	\$	(18,171)	\$	(44,053)	\$	-
Net Income	\$	6	0%	\$	47,944	\$	(42,790)	\$	5,148