



RUNNYMEDE Jr. & Sr. Public School



MINUTES

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

Wednesday, January 25, 2023; 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: School Library, Virtual Meeting (Link emailed from Council)

| Item | Time | Minutes | Speaker |
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| A.1 Call to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Moved virtual due to weather | 7:00 pm | 5 mins | E. Abrahams, J. Stubbs |
| A.2 Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marlie's game and cookie dough sale were both a success. ○ Nuit Orange – school run but council will provide support through food beverages. ○ Movie night is coming up in February – Gillian Richie will be leading. ○ Book and bake sale may also be taking place. ○ Discussion regarding annual displays, exclusive sponsorships, etc. to raise money. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parent feedback was generally supportive of the current system. ▪ Deborah re-enforced the policies TDSB has through the Business Development Office. ▪ Can put promotions on council website. ▪ Conversation tabled for a later date. • Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visual arts workshops have started ○ For Primary, will be a local artist and a focus on Canadian nature. ○ For Junior, will be a local comic book artist – Kevin Sylvester. ○ For Kindergarten, will be a local artist and a focus on bright, colourful art. ○ Have money left for senior programs. ○ Looking to add our mural to the West Toronto art crawl for June, with involvement from seniors. ○ Looking to add a plaque to speak to the COVID art-fence project. • STEM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Most of the programs are happening this Spring. ○ Assigned teacher is talking to the class reps on what they'd like | 7:05 pm | 25 mins | Committee Chairs |

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| <p>to see.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interested in coding workshops and scientists in the classroom. Looking for volunteers. ● Green <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Launched the green teacher program, all classes are held outside with the green teacher. ○ Grade 2s are nature detectives studying adaptations for surviving winter months. ○ Grade 4s are looking at food chains and owls. ○ Grade 6 are exploring tree bio-diversity and adaptations. ○ Will be applying for a grant that pays for all of the trees and shrubs that we plant in the garden. ○ Looking to tackle the erosion in the garden for safety. ○ Would like to put some native ground cover to help with the patches. ○ Looking to get a contractor to get the woods and supports in the garden to ensure it's safe. ○ Hillside Garden mosaic plaque has been hung near the amphitheater. ○ Moving forward with two large shade sails over the kindergarten yard. ○ Ask to the committee, looking for volunteers to help with recycling stations, rain barrel fundraiser, clothing drive, cell phone recycling. Please email runnymedeyard@gmail.com ● Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reminder to council members who are organizing events to send in critical dates so they can be sent out. | | | |
| <p>A.3 Co-Chair report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No update. | 7:30 pm | 5 mins | E. Abrahams, J. Stubbs |
| <p>A.4 Administration report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Successful food drive and holiday concerts. ● Two full trucks of food were collected and delivered. ● January 31st – Nuit Orange. ● Paul Davis – Cyber safety educator ● Have invested in new literacy supports ● Shade sails are orange matching the school colours. ● Looking at investing in new school supplies and indoor painting. ● Reminder about dressing for the weather . ● Please check the lost and found, as un-retrieved items will be going to the Sharing Place. ● Staff is busy with report cards. | 7:35 pm | 15 mins | D. Zamin |
| <p>A.5 Teacher report – Ann Wosik</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● K – 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Literacy carts for each classroom. ○ Working towards de-codable books and in-class library. ○ Pearson Spark Digital home literacy program. ○ Speech pathologist is available during the day and there is high demand. ○ Great demand – speech pathologist is available during the day. | 7:50 pm | 10 mins | TBD |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outdoor classroom committee would like to work with the Green Team on ensuring supplies / materials are available for outdoor play. ● Junior and Senior <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chess club ○ Math club ○ Science fair ○ Forest of Reading Canadian program launched – working with the Ontario Library division. Must read a minimum of books in a category to vote for their favorite book. ● Caretaking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Caretaking shortage is currently taking place at currently at Runnymede. There is an unfilled shift-leader position. ○ Reminder that we are a litter-less lunch. ○ Clearance duty becomes difficult on snowy days when understaffed. | | | |
| <p>A.6 Ward 7 Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Heard from Keele St. P.S as well as few others on equity. ● Shared information on alternative school submission. ● Shared dates on out of area admissions. ● Showcased the tutoring support available. ● The school statement of needs was submitted. ● There is now an option for Junior Achievement to work with grade 7s. ● Grade 3-5 could also be trained, and Kathleen (parent) can deliver. ● Deborah will follow-up. | 8:00 pm | 15 mins | TBD |
| <p>A.7 Other Business</p> | 8:15 pm | 15 mins | ALL |
| <p>A.8 Next meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 25th at 7:00pm <u>Additional Council Meetings</u> March 27th at 7:00pm May 24th at 7:00pm</p> | | | |
| <p>A.9 Adjourn</p> | 8:30pm | | |