



RUNNYMEDE Jr. & Sr. Public School



MINUTES

2022-23 Runnymede Public School Council - General Council Meeting #3

Monday, November 21, 2022; 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: School Library, 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. Abrahams, J. Stubbs
A.2 Committee Updates <p>Spirit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from Jenna Grant Kindergarten social was a success (50-60 attendees); Marlies game was enjoyed Upcoming events: cookie dough, Spirit Wear, holiday concert seat sales mid-December; January movie night and Nuit Orange <p>Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from Bianca Colle Mr. Medley working on 20-year plan (band, drama, instruments with quotes, timelines by year). Arts Committee received the plan on 11/20- still reviewing. Class set of ukuleles previously purchased for primary grades. Mr. Medley using for certain grades. Another example is hiring professional musicians in Hillside Outdoor Theatre. Investigating Indigenous artist but everyone booked into 2023-2024. Likely will need to push to next school year. For this school year, looking at projects by grade, with possible Indigenous themes For example, fundamentals focus with primary grades and sculpture/photography for more senior grades May need to reappropriate art enrichment funds later in year if needed- TBD Looking for volunteers to help source art supplies, to get involved Volunteers can reach out to: runnymedeart@gmail.com <p>STEM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from Emily Abrahams (via Helen) An application for Junior Achievement has been submitted. Timing of participation is TBD. Planning to meet with volunteers and Mr. Minifie to gauge class participation Supplies were reviewed and consulting with teachers and parent 	7:05 pm	25 mins	Committee Chairs

<p>volunteers re: use of supplies is in progress.</p> <p>Green</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from Ryan Lockhart • Participation from grade 2, 4 and 6's in Nature Garden • TDSB Indigenous Center to review our programming. There may be no cost. Green Teacher building out lesson plan for if/when we bring in new Green Teacher for smooth transition. • Timing and availability TBD for Winter Green Session (grade 2, 4, 6) • Working on pathway reconstruction quote for Nature Garden. Cost is TBD. • Looking at areas for plaques to be installed in Garden (e.g. Centennial Plaque, weather proofing, solid installation). Walk through done with the Facilities team. • Shade sails (covers) for Colbeck yard will be proceeding asap. Facilities is supportive. <p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from Gozde Mercan • Some families not receiving Runnymede reminders and Council updates • Link to sign up was provided at the meeting 			
<p>A.3 Co-Chair report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone is welcome to volunteer for Committee or project anytime during the year • Pizza Day on Friday 	7:30 pm	5 mins	E. Abrahams, J. Stubbs
<p>A.4 Administration report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Cards and Family Conferences last week • Remembrance Assembly went well • Athletics, School trips continuing • Holiday Concert in December; parents are welcome • Immunization Clinic for Grade 7 and 8 well attended. TPH suggests consulting flyer if students weren't able to participate at Runnymede. • Reminder re: COVID protocols and screening tool. Reminder to stay home if not well. Experiencing uptick of absenteeism due to COVID, flu, cold. Reminder re: mask friendly school. • School budget is down from last year to \$134,622. Budget has been developed in conjunction with school improvement plan. Covers all areas' initiatives. • EQAO results shared last week for Grade 3 and 6 students. • 6 programs for enrichment are being offered after school. Details have already been shared with parents. Call school if have any questions. Space is still available. • Updates from school could be in Junk folder. Call school with updates to email address. School can troubleshoot. • All EQAO was done on-line • Grade 3 results: • Reading 97% meeting standard • 87% achieving writing standard (decrease since 2018-2019) 	7:35 pm	15 mins	D. Zamin

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 93% achieving math standard • Grade 6 results: • Reading- 99% achieved standard • Writing- 99% achieved standard • Math- 69% achieved standard (increase since 2018-2019) • For province, overall decline in literacy, and math more stable • Have purchased some resources to support math. Will continue to look at data and how to support in classrooms. Math Club is one example. • Questions about drop in provincial and Runnymede math results from grade 3 to grade 6. COVID one factor, new math curriculum another factor. Need to look at other data points beyond EQAO. Administration working with staff on areas of opportunity. Some on-line tools available. For example, Math Power and Mathify are available. Could have professional development for teachers (e.g. Trevor Brown). Have manipulatives available for classrooms, from prior years. 			
<p>A.5 Teacher report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ann Wosik provided update • 4 POR teachers for this year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Early years: K-grade 2 • 2. Grade 3-5 • 3. Grade 6-8 • 4. STEM and Tech • Field trips, Math Club, Primary choir, Sports teams doing well • Literacy initiative for early years. TDSB responding. Training in Science of Reading. Speech Pathologist also providing training. Articulation, listening, reading, writing all tie together. Professional Development is helping. • Spending \$ on Kindergarten, Grade 1-3 books to develop reading skills. Ordering sets of books. Decodable books, level books. Robust library in each classroom. Books to go home for reading and practice. • Grade 5 received Chromebooks. Grade 5 and 6 all have for use in school/at home. Students should use sleeve protectors. • No Raz Kids subscriptions this year. Not representative of our community (not as diverse as other resources). 	7:50 pm	10 mins	TBD
<p>A.6 Ward 7 Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Begleiter provided update • Debbie King minimal activity on Facebook. No calendar of meetings yet. • https://www.debbieking.ca/ 	8:00 pm	15 mins	TBD
<p>A.7 Other Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Holiday Food Drive again in 2022, similar to 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ian DaSilva is willing to organize again this year. • Leverage the Sharing Place, like last year • Engage senior student leaders to help 2. For safety, play structure shouldn't be used after school. School 	8:15 pm	15 mins	ALL

Supervision ends at 3:30. TDSB guideline for liability purposes, kids should not be on play structure after school.			
A.8 Next meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 25 th at 7:00pm <u>Additional Council Meetings</u> March 27 th at 7:00pm May 24 th at 7:00pm			
A.9 Adjourn	8:30pm		