

Roch Carrier Elementary School

Council Minutes

2021-2022

Date:	Wednesday January 19, 2022, 7PM (Virtual Meeting)
Present:	Donna Owen (Secretary) Farah Zeidan Helen Nowell (Teacher Representative) Lisa Clayton (Principal) Jasmine Nguyen Katherine Robertson-Parrott (Co-Chair) Kelly Littlemore (Vice-Principal) Rachel Thomas Sobia Ansari (Member at Large)

Land Acknowledgement (Lisa C)

Approval of Agenda

Motion By: Donna Owen

Seconded By: Katherine Robertson-Parrott

Approved

Approval of Meeting Minutes (December 2021)

Motion By: Donna Owen

Seconded By: Sobia Ansari

Approved

Agenda Items:

It was noted that Tweets from Roch's Twitter account don't show up on the Roch Carrier school website.

1. Principal's Report (Lisa Clayton)

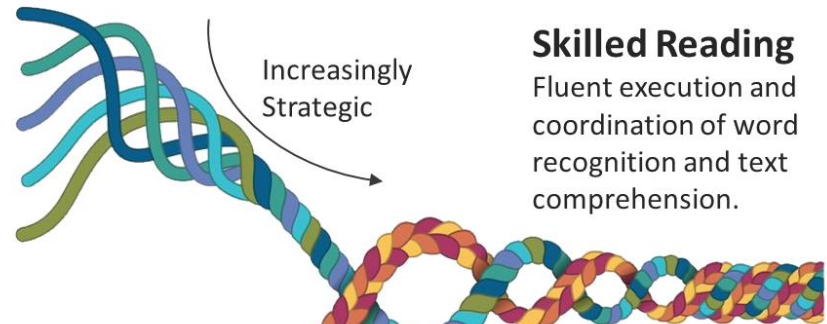
- **Return to school:** The transition to in person learning has been very smooth. Students and staff are following routines and Covid Procedures well. Thank you to parents for continuing to complete the screening process for their children each morning.
 - Grades 1-6 parents (or older students) need to sign off daily (red duo tang) that the screening has been completed.
 - Kinder process is unchanged

- Students are enjoying the snow.
- **Report Cards:** Staff are currently beginning their work on Term 1 Report Cards which will go home via email on February 16. The PD Day on Friday January 21 day is focused on this activity. Term 2 Individual Education Plans will be updated shortly after Term 1 Report Cards are complete.
- **Rapid Tests:** Ministry provided Rapid Antigen Tests and masks will be sent home either the week of January 17th or 24th. (Two masks and 2 tests per student).
- **Kiss and Ride/Parking Lot:** There is a stop sign entering and exiting the parking lot. Staff have been noticing that sometimes people are driving a bit quick and might not be paying attention to the stop signs. Thanks for your patience during morning drop off and afternoon pick up.
- **School Photos:** The school has been asked to delay school photos for a few weeks. A new date will be forthcoming.
- **Kindergarten Information Evening:** The kindergarten information evening will be conducted via Google Meet on Tuesday, January 25 at 6pm. The Google meet information is on the school website and the OCDSB website. There will be an overview of the Kindergarten program at Roch, but will mostly be an overview of the Kindergarten program and programs up to grade 12 at the OCDSB.
- **The Third Path:** A third of the staff is participating in a “Webinar Information Series” by Dr. David Tranter on the Third Path. This is a relationship based approach to well-being and achievement. It essentially integrates well-being and achievement and focuses on how to move from tasks to relationships to improve both achievement and well-being. Check out www.thethirdpath.ca for more information.

- **Scarborough's Reading Rope:** One of the other areas staff have been learning more about this school year is Literacy instruction. The skills needed to become skilled readers have been explored, particularly early literacy skills or pre-literacy skills like phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, and phonics skills.

Language Comprehension

- Background Knowledge
- Vocabulary Knowledge
- Language Structures
- Verbal Reasoning
- Literacy Knowledge



Word Recognition

- Phonological Awareness
- Decoding (and Spelling)
- Sight Recognition

Scarborough, H. 2001. Connecting early language and literacy to later reading (dis)abilities: Evidence, theory, and practice. Pp. 97-110 in S. B. Neuman & D. K. Dickinson (Eds.) *Handbook of Early Literacy*. NY: Guilford Press.

Glossary:

- Phonemic Awareness: The ability to hear, identify, and manipulate the individual sounds (phonemes) in spoken words.
- Phonological Awareness: The ability to focus on and manipulate units of language, including phonemes and larger spoken units such as syllables and words.
- Phonics: Instruction that teaches the relationship between the letters (graphemes) of written language and the individual sounds (phonemes) of spoken language.

- Prior to the Christmas break students were permitted to do group work. That has been stopped.
- There are 2 Empower reading groups. They were switched to virtual when students shifted to online learning.

2. Treasurer Report & Budget Update (Katherine)

- Fundraising
 - Gabriel's Pizza - \$150

- Law and Orders - \$285.
- Holiday Vendor Bazar - Former staff member Mary-Jo Arpin very generously donated part of her December sales (\$75).
- No requests for teacher reimbursements yet. Council wants teachers to spend that money.
- Another Law and Orders fundraiser is planned for March.

3. Co-Chair and Fundraising Updates (Katherine)

- Let Katherine if you have suggestions for fundraisers.
- Staff Appreciation
 - Now might be a good time for a staff appreciation event. Some years council has done one, some years two. Last year council did two and it worked well.
 - Let Katherine know if you have suggestions.
 - In the past have done Thirsty Maiden and Fazendeiros.
 - Suggestion for Luna Crepes, Mavericks
- Spirit Wear
 - Working with SAM group.
 - Have received feedback from students. Feedback was split. Younger students liked the rocket ship design(#1) .Older kids liked classic logo option (#3).
 - Hopefully in the next few weeks will be able to get ordering set up.
- Constitution Refresh
 - Let Katherine know if you are interested in helping.

4. New Business and Questions (Katherine)

- EQAO testing is supposed to go ahead. Don't know what it will look like for this year. EQAO dates has been posted on the Ministry website.
- OCDSB is looking for feedback on the 2022 Winter Holiday period.
- Path at the back on the school through Scissons Park from Bridle Park Drive up to the rock garden has not been plowed. The path is on city property and the city is responsible for plowing it. Katherine/Lisa to follow up with the city.

Adjournment: 8:02 PM

Date of Next Council Meeting: Wednesday February 16, 2022