



RUNNYMEDE

Jr. & Sr. Public School



MINUTES

2021-22 Runnymede Public School Council - General Council Meeting #3

Tuesday, Nov. 23, 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Silent virtual auction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Call out to parents for experiences, sports tickets, events tickets, ski passes, etc. and to teachers for experiences as well (e.g. music lesson). Will be included in Runnymede reminders ▪ Will also be reaching out to local businesses ○ Virtual Movie Night in January ○ Virtual Escape Room ○ Pub night if COVID restrictions commit ○ Spirit wear is on sale, when a tuque is bought, another will be donated to charity • Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Materials for art project have been distributed to teachers ○ Once complete, teachers will be in touch with Arts Committee for shellac, etc. • STEM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working on trying to figure out how to support technology for the younger grades ○ Looking for ideas for enrichment for in-class • Green <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fall Green Teacher programming for grades 2, 4 and 6 ○ Planting project for grades 7 and 8 ○ Moving forward with Green Teacher planning for winter session ○ Lining up a new Green Teacher ○ Good meeting with Principal Zamin + TDSB to put in 2 shade solutions in 2022 ○ Need someone with the right technical experience to lead the work on the retaining wall • Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Survey for the parent community re. communications will come out next week 	7:05 pm	25 mins	Committee Chairs

<p>A.3 2021-22 Budget Review</p> <p>Status of direct donation campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34k has come in, anticipated to be 50k -> 70% of target so far. Will re-visit in January • Usually around 60% of families donate, currently only @ 35% • Discussion on whether families may feel disconnected from the school due to COVID: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion that photos are shared from extra-curricular activities (e.g. outdoor dance performances, plants, etc.) ○ Discussion on Kindergarten welcome and when that may be possible again. Principal Zamin indicated that she will look into whether more videos about what the students are up to at school might be possible 	7:30 pm	15 mins	H. Berhane
<p>A.4 Co-Chair report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the past, Runnymede has been awarded a grant to bring in speakers for the parent community on a variety of topics • Erin is in the process of preparing an application for the grant to bring in Alexis Dawson, an Equity and Anti-Racism Consultant as a speaker for this year 	7:45 pm	5 mins	E. Meana, A. Santos
<p>A.5 Administration report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three new trees were planted along the Runnymede fence • Installation of a plaque for last year's graduating class is to follow • New lights installed on the exterior of the building, and lights angled to point towards the school rather than the street • Looking into having more exterior lighting installed + video cameras for maximizing security • New plan in progress for pick up to avoid the large crowd of parents picking up children (grades 1 – 3). Will be detailed in Runnymede Reminders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Some classes are now being dismissed at the corner of Colbeck + Runnymede to create more space ○ Second phase will open up the gates to create more space ○ Lesley thanked admin for addressing the issue ○ Erin reminded parents not to park in the No Parking zone on Runnymede ○ Ryan asked what the procedure is with TSDB workers during school hours – Ryan had noticed TDSB trucks pulling into Runnymede property during school hours, workers without masks, and using heavy machinery without being cordoned off from students. Principal Zamin noted that this has been raised to TDSB Facilities + Construction Department and encouraged parents to email and let her know if they observe similar going forward ○ Kathleen raised that her daughters in primary grades have indicated that they are not always supervised during lunch and asked what the plan is to rectify that. Principal Zamin indicated that we have an allocation for 13 lunch supervisors who float from room to room and then travel outside with the students for lunch recess. There are more cohorts than there are lunch supervisors. Admin is also supervising to supplement. Should get better once kids are back in the lunch room. Encouraged parents to reach out with specific concerns 	7:50 pm	10 mins	D. Zamin

A.6 Teacher report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	8:00 pm	10 mins	A Wosik
A.7 Ward 7 Update	8:15 pm	10 mins	K. Hyatt
A.8 Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ian volunteered to run the holiday food drive again and everyone was in favour Ivana shared information about Bill 8 (10 paid sick days) www.justice4workers.org/bill8 	8:25 pm	5 mins	
A.9 Next meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 19 th at 7:00pm <u>Additional Council Meetings</u> March 24 th at 7:00pm May 25 th at 7:00pm			
A.10 Adjourn	8:30pm		