



MINUTES

Runnymede Public School (PS) Council Meeting

January 16, 2013

Runnymede PS Library

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Attendance:

Andrew Violi (Co-Chair), Caron Raybould (Co-Chair), Ivana Barbieri, Nancy Bestic, Kyra Blessing, Marianne Bolhuis, Erin Carroll, Danielle Chandler, Narinder Cadeau, Katherine Clark, Amelia Dennis, Heather Evans, Sarah Frame, Sean Hume, Nora Irwin, Anna Intarakosit, Heather Jordan, Gary Karasiuk, Marshall Leslie, Antonio Lucas-Torres, Jackie Marrie, Pam McArthur, Tricia McGovern, Jennifer McLean, YJ Oh, Denyse Pilkington, Rick Reed, Miriam Riches, Audrey Robinson, Pro Saradhikari, Jacqueline Sustar, Jason Thompson, Jerry Tiessen, Helen Williams, Jason Witalis, Krista Wylie, Julie Young-Tseretopoulos

Guests:

Irene Atkinson, David Percival, Jane Phillips-Long, Thor Plaxton, Palma Viti, Dan Mills

M.1 Call to order, welcome

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Guests were introduced and thanked for attending the first hour of this meeting. Guests included I. Atkinson (Trustee, Ward 7 Parkdale-High Park), J. Phillips-Long (Superintendent, WR06 Region), D. Percival (Building Design & Renewal, TDSB), P. Viti (Planning, TDSB), and T. Plaxton (Planning, TDSB).

M.2 Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

M.3 Adoption of previous minutes (November 29, 2012)

The previous minutes were adopted as circulated.

M.4 Invited Guests: Jane Phillips-Long (Superintendent, WR06 Region) and Irene Atkinson (Trustee, Ward 7 Parkdale - High Park)

H. Jordan and K. Wylie summarized recent Council activities related to the planned Keele and Swansea PS additions that would allow Grade 7 and 8 students to stay there, as well as some additional re-directed students from Indian Grove PS, and therefore reduce the number of Runnymede students. A petition received approx. 800 signatures so far and social media activities are in motion.

There has been no political impact yet but the community has been engaged and awareness raised about overcrowding. There is still hope that funding will be released to help address the overcrowding concerns, otherwise, more political action will be considered. There are still concerns about how to accommodate full-day kindergarten (FDK) in 2014. Not only are classrooms lacking, but we need more

general use space such as washrooms, lunch facilities, and outdoor/activity space.

Funding for the Keele and Swansea PS additions was expected to be announced by January 18, 2013. It was expected that funding would be secured, however it was the amount that was uncertain.

It was suggested that Runnymede PS form a local school design team consisting of school staff, parents, and ideally lead by TDSB staff (e.g., D. Percival). It was felt that space issues at Runnymede PS will be far more complex than the additions at Keele and Swansea PSs, and that advance thought to the required school modifications would help speed up the process once resources become available. It was anticipated that this school design team would meet around May 1, 2013.

Timing of the work at Keele and Swansea PSs was also a concern - a start date of Fall 2013 was felt to be too late. The school zone/boundary changes announced in 2012 will come into effect in 2013. As a contingency, it was stated that if the construction hasn't been completed at Keele PS by September 2013, their senior students would still remain at the school and portables brought in as a short-term solution. In addition, grade 6 students from Keele PS will also be redirected as per the PART. This will help alleviate the numbers at Runnymede PS.

Based on a September 2014 completion date of the Keele St. renovations, it was indicated that Runnymede PS would implement FDK with interior renovations only (also to be completed by September 2014). No additions/extensions are being considered for Runnymede PS.

Since Runnymede PS is a FDK5 project, related renovations wouldn't likely start before April 2013 as they would be a lower priority than new construction projects. Fall 2013 would be the earliest time TDSB would start planning for FDK. The approval process is shorter for internal work (as opposed to new construction) which was expected to save some time.

Timelines were still a concern. It was felt that any work on the school was unlikely to be completed before FDK at Runnymede in 2014. The simple addition of 7 FDK classrooms with cubbies, washrooms, and hooks was not going far enough. Lunch areas and outdoor/activity space is still lacking.

The foundation at Runnymede PS is crumbling. This is not an issue with FDK. The Facilities dept. of TDSB is responsible for these issues but no budget is available for such repairs at this time. TDSB would have to approve it as part of its capital budget at some point in the future. D. Percival agreed to send a structural engineer to check the foundation.

The planning for renovations at Runnymede PS was estimated to start in May/June, allowing the architects to work over the summer. D. Percival indicated he could supply large school drawings to I. Atkinson for review by A. Dennis.

Some basic funding for play spaces has been allocated but this won't create more space.

It was agreed that the first priority was to plan for FDK and then focus on additional capital projects for longer-term improvement of the school, and that planning for both scenarios could start now.

