



RUNNYMEDE Jr. & Sr. Public School



MINUTES

2020-21 Runnymede Public School Council - General Council Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020; 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting (Link emailed from Council)

Item	Time	Minutes	Speaker
A.1 Call to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Attendance and adoption of Meeting 2: Oct. 29, 2020 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Erin reminded everyone that minutes are posted on the Council website 	7:00 pm	5 mins	E. Meana, A. Santos
A.2 Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pizza night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Virtual pizza night ▪ Collaborate w/ pizza place in the neighbourhood w/ a portion of the profits going to the school ▪ Looking for an idea other than pickup ○ Direct donation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will be sending an email on Tuesday to indicate that Direct Donation is “open” ▪ Sabrina asked if it can be a weekend, rather than just one night and if it will be available to virtual families as well • Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Securing and packaging materials for this year’s arts project ○ Will look for a start time after report cards have gone out, but prior to holidays and will continue until the end of the school year ○ Will also include virtual families in the new year • STEM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Putting together resources and materials for families and teachers ○ Looking at digital enrichment delivery ○ Looking at having school-wide challenges over the holidays and March break ○ Will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, Dec 1 @ 730pm, all welcome • Green <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Green teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working on finding a new Green teacher ▪ Existing Green teacher will run winter programming for grades 2, 4 and 5 in January, may do Kindergarten and 	7:05 pm	15 mins	Committee Chairs

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> grades 1 and 3 as well ○ Recess equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Have purchased recess equipment for Kindergarten ▪ Polling other grades to see what is needed for winter recess ○ Ryan has been fixing signage at the Hillside garden ● Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No update 			
<p>A.3 Co-Chair Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Devices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 235 Chromebooks were delivered to the school last week ○ TDSB is planning to return the rest of the devices once they are no longer needed for virtual school ○ School working to get devices onto carts and distributed to classes ● iPad <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ iPad requested for Arts department for making videos, etc. (e.g. Remembrance Day video, holiday video, etc.) ○ Erin put forward a motion for Council to purchase an iPad for the Arts department ○ Motion carried 	7:20 pm	10 mins	E. Meana A. Santos
<p>A.4 Ward 7 Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meeting last week, it was a bit of a meet and greet ● Touched base to see how school year has started for everyone ● French instruction for virtual students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question from Krista about whether the lack of French teachers for virtual education was addressed ○ Kathleen indicated that it was discussed and an update was provided that they are trying to hire more French teachers and provide an equitable experience for virtual students ○ Kathleen will flag it again for Robin Pilkey and will reach out to Krista for more details ○ Krista asked for help and support from Council and noted that a Council for virtual school is not allowed ○ Erin and Ivana will reconnect with Krista to discuss next steps 	7:30 pm	10 mins	K. Hyatt
<p>A.5 Administration report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Progress reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many have had parent-teacher interviews, feedback from teachers indicated that these have been going well ○ It has been a year of adjustment but students are adjusting well, lots of learning happening in the school ● Teachers have received window poles with which to open windows that are high up ● Ordered 20 speakers and headsets for teachers who needed them, waiting for them to be delivered ● COVID <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Positive case on Friday ○ Two more positive cases confirmed early today ○ Initial information is shared by the principal so that people can 	7:40 pm	15 mins	R. Hochberg

isolate if required

- Toronto Public Health (TPH) gets involved and does an investigation, makes decisions on follow up and guidelines for the school
- One of the classes that was originally told to isolate has been told they can come back to class from tomorrow
- Student who tested positive was not in school for at least two days last week and didn't show symptoms until Saturday. Based on that information TPH indicated no risk of exposure.
- Question: How do cohorts work, why do they not need to isolate?
 - Kindergarten classes are their own cohort, do not mix with other classes
 - Primary and Junior – they have cohorts that go outside together with one teacher supervising, they do not mix inside the school
 - At lunch, up to 4 classes supervised by a single lunchroom supervisor, in 2 zones
- Question: Do rotary teachers have to isolate?
 - TPH also consults on this, somewhat of a grey area and based on situation
- Question: Is it possible to know which class is impacted in future?
 - In line with TPH regulations, only a general letter is sent to the school. The impacted class is notified directly
 - Siblings can continue coming to school unless it's a sibling of a student who has tested positive
 - TPH set up dedicated testing at St. Joe's for both classes that were impacted
- Question: Do isolated classes pivot to virtual learning?
 - Yes. The Kindergarten class that is isolating transitioned immediately to virtual learning and it worked well. Intention was the same for the Grade 4 class
- Question: Are there any preparations being made for an extended break?
 - No, Rob has the same information that has been shared in the media
- Question: What triggers a school closure?
 - Not sure, there have been schools with up to 13 positive cases and school stayed open
 - It is only considered an outbreak if it's assumed that COVID was spread @ school
- Question: Can you describe the protocols for cohorts + siblings + teachers in other grades when there is a positive case?
 - Decisions are made by TPH
 - Siblings of a student who has tested positive must stay home
 - Siblings of a student in a class that has been isolated (but who has not had a positive test) can continue to attend school
 - For teachers it's on a per-case basis, determined by TPH

<p>A.6 Teacher report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent teacher interviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thankful to parents for their support, many parents asked how teachers how they were doing and thanked them for their efforts this year • Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chromebooks have been put onto carts or distributed in classes ○ Each K-2 class has 5 iPads, which brings us up to pre-COVID levels ○ Short on cables and chargers ○ Laptops and desktops in classrooms continue to expire and there is a list of teachers who need new devices ○ 11 teachers have received new devices, 10 more will need theirs replaced this year ○ Technology is sanitized aligned with COVID protocols ○ Requested tech tugs to lock devices • Intermediate teachers are concerned about older students going off property for lunch, creating new cohorts, going to each other's houses, not wearing masks, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 	7:55 pm	15 mins	A Wosik
<p>A.7 Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email went out asking parents if they would prefer to donate money from last year's remaining pizza lunches to Council or receive a refund. So far, no refunds requested • Anything parents can do to help / show appreciation for teachers and staff? Hot lunch for teachers was suggested by Mrs. Wosik • Holiday gifts for teachers – anything specific school is recommending? Nothing in particular • Anything we can do to get students to wear masks outside if they cannot socially distance? Admin is reminding students about mask wearing and focusing on eating (not talking, etc.) during lunch • Emily LaRose is doing a spirit wear sale, orders due on Friday • Question about online learning subscriptions. Mrs. Wosik indicated that we do have a number of Raz-Kids subscriptions, Mme. Blanchard also reminded staff recently about the virtual library. Mr. Hochberg indicated that there is a specific line item in the budget this year for virtual subscriptions • Question about Daily Bread food bank and whether Runnymede will be doing it this year. Mr. Hochberg indicated that priority at the moment is dealing with the positive COVID cases and will circle back on what we can do for the holidays in terms of community building. Difficult to organize logistics this year. Mrs. Wosik will speak to a friend who is on the board of the Daily Bread food bank. Can look at a donation of gift cards instead. 	8:10 pm	X mins	
<p>A.8 Next meeting: Jan. 20th at 7:00pm <u>Additional Council Meetings</u> March 25th at 7:00pm May 25th at 7:00pm</p>			
<p>A.9 Adjourn</p>	8:30pm		