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MINUTES

Runnymede Public School Council Meeting

March 27, 2012

School Library

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Attendance: N. Bestic, E. Carroll, K. Clark, A. Dennis, C. Dorcin, L. Fountain, S. Frame, S. Hamilton, R. Hochberg, N. Irwin, M. Ivanenko, H. Jordan, G. Karasiuk, J. Lash, D. Mackay, A. Markee, T. McGovern, J. Myers, D. Pylkington, K. Tenebaum, J. Thompson, J. Tiessen (Co-Chair), A. Violi (Co-Chair), A. Webb, C. Willson, K. Wylie

Guest: Ricardo Rodrigues

5th School Council Meeting of 2011-2012

M.1 Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm and the co-chairs welcomed everyone to the meeting.

M.2 Review of Agenda

The agenda was adopted without change.

M.3 Review and approval of January 25, 2012 council meeting minutes

The previous minutes were adopted without change.

Motion to adopt the January 25, 2012 council minutes: 1st: K. Wylie; 2nd: A. Markee. Carried.

M.4 Budget review

D. Pilkington provided an update on the budget year-to-date (see attached). In terms of revenue, we're expected to be ahead of budget by approximately \$7,555, primarily due to additional donations and additional revenues from the pizza lunches and QSP magazine drive. Expenses are on track per the budget. A surplus of \$3,000 revenue is expected to be carried forward to the next school year.

M.5 Requests for funding from Council

M.5.1 R. Rodrigues provided background on a pilot project for Grade 7 students regarding a career day. Feedback from a similar event held last year was that students wanted something a bit more interactive. With support from the Arts Committee, Mr. Rodrigues is planning another career day for the senior students. It was proposed that the "Director's Cut" program be brought to the school. Director's Cut Involves a half-day workshop and a half-day of other activities. The students will then present their work in a red carpet/film festival theme. The development day (workshop + activities) is for grade 7 students but

both grade 7 and 8 students will participate in the "red carpet" presentations.
The cost is \$10/student x 180 students = \$1,800.

A motion was put forward to approve \$1,800 for a career day event for grade 7/8 students featuring the "Director's Cut" program. Following discussion, the motion was amended to specify that A. Dennis agreed to cover this cost if Council funds run out by year-end.

Motion for Council to provide \$1,800 to bring the Director's Cut program to Runnymede for Grade 7/8 students. A.Dennis to cover this cost from the school budget if Council funds are not available at year-end. 1st: J. Thompson; 2nd: J. Lash; Carried.

M.5.2 S. Frame summarized that kindergarten teachers and the Yard Committee are requesting \$857.48 to supplement a school purchase of new ride-on equipment (i.e., scooters and tricycles) to be used by all kindergarten classes during their free play and gym times in the Adventure Yard. This equipment was available in the past but most of it is no longer in good condition. Funding from A. Dennis is also available (approx. \$700) in order to purchase a full complement of equipment (total of 9-10 items, including some being refurbished). In order to complete the acquisition of all equipment, funds to cover the remaining 5 items are being requested from Council in the amount of \$860.

Motion for Council to provide \$860 to fund the purchase of kindergarten riding equipment. 1st: N. Irwin; 2nd: K. Wylie; Carried.

M.6 Administration update

A. Dennis extended her congratulations to students who participated in the strings and band competition at Kiwanis Music Festival. All groups performed well (platinum and gold winners). The Runnymede PS hockey teams were also complimented. The junior team made it to the finals and excellent team spirit was generated in support of the game. The staff were also acknowledged for being so generous with their personal time, as well as parents, for helping out and assist with coaching. Special mention was made to R. Hochberg for leading the organization of the students' attendance at the hockey games, and Kim in the office for organizing buses, permits, etc.

The recent basement flood was previously thought not to have caused much damage. It has since been apparent that the gym floor is starting to show evidence of damage (starting to buckle). The entire gym and hallway floors may have to be redone; this is under review.

Staffing and teacher allocations for the next school is about to begin. Two parents were invited to attend the staffing meetings which will take place during the week of April 9 and 16. Volunteers included H. Jordan, J. Lash, and D. MacKay (attendees to be confirmed pending availability).

M.7 Traffic Light Update and Discussion

Council requested a follow-up to previous discussions around the need for a traffic light, or some alternate solution for improved safety at school crossings on Runnymede at Ardagh and Colbeck. Council had previously asked H. Jordon to continue investigating options to address this safety issue. H. Jordon summarized activities completed so far to assess the situation, including a police speed check (one out of 54 locations for the police to assess). It was noted that a 2006 traffic report lead to the current cross-walk solution at Ardagh and Runnymede.

Some concerns were expressed that additional traffic lights would slow down traffic during rush hour, and there may be potential negative environmental impacts. More information on timing of traffic lights was requested.

Safety concerns were expressed around both the intersections at Ardagh and Colbeck. Speeding and cars not abiding by the flashing yellow lights were of concern. Although there may not have been many documented accidents, near misses were not being recorded and there was concern that an accident may involve a fatality.