M.5 School Security

A. Dennis reviewed the school's policies around locked doors. Some parents requested more information about safety procedures. The Safe and Caring Schools Committee is reviewing some of these issues. Their next meeting was set for January 29, 2013 and parents were invited to sign a circulated list if they wanted to attend.

M.6 Administration update

The school tried its best to manage the January 11 job action notice/cancellation as timely and effectively as possible. Approx. 50% of students attended school that day. Teachers have withdrawn from extracurricular activities as instructed by their union. Otherwise school is proceeding as usual.

M.7 2012-2013 Budget review

The attached budget was reviewed. Donations are still ahead of budget, as well as revenue from pizza lunches. Two major fundraisers are still planned for later in the year. Extracurricular and house league budget lines haven't been revised to-date but will be reviewed in March 2013.

- A request was submitted to the Council by A. Lakoff for \$400-\$500 towards Internet fees for a school in Tanzania. This supports a project (4 classes of Grade 6 students) between Runnymede PS and Moshona School in Tanzania. In December 2012, laptops and money were raised by the classes but support for maintenance fees, such as Internet access, is required. Due to charity laws, we need to be careful about how funds are transferred. Need to look into this further, or fundraise via spring thaw (ie, engage grade 6 students in the event). Defer until more information is available.

- Request for \$2,500 for the creation of math and science kits for students (J. Tiessen). The kits are for all grades (i.e., one strand for each grade) and were selected by Runnymede PS teachers.

Motion to approve \$2,500 for the creation of math and science kits:

1st: J. Sustar; 2nd: H. Jordan; Carried

M.8 Committee updates

This item was deferred.

M.9 Update on pedestrian crossings on Runnymede Rd. (north and south of the school)

A new crossing was built at Runnymede and Ardagh. In general, parents were pleased with the new crossing. There was no indication that further efforts were required. Thanks to H. Jordan for her efforts in monitoring this issue.

M.10 Other business

No other business was discussed.

M.11 Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on **April 11, 2013**. The last meeting of the school year is scheduled for May 29, 2013.

M.12 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Runnymede Public School Council
2012/2013 Profit Loss Budget
January 16, 2013

	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%	\$ 21,546	\$ (9,000)	\$ 1,046
QSP Magazine	\$ 1,000	2%	\$ 1,505	\$ -	\$ 505
T-Shirt	\$ 1,000	2%	\$ 3,103	\$ (610)	\$ 1,493
Donations	\$ 30,000	48%	\$ 33,386	\$ -	\$ 3,386
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 750	1%	\$ 265	\$ 485	\$ -
Prior Year's Expense			\$ -		\$ -
GST	\$ (1,000)	-2%	\$ -	\$ (1,000)	\$ -
Spring Thaw Art Show	\$ 4,500	7%	\$ (30)	\$ 4,530	\$ -
Curriculum Night Bake Sale	\$ 480	1%	\$ 490	\$ -	\$ 10
Total Net Ordinary Income	\$ 56,730	91%	\$ 60,265	\$ 2,905	\$ 6,440
Retained earnings from prior year	\$ 5,500	9%	\$ 5,500	\$ -	\$ -
Total Net Ordinary Income & Surplus	\$ 62,230	100%	\$ 65,765	\$ 2,905	\$ 6,440
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%	\$ (567)	\$ (883)	\$ -
Spirit/ Centennial	\$ (2,500)	4%	\$ -	\$ (2,500)	\$ -
Peacemakers	\$ (500)	1%	\$ -	\$ (500)	\$ -
Mike Ford	\$ (624)	1%	\$ -	\$ (624)	\$ -
Awards	\$ (400)	1%	\$ -	\$ (400)	\$ -
TRF	\$ (18,700)	30%	\$ (13,000)	\$ (5,700)	\$ -
Field Trip Bursary	\$ (2,000)	3%	\$ -	\$ (2,000)	\$ -
Teacher Appreciation Lunch	\$ (500)	1%	\$ -	\$ (500)	\$ -
Council Communications	\$ (500)	1%	\$ -	\$ (500)	\$ -
Sundry And Admin	\$ (500)	1%	\$ (240)	\$ (260)	\$ -
Total Committed	\$ (54,674)	88%	\$ (21,008)	\$ (33,666)	\$ -
Uncommitted:					
Enrichment Expense	\$ (3,200)	5%	\$ -	\$ (3,200)	\$ -
Extraordinary Expense	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Uncommitted	\$ (3,200)	5%	\$ -	\$ (3,200)	\$ -
Total Other Expense	\$ (62,224)	100%	\$ (24,858)	\$ (37,366)	\$ -
Net Income	\$ 6	0%	\$ 40,907	\$ (34,462)	\$ 6,440