



RUNNYMEDE Jr. & Sr. Public School



AGENDA

2021-22 Runnymede Public School Council - General Council Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021; 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 	7:00 pm	5 mins	E. Meana, A. Santos
A.2 Committee Updates: Summary of Plans for the year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Virtual Movie + Pizza night in September ○ Holiday sock sale, which will be a fundraiser for school + charity donation ○ Virtual silent auction around the holidays ○ Hoping to bring back in person events for the latter half of the year, based on COVID restrictions ○ Lots of interest from other parents who want to help • Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rolled over the project from last year – circular pieces of art for the fence ○ Committed to a full school outdoor art experience for the spring, provided budget is available. Quote @ \$9 / child = \$9,000. The art would go home w/ the child. ○ Mr. Latter suggested something that all kids could use. Rollin, portable mirrors – 6 ft x 6ft, not glass, purpose is to enable actors and dancers and musicians to correct their placement, be precise in group work and to bring their work up to the next level. Asking for 5 mirrors that can be shared. Quote is \$8,000, don't all need to be purchased at once. Grateful for any support that the council chooses to provide. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Erin asked if the group work would be taking place across all grade levels – answer is yes. ▪ Mr.O confirmed that a mirror is the most common request made by students in drama. ▪ Dale asked where they would be stored – near the stage area or in the arts wing of the school. ▪ Erin asked if they could be used while COVID restrictions are still in place. Mr. Latter confirmed that this is to be confirmed. • STEM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 budget line items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Technology, e.g. laptops, Chromebooks, iPads, etc. as well as single classroom use devices, e.g. projectors 	7:05 pm	25 mins	Committee Chairs

<p>and screens, chargers and charging stations, etc. Approximately \$10k. Question whether this funding is still required with Grade 5s getting devices by the board – STEM committee believes yes, there is still a strong need for additional technology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manipulatives – for example, counting blocks, graphing devices, test tubes, circuit equipment, etc. ▪ Enrichment. Historically, enrichment has been led by parent volunteers, but this is not possible with COVID – bringing parents into school + volunteers are more stretched. Looking at bringing in external providers for enrichment, e.g. from U of T. ▪ Principal Zamin noted coding manipulatives (e.g. Bee Bots, etc.) are a hot item. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget ask of \$9,295 in addition to the Green Teacher Grant that was approved last year ○ \$1,550 for yard improvements. Increase from last year, lots of work required on the hillside garden. Includes \$500 that was rolled over from last year as it was not spent. Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yard Day. ▪ Kindergarten planting ▪ Fence art ○ Eco-School Initiative and Green Team ○ Recess enhancements – funds are matched by school funds ○ Funded by a grant, Green Teacher is run 3x a year for grades 2, 4, and 6 and there is also a program for Kindergarten. Budget is higher as there are additional classes, including a virtual class. In the process of finding a new Green Teacher and also bringing on an Indigenous Consultant to advise. Also ran a native planting program for Grade 7 and 8s, funding through a grant. ○ Other initiatives being considered include: Shade solution for Colbeck Yard – split cost from the school, also discussed a music wall in the adventure yard, natural playground, rain barrel initiative ○ Need volunteers to help with: Retaining wall (someone with experience to lead), email runnymedeyard@gmail.com, parent volunteer lead for music wall + natural playground to work with Mrs. Wosik ○ Weatherproof and install mosaic art • Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Budget of \$1200 – email, domain name registration, website, etc. ○ Will be reaching out to parents re. communication preferences this year. 			
<p>A.3 2020-21 Budget Review Open to members for questions, discussion and revisions NOTE: Motions and votes required Motion 1: To approve the 2021-22 Budget (as discussed and amended)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget was shared. Key points include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carried over \$9,845 from last year ○ Expecting a budget of approximately \$68k which will support 	7:30 pm	15 mins	H. Berhane

<p>the activities that were discussed this evening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Spring arts experience is not currently in the budget ○ Suggested buying only 3 mirrors this year and reducing the STEM budget to accommodate outdoor art, since this is likely to happen this year. ○ David approved, Angela seconded. ○ Motion carried. 			
<p>A.4 Ward 7 Update- 1st meeting is in November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update will be provided at the next meeting. 	7:45 pm	5 mins	E. Meana
<p>A.5 Administration report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Zamin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indicated that a letter was sent to parents re. safe return to extra-curricular. ○ Door decorating competition is in progress. ○ Hundreds of parents came to Curriculum Nights. ○ First fire drill was successful. ○ Started welcome Student Teachers into the building. ○ Request: Looking for lunchrooms supervisors if anyone is interested. • Vice Principal George <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provided information on transition to High School – there is an upcoming Zoom call that parents can attend. ○ TSDB having their Open Houses on Nov 1. ○ ESA is having its Open House on Nov 2 6:30 – 8:30pm. 	7:50 pm	10 mins	D. Zamin
<p>A.6 Teacher report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers are happy to be back in school. • Primary grades continue to focus on literacy. • Using new reading assessment toolkit which are up to date, diverse, etc. • Refresher on teachers on how to do assessment + Daily 5, which allows teachers to run a comprehensive reading program. • Mme. Blanchard has finally received literature that was purchased over the last 2 years. Teachers have access to these books and bring them back to the classroom. Library is still closed to students. 	8:00 pm	10 mins	A Wosik
<p>A.7 School Statement of Needs (SSON)</p> <p>NOTE: Motion and vote required</p> <p>Motion 2: To approve the 2021-22 SSON document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced every year, linked to on the website. • Outlines what the school wants, needs, etc. • Needs to be voted on. • Approved + seconded, and motion carried. 	8:10 pm	5 min	A. Santos
<p>A.8 Co-Chair Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erin thanked Committed Chairs 	8:15 pm	10 mins	E. Meana, A. Santos
<p>A.9 Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question about Holiday Concert. 	8:25 pm	5 mins	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal Zamin indicated that the next big event will be Remembrance Day and she will circle back with more information about a Holiday Concert. 			
<p>A.10 Next meeting: Tuesday, Nov. 23rd at 7:00pm</p> <p><u>Additional Council Meetings</u> Jan. 19th at 7:00pm March 24th at 7:00pm May 25th at 7:00pm</p>			
<p>A.11 Adjourn</p>	<p>8:30pm</p>		