

# **Roch Carrier Elementary School**

## **Council Minutes**

**2020-2021**

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday February 17, 2021, 7PM (Virtual Meeting)
<b>Present:</b>	Ashley Barnard (Treasurer) Donna Owen (Secretary) Katherine Robertson-Parrott (Co-Chair) Kelly Littlemore (Vice-Principal) Lisa Clayton (Principal) R Darling Tanya Trivedi (Member at Large)

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion By: Katherine

Seconded By: Donna Owen

Approved

### **Approval of November and January Minutes**

Will do via an email vote due to the small number of members at the meeting.

### **Agenda Items:**

#### **1. Treasurer Report (Ashley Barnard)**

- No changes in finances
- Working on moving the bank account from Bank of Nova Scotia to banking with the school.

#### **2. Principal's Report (Lisa Clayton)**

Enrolment: Our enrollment is now 318.

#### Planning for Next Year:

We have 17 new kindergarten students registered for next year so far (plus 5 more registrations in progress). Our virtual kindergarten information session was live on January 26, 6:00 PM. (The session was recorded and is still available). Good feedback from the community.

The Cross Boundary Application due date was February 16. Each school is given a number of transfers that they can consider. Roch is capped at 0.

What we have learned this year is how important school is to children, parents and society as a whole. We have also learned that we can operate safely and use technology to effectively

support learning in the event of necessary transitions. There will be a remote option and a report will be going to Board next week.

Term 1 Report Cards:

The plan is to have Report Cards available to parents on February 18, 2021, for elementary students through the online Report Card Portal. There have been a couple of issues with the portal and the OCDSB IT department is working with the vendor to resolve the issues. Paper reports are not being sent home.

Thought Exchange:

The OCDSB has launched another survey through Thought Exchange. They are interested in hearing from our community to build on what we learned in the last survey, monitor the impact of the changes that were made, and plan for the next school year. Participation is confidential and completely voluntary. Everyone is encouraged to participate regardless of whether or not you completed the survey in the fall.

COVID Management:

Grade 1 to 6s are now required to wear masks at school.

Our daily student absences remain relatively low. Students are expected to sanitize their hands upon entry and exit of the classroom. They wash their hands and/or sanitize before eating. We suggest that students should bring multiple masks to school as they do get moist in the cool weather.

March Break: The March Break will now be April 12 through 16.

Black History Drumming Workshops: Today, Roch hosted Babarinde Williams from Drums et al. who ran two workshops for students today with a focus on storytelling for our younger learners and Canadian Black History for our grades 4 to 6s.

PD Day:

The focus of the last PD Day was on Equity and Diversity for half the day and on Health and Safety for the other half. Staff explored topics of Equity, Diversity and Indigenous Education. We had conversations around the importance of recognizing bias, privilege, student voice and the importance of knowing our students and the impact of what is presented at the student desk.

Playground painting: Fastline painting is creating a proposal for us within our budget. If other schools in the neighbourhood are interested, it would help keep costs down.

OCDSB Virtual Support: Homework support is available for grades 7 to 12.

[https://ocdsb.ca/continuing\\_education/literacy\\_numeracy\\_support\\_programs](https://ocdsb.ca/continuing_education/literacy_numeracy_support_programs)

Upcoming Dates:

Toonie Tuesday: February 23

Pink Shirt Day: February 24

### **3. Teacher's Report (Kelly Littlemore)**

Skinner 5/6 Gifted: Persuasive writing (should cell phones be allowed in school), celebrating black history month, learning about fractions through art, Creating TUSC (Totally Unique Speaking Club) presentations, studying texture in Art through mosaic creations.

Doucette 1/2R: Persuasive writing and advertising techniques (to convince our Prime Minister to choose their energy saving invention for funding), learning about fractions through hands on activities, music and money.

Lavoie 5 EFI: Students were very engaged in our first Club Oral Totalement Incroyable (TUSC) in Feb. Oral debate on various topics to start building persuasive vocabulary in French. Learning how to conceive and build a strong structure (bridge) that can support a heavy weight. Exploration and appreciation of the work of the Group of Seven.

Carew 6 EFI: STEM egg drop challenge; students designed a device to slow down and ensure a smooth egg landing. Various experiments to learn about the properties of air (temperature, pressure, mass). Canadian artist exploration and appreciation.

Yeldon R3A: We're learning about Black activists, leaders, athletes, scientists, inventors and physicians this month. We're applying our multiplication and division skills to area and perimeter and balancing equations activities. We've made cactus art to transport us to a warmer climate!

O'Mara 2/3EFI: We worked on procedural writing that illustrated and explained how to do our favourite things, such as how to build a snowman, make hot chocolate and how to play Minecraft. We are learning how to use Google Slides to create presentations about the impacts of natural forces.

Lachance 1 EFI: We are beginning a new unit in Science on Structures and Materials. This week the children will be designing a ride for an amusement park.

Kluke Purple Kinder: Building habitats after watching a virtual zoo field trip and a virtual vet field trip. Starting community helpers.

### **4. Family Day Talent Show (virtual) update (Katherine)**

- Great feedback
- Katherine is organizing an encore presentation. There was a delay in getting the link out on Family Day, so some families didn't get to see it.

### **5. Fundraising Opportunities for Playground Enhancements (Katherine)**

- Fundraising Opportunities:
  - Gabriel's Pizza – A portion of sales on a specific night goes to the school (have to mention Roch when ordering). Jojo's – DIY kits (more than just pizza). One week order period, and then pick up on a specific day. Proposal is for one day during old March break, and one in April around new break

- Rain Barrel – rainbarrel.ca. Popular last year with people being at home and doing gardening. Proposal for May orders, June delivery. Delivery is handled by the company selling the rain barrels, Council would not be involved in the delivery.
- Local Cafes – Looking at joint fundraising opportunities. Katherine investigating options
- Lunch Lady – Katherine to investigate this as an option.
- Considering assigning to Playground equipment category of budget.
- Will do an email vote on whether to proceed, since some council members were missing.

**6. New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** 8:00pm

**Date of Next Council Meeting:** Wednesday March 24, 2021 at 7pm (Virtual Meeting)