It was discussed that next steps would include submitting a request to our Councilor to table a request to upgrade our crossings. A traffic engineering report would need to be done. In order to get support from the Councilor, a petition may be required, or the Councilor should be invited to attend a Council meeting. Support activities may also include filming the intersections.

Motion for Council to continue pursuing actions to support the upgrading of pedestrian crossings on Runnymede at Ardagh and Colbeck: 1st: D.MackKay; 2nd: S. Frame. Carried.

M.8 Committee updates

M.8.1 Centennial

The Centennial Committee last met on March 20, 2012 and have a number of initiatives underway:

- updates will be posted on the Council website
- create a short media kit, compile a media contact list, and approach City News and Toronto Star
- investigate the Toronto Star, the Globe and Mail and other media archive sources
- re-establish contact with the TDSB Archives
- approach the West Toronto Junction Historical Society about holdings and local research
- approach the Student Parliament about the creation of a student centennial club
- create a Facebook page

M.8.2 Communications

J. Thompson reported on a successful junior kindergarten open house where approx. 30 families attended. To-date, 60 JK students have registered for next year.

E-blasts have been effective and will continue.

Continual updates are being made to the Council web site e.g., creation of a new Centennial tab. All were encouraged to visit the site on a regular basis. <http://www.runnymedecouncil.org/>

M.8.3 Ward 7

Budget was the primary focus of the last Ward 7 meeting. \$85,000,000 needs to be cut from the budget. Some of the eliminated programs do not effect Runnymede. Additional impacts will become more apparent as the school staffing meetings begin. The school is already understaffed (e.g., education assistants are lacking). Emphasis was placed on the need for longer-term planning for growth to ensure adequate spaces are available for future Runnymede students. Runnymede will receive its teacher allocation on April 11.

The next Ward 7 meeting will take place on April 3, 2012 and up to five Runnymede representatives may attend.

M.8.4 Spirit

Spring Thaw, a JK-Grade 3 art show and fundraiser, will take place on March 29, 2012.

Pub night is being held at Earth on May 4, 2012.

The Spirit Committee is supporting the Spring Yard Day. Lunch (bbq) will be available.

Pizza lunches are continuing.

The Spirit Committee is also supporting the Centennial countdown. The February spirit event where buttons were distributed was well received.

M.8.5 Yard

Thanks was extended to the caretakers and A. Dennis for addressing the graffiti in the Adventure Yard. In addition, the broken flood lights have been repaired. Some incidents occurred in the yard over March break and police were called but it was expected that the bright lights will help deter future incidents.

Yard day is April 21, 2012 and will include an Earth Day theme as well as yard clean up.

The Green Teacher program is going well. A list of completed activities will be posted on the bulletin board near the office.

M.8.6 Arts

The arts programs are wrapping up for the year.

All were encouraged to attend Spring Thaw to see the wonderful projects completed by our students.

The Arts Committee will be assisting with activities on yard day.

A school tent will be ordered in April for team events.

M.9 First Lego League (FLL) Update

The JrFLL program started this year and a grant was available for the first team. Over 50 students applied so the program had to be limited to grade 3 students (5 teams with a total of 26 students). TDSB provided additional funding to cover costs for all five teams.

M.10 Update on Safe Schools/Dress Code

R. Hochberg circulated a copy of the newly revised Runnymede Jr. & Sr. PS "Appropriate Dress Policy." A joint committee addressing Safe School and Dress Code produced the document. D. MacKay and C. Willson reported that the current dress code, the HumberSide dress code, and the TDSB policy were reviewed while creating the new policy for Runnymede PS. The committee, consisting of parents, teachers, and students, met to discuss anticipated questions and issues. The policy was written as clear as possible, including consequences of noncompliance. It was endorsed by the student council, who developed a powerpoint presentation about it. The policy will be circulated to all students and teachers.

The presentation developed by the student council was reviewed by Council. Council congratulated students on a job well done.

The school theme in April will be anti-bullying. The student parliament will focus on anti-bullying in partnership with junior and primary classes. An assembly for junior and primary students will be held and signage posted in the school. Three or four lockers throughout the school will be designated as 'safe lockers' for students to leave anonymous notes expressing any concerns. R. Hochberg will monitor the lockers and take appropriate action on notes.

M.11 Other business

At the December 2011 council meeting, C. DiNovo committed to come back to the Council in 2012 to provide information about possibilities for additional funding (e.g., levies, initiatives raised at Cabinet). In a follow-up communication, she indicated that the issue had been raised often in the House to no avail. It was suggested that a meeting with our Ward 7 representative, I. Atkinson, and all the area schools facing the same issue be held to discuss next steps.

M.12 Next meeting

The final meeting of the school year will take place on May 22, 2012.

