



RUNNYMEDE Jr. & Sr. Public School



MINUTES

2021-22 Runnymede Public School Council - General Council Meeting #5

Thursday, March 24th, 2022; 7:30 pm to 9:00 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 	7:30 pm	5 mins	E. Meana, A. Santos
A.2 Co-Chair report Openings for next year's Executive Council positions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looking for volunteers to sit on Executive Council, especially Co-Chair, Spirit and Communications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-Chair – Emily will take on a Co-Chair role if she can get a partner. Erin + Andrea are stepping down. Treasurer – Tasha may move to Treasurer, but only if someone can cover STEM. Helen is stepping down. Secretary – Jess will continue next year. Green – Ryan + Helen will continue next year. STEM – Tasha + Dave will continue next year. Anne-Marie is stepping down. Arts – Ivana + Bianca will continue next year. Sabrina is stepping down. Spirit – Alex + Andrea are stepping down. Communications – Emily can continue some of the Communication in her potential role as Co-Chair, but would be looking for someone to help (ideally w/ digital experience). New TRF Policy and suggested changes to the RPSC Constitution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will vote on new TRF policy + RPSC constitution at May meeting. TRF policy was updated to reflect adjustments to budget. RPSC was last updated in 2014 and requires updates to reflect current processes. Draft of changes will be available on the Runnymede Parent Council website soon, and will be voted on at the May meeting. 	7:35 pm	10 mins	E. Meana, A. Santos
A.3 Administration report Changes in TDSB protocols and general updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks encouraged, but not required / mandated 40 cases since January, which have been actioned by Runnymede Administration Currently notification letters only go to cohorts Report daily attendance to the province, well under 30% Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensive flooding this year, considering putting in a backflow 		15 mins	D. Zamin

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> valve <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have a comprehensive wish list of improvements for the school • Extracurricular <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Phased in, gradual approach ○ Some music + drama has started at senior grades • Staffing allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Waiting for numbers, based on projected enrollments • Equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alexis Dawson held a workshop recently on equity and anti-oppression • Question about assemblies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All school assemblies – not quite there yet ○ Waiting for additional guidance from the Boar • TRF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RAZ kids, pets, dance workshops, scientists in the schools ○ Average \$300 / class over the past few years, this year \$400 / class • Parent volunteers at the school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please reach out to administration if you are interested in volunteering at the school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If you are already in the database, call the school and administration can renew you. ▪ If you are a new Runnymede parent, a form will be sent home for you to fill out and return. If you do not receive one, please call the office and request one. ▪ If you are unsure if you are already cleared to volunteer – please call the office. ○ Please reach out to VP Jamie Price if you are interested in becoming a lunchroom supervisor. 			
<p>A.4 Teacher report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary + Junior <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Runnymede Grad + published author will be doing a virtual presentation to students next week. ○ Mme. Blanchard is training students to become library ambassadors, once complete, classes will come in for book exchange. 1 book can be borrowed at a time. ○ Putting carpets back in the classroom and establishing more collaborative seating environments. ○ Looking forward to doing field trips again. • Senior <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Math club has restarted, competition at University of Waterloo, virtually. ○ Yearbook will start up against next year, there will be a yearbook this year. ○ Excited to see musical instruments phased back in. ○ Re. graduation trips: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Niagara Falls – falls, haunted house, Boston Pizza ▪ Blue Mountain – rock climbing, scenic caves tour ▪ No overnight trips at the moment ▪ Cohorted on bus, opportunity to mix outdoors on the 	8:00 pm	10 mins	A Wosik

<p>field trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Graduation ceremony will be in person, and the graduation picnic in High Park will also be held. 			
<p>A.5 2021-22 Budget Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additional \$1,300 was donated since we last met. ○ Anticipated that more activities will occur going forward. 	8:10 pm	5 mins	H. Berhane
<p>A.6 Committee Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encouraging everyone to finish the outdoor art project. ○ Remain optimistic about a Spring arts event. ○ Run outdoor ukulele workshops for students. • Green <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ran a successful Green Teacher program. ○ Also ran a successful virtual program for Grade 2 about birds. ○ Working with Green Teacher to set dates for the spring – Grades 2 and 4. ○ Will also do a program for JK + a planting for Grade 6 ○ Recess balls have been ordered and will be distributed to classrooms once they arrive. ○ Significant erosion in the Nature Garden, connected with a subject matter expert to lead volunteers in repairing the damage. ○ Hoping to bring back Yard Day, waiting on a date for mulch delivery from TDSB. ○ Looking for volunteers to take on the role of co-chair, the year after next. • STEM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not doing Amazing Race school-wide, but materials are ready and individual classrooms can do it if they would like. ○ Angry Birds for Kindergarten and possibly grades 1 and 2 in June – need volunteers. ○ Also exploring food science, games re. Blockchain for older students. • Spirit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Looking for new co-chairs next year. ○ Looking into pizza lunch. • Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Looking for a co-chair / assistance with digital 	8:15 pm	15 mins	Committee Chairs
<p>A.7 PART process</p> <p>Open to discussion, questions, and feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PART process is very detailed – considers density, resources, etc. • Everything west of High Park Ave will now come to Runnymede. Soft launch for September (English stream only), hard launch a year later (both English + French). • Not anticipating many kids will switch right away. • Runnymede school can accommodate up to 1100 students without a significant impact. • 3 empty classrooms in the basement + other spaces that are used as designated specialty programming spaces. 	8:30 pm	25 mins	D. Zamin E. Meana

A.8 Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Runnymede shade solution – working on it for this year, there is a backlog 	8:55 pm	5 mins	
A.9 Next meeting: Wednesday, May 25 th at 7:00pm			
A.10 Adjourn	9:00pm		