



# RUNNYMEDE

## Jr. & Sr. Public School



### MINUTES

#### 2018-19 Runnymede Public School Council - General Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Runnymede PS Library - 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Item	Time	Minutes	Speaker
<b>A.1 Call to order</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Attendance</li> <li>• Adoption of agenda               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sarah approved, Allison seconded.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Review of October 24, 2018 minutes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nora approved, Haley seconded.</li> <li>○ Ingrid will post minutes on the website.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	6:30 pm	10 mins	A. Truong, J. Deschamps
<b>A.2 Report from Co-Chairs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secured a Marlies Day – Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 4 and 7 pm.</li> <li>• J'bai invited everyone to participate in the working group to discuss the direct donation campaign to discuss improving participation rate and the technology shortfall (32k / year).</li> <li>• Initial meeting will happen tonight with follow up meetings to be held in future.</li> </ul>	6:40 pm	10 mins	A. Truong, J. Deschamps
<b>A.3 Administration report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stafford Hope Beautification Initiative               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rob had a meeting with Councillor Doucette in September.</li> <li>○ Piece of land north of teacher parking lot at Runnymede + Colbeck will be made into a memorial parkette for Stafford Hope.</li> <li>○ Stafford was a crossing guard for 21 years, won Crossing Guard of the Year and was a big part of the Runnymede community.</li> <li>○ City will cover the cost of the project.</li> <li>○ Minimalist design with trees, concrete benches, and an easy-to-maintain garden.</li> <li>○ Question about the position of the trees due to concerns about visibility and traffic safety.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rob mentioned that has been discussed and is being considered as part of the design.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Question about who is responsible for maintenance.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Rob said maintenance could fall to the school, but not totally clear.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	6:50 pm	10 mins	R. Hochberg

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sarah said Dale indicated that the trees / shrubs would be native species and therefore low-maintenance.</li> <li>○ Rob confirmed it will be very, very low-maintenance.</li> <li>○ The school would just need to pay for the plaque.</li> <li>● Professional development opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Trevor Brown came in to work with teachers in the primary grades, focus on use of hands on manipulatives and hands on problem solving.</li> <li>○ Have already re-booked Trevor to come back and continue.</li> <li>○ More manipulatives have been purchased for classrooms.</li> <li>○ Trevor is in high-demand and enjoys coming to Runnymede and working with our staff and students.</li> <li>○ Also, a professor from OISE (Jackie Eldridge) came in to work with the teachers on classroom management, classroom community self-regulations and mindfulness.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Period 0 launched <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All teachers focused on a lesson centered around independent work and self-regulation, e.g. meditation, videos on how to self-regulate when you feel angry, lesson on learning skills and independent work.</li> <li>○ Will happen 4 times this year, already planned by a committee.</li> <li>○ Positive feedback from students and teachers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● WITS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tomorrow the WITS program will continue with puppet shows put on by Concerned Kids about bullying for K – 5.</li> <li>○ Teachers are striving to use common language that is used by WITS and encouraging parents to use it too.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● School improvement plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ongoing initiative.</li> <li>○ This year, looking at what the barriers are to student improvement.</li> <li>○ Will share with Parent Council once it's been further developed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● New money allocated for stage curtains out of the facilities budget (surprise!) to be installed in the new year.</li> <li>● Math competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Harwood brought in a voluntary math competition called Beaver Math for grades 7 / 8 and approximately 16 students participated.</li> <li>○ Looking to work closer with students to develop math abilities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Ice Hockey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Not having a team this year.</li> <li>○ Reasons being that many kids are already playing Select, practice and games are all off-site at the Mastercard arena.</li> <li>○ However, there was a new extra-curricular ball hockey league launched this year with 60 students signed up (grades 6, 7, 8).</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Question about snow plowing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If there are mounds of snow, school will call facilities department to come help clear.</li> <li>○ Community should call 311.</li> <li>○ Rob confirmed that it was TDSB's responsibility to clear, however, the City often dumps snow back on to sidewalks with</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
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<p>their plows which is the rationale for calling the City.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Suggestion to speak to facilities team lead and potentially Superintendent.</li> </ul>			
<p><b>A.4 Teacher report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	7:00 pm	5 mins	A. Markee
<p><b>A.5 Committee updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spirit – Allison and Erin</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Marlies game, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 4 and 7 pm, website for tickets up next week.</li> <li>○ Movie night on Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup>, movie not yet selected.</li> <li>○ Suggestion to survey the students to choose a movie to encourage student voice; could create an online survey and do it in the classrooms for younger children.</li> <li>○ Nuit Orange on January 31<sup>st</sup>, email to be sent soon; looking for volunteers.</li> <li>○ Concert seats for the front row will be on sale online next week, first come first serve.</li> <li>○ Short timeframe to buy Runnymede gear, includes a stuffed lion, water bottle, pencils and pens, picture frame as well as clothes.</li> <li>○ QSP magazines have launched.</li> <li>○ Pub night lead can no longer lead pub night – looking for a volunteer to plan pub night (will occur in April or May).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Yard – Helen and Sarah</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Participated in a webinar for the TD Friends of the Environment Grant.</li> <li>○ Runnymede will qualify this year.</li> <li>○ Sarah and Allison will apply and give money back to Parent Council if successful.</li> <li>○ Green teacher fall session wrapped up at the beginning of November.</li> <li>○ In the process of contacting the Green Teacher re. winter availability for outdoor learning in January / February.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arts – Ivana</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Changes to programming this year due to cost saving measures and different providers.</li> <li>○ 2/3 of the program is receiving an extra hour of instruction at the same cost.</li> <li>○ May reach out to class parents for one volunteer / class to manage FDK to Grade.</li> <li>○ Visual arts programming has been decided <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ FDK – printmaking (Matisse)</li> <li>▪ Grade 1 / 2 – drawing and painting (dimension and perspective)</li> <li>▪ Grade 3 – portrait photography</li> <li>▪ Grades 4 and 5 – sculpture</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Artefacts will be on display at Nuit Orange.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>STEM – Dave</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meeting held in October, a follow up meeting will be held in January.</li> <li>○ Tasha working to finalize plans for grade 5 and 6 enrichment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	7:05 pm	20 mins	Committee Co-Chairs