M.13 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Runnymede Public School Council
2011/2012 Profit Loss Budget
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	Budget 11/12	Actual 11/12	Forecast	Fav/(Unfav)
Net Ordinary Income				
Pub Night / Silent Auction	\$ 5,400	\$ (500)	\$ 5,900	\$ -
Swim Club	\$ -	\$ 445	\$ (1,280)	\$ (835)
Pizza Lunch	\$ 11,600	\$ 17,746	\$ (4,950)	\$ 1,196
QSP Magazine Drive	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,429	\$ 260	\$ 1,189
T-Shirt	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,288	\$ -	\$ 288
Donations	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,676	\$ -	\$ 5,676
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 700	\$ 655	\$ 45	\$ -
Prior Year's Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GST	\$ (1,000)	\$ -	\$ (1,000)	\$ -
Spring Thaw Art Show	\$ 4,000	\$ (1,595)	\$ 5,595	\$ -
Curriculum Night Bake Sale	\$ 300	\$ 341	\$ -	\$ 41
Total Net Ordinary Income	\$ 48,500	\$ 51,485	\$ 4,570	\$ 7,555
Prior Year Surplus	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total Net Ordinary Income & Surplus	\$ 60,500	\$ 63,485	\$ 4,570	\$ 7,555
Other Expense				
Technology	\$ (1,500)	\$ -	\$ (1,500)	\$ -
Eco Schools	\$ (500)	\$ -	\$ (500)	\$ -
Prior Year Surplus Committed:				
Science/ Math Enrichment	\$ (3,000)	\$ (3,000)	\$ -	\$ -
Library/ Literacy	\$ (3,500.00)	\$ (3,500)	\$ -	\$ -
Smart Boards	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (2,000)	\$ -	\$ -
Kindergarten Refresh	\$ (800.00)	\$ (800)	\$ -	\$ -
Rainy day lunch room games bin	\$ (300.00)	\$ (300)	\$ -	\$ -
Outdoor recess equipment	\$ (750.00)	\$ (750)	\$ -	\$ -
Committed:				
Extracurricular Support	\$ (2,500)	\$ -	\$ (2,500)	\$ -
Yard Improvement	\$ (4,500)	\$ (1,022)	\$ (3,478)	\$ -
Green Teacher	\$ (3,000)	\$ (1,600)	\$ (1,400)	\$ -
Instrument Renewal - Strings	\$ (1,500)	\$ (1,500)	\$ -	\$ -
Instrument Renewal - Band	\$ (1,500)	\$ -	\$ (1,500)	\$ -
Drama Program	\$ (1,500)	\$ (1,500)	\$ -	\$ -
Library	\$ (1,500)	\$ (1,500)	\$ -	\$ -
House League Sports	\$ (1,500)	\$ -	\$ (1,500)	\$ -
Art	\$ (1,500)	\$ (523)	\$ (977)	\$ -
Primary Arts Program	\$ (3,000)	\$ (2,347)	\$ (653)	\$ -
Peacemakers	\$ (500)	\$ -	\$ (500)	\$ -
Mike Ford	\$ (624)	\$ (624)	\$ -	\$ -
Awards	\$ (400)	\$ -	\$ (400)	\$ -
TRF	\$ (18,100)	\$ (16,675)	\$ (1,425)	\$ -
Field Trip Bursary	\$ (2,000)	\$ -	\$ (2,000)	\$ -
Teacher Appreciation Lunch	\$ (500)	\$ -	\$ (500)	\$ -
Council Communications	\$ (500)	\$ (293)	\$ (207)	\$ -
Sundry And Admin	\$ (500)	\$ (454)	\$ (46)	\$ -
Total Committed	\$ (45,124)	\$ (28,038)	\$ (17,086)	\$ -
Uncommitted:				
Enrichment Expense	\$ (3,025)	\$ (3,054)	\$ (4,774)	\$ (4,803)
Total Uncommitted	\$ (3,025)	\$ (3,054)	\$ (4,774)	\$ (4,803)
Total Other Expense	\$ (60,499)	\$ (41,442)	\$ (23,860)	\$ (4,803)
Net Income	\$ 1	\$ 22,043	\$ (19,290)	\$ 2,752

Approved Enrichment expenses:

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Food Drive Pizza Party	\$ (100)	\$ (100)	\$ -	\$ -
Primary Arts	\$ (3,000)	\$ -	\$ (3,000)	\$ -
Centennial Committee	\$ (750)	\$ -	\$ (750)	\$ -
Dance Workshop	\$ (678)	\$ (678)	\$ -	\$ -
Centennial Buttons	\$ (500)	\$ -	\$ (500)	\$ -
French Reading Club	\$ (400)	\$ -	\$ (400)	\$ -
Math/ Science Enrichment Progr	\$ (2,400)	\$ (2,376)	\$ -	\$ 24
	<u>\$ (7,828)</u>	<u>\$ (3,154)</u>	<u>\$ (4,650)</u>	<u>\$ 24</u>

Previous year committed funds:

Tent	\$ (750)
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