<p>program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Looking for parent volunteers in January for the primary STEM programming.</li> <li>● <b>Communications - Ingrid</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ingrid is looking for help.</li> <li>○ #1 ask on the unofficial Runnymede Parents Facebook page is about dates / information that came out in Runnymede Reminders.</li> <li>○ Not possible for one parent to be on top of all school events.</li> <li>○ Ingrid said ideally parents would help keep the Google calendar up to date.</li> <li>○ Nora raised a concern raised about posting the wrong information.</li> <li>○ Ingrid said it should only be driven by an official communication.</li> <li>○ Nora asked Rob is someone in admin would be able to update the calendar.</li> <li>○ Suggestion to update the Parent Council Google calendar at the same time as Runnymede reminders are sent out.</li> <li>○ Rob said he'll see what he can do.</li> <li>○ Melissa offered to help, will engage with Ingrid and they'll circle back with the committee.</li> <li>○ Rob can ask for volunteers in the Runnymede Reminders if required.</li> <li>○ Emily said that a few years ago parents were issued a list of spirit dates at the start of the year and asked if the same could be re-issued this year – Rob said he'll look into it.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<p><b>A.6 Ward 7 updates – Dave (Kathleen is sick)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provincial consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Province is doing a consultation with parents on education in Ontario.</li> <li>○ Collecting feedback on 7 areas via email, online survey, telephone calls.</li> <li>○ Go to: <a href="http://fortheparents.ca">fortheparents.ca</a> for more information.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● If you want to receive more information from TDBS, sign up for TDSB Connect email.</li> </ul>	7:25 pm	5 mins	K. Hyatt
<p><b>A.7 Review of SSON</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Updated by J'bai, Dale, and Helen and ready for review.</li> <li>● Request to include the SSON in the minutes.</li> </ul>	7:30 pm	10 mins	J. Deschamps, D. Cadeau, H. Williams

<p><b>A.8 Any other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stafford Hope beautification opportunity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Already covered during administration update.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• School sign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Suggestion for sign out front to show different events at the school.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wipes in the lunchroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Concerns that this is not realistic, would create lots of garbage, and would be logistically hard to implement.</li> <li>○ Suggestion to use hand sanitizer instead, but many parents don't like it.</li> <li>○ This incident could have been an oversight with Halloween candy.</li> <li>○ Instead, a reminder will be sent to remind parents not to send key allergens, and staff and parents should continue to encourage handwashing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bathroom hygiene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Soap in bathrooms – needs to be always available, Rob confirmed that it is.</li> <li>○ Question if soap is available in classrooms, Rob will look into it.</li> <li>○ Concern about bathrooms – audit was done, but there are still locks missing on some doors (privacy issue), toilet paper is often out, soap containers are not tamper-proof. Suggestion to have an independent audit. Waheeda will look into it.</li> <li>○ Quick poll showed a majority of parents have heard complaints about bathrooms at school.</li> <li>○ Rob and Waheeda will report back at the next council meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Amplifier <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mr. Latter is looking for an amplifier to be donated to the school.</li> <li>○ Ingrid suggested adding it to the Runnymede Parents Facebook group.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Runnymede Road radar sign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Melissa lives on Runnymede Road and a flashing radar sign was put up on her property in front of a tree.</li> <li>○ Melissa would like it moved as visibility is compromised in front of the tree.</li> <li>○ Asking for support from the community / school to have the sign moved to a more visible place.</li> <li>○ Spoke to Councillor Doucette and will follow up with Councillor Perks and then circle back with the Runnymede Parent Council.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	7:40 pm	20 mins	D. Cadeau, A. Truong, K. Wyatt
<p><b>A.9 Next meeting</b></p> <p>The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waheeda reminded the Parent Council that the public health nurse will be at the next meeting to talk about substance abuse.</li> <li>• Suggestion to make sure parents of older children are aware, e.g. share on calendar and with parent reps.</li> </ul> <p>Subsequent meetings will be held on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wednesday, March 20, 2019</li> <li>• Wednesday, May 22, 2019</li> </ul>			
<p><b>A.11 Adjourn</b></p>	8:00 pm		

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<b>Attendees</b> Allison Madigan, Anh Truong, Bianca Colle, David Begleiter, Emily Larose, Emily Osborne, Erin Meana, Heili Toome, Helen Williams, Holly Buchanan, Ingrid Larsen, Ivana Barbieri, J'bai Deschamps, Jessica Smith, Joa Roth, Karina Meratla, Krista Burns, Laura Edwards, Luc Gelinias, Mark Derry, Melissa Velic, Miriam Riches, Nora Irwin, Rob Hotchberg, Sarah Frame, Shirley Suurdt, Truc Nguyen, Waheeha Fitzpatrick-Khan, Wendy Shaffer			