

Roch Carrier Elementary School

Council Minutes

2021-2022

Date:	Wednesday March 23, 2022, 7PM (Virtual Meeting)
Present:	Ashley Barnard (Treasurer) Donna Owen (Secretary) Francis Sevor Helen Nowell (Teacher Representative) Katherine Robertson-Parrott (Co-Chair) Kelly Littlemore (Vice-Principal) Lisa Clayton (Principal) 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 (January 2022)

Deferred to the next meeting. Not enough voting members.

Agenda Items:

1. Principal's Report (Lisa Clayton)

- Enrolment – 395 students
- Kinder pre-registration – 34-36 for JK, that number is typical for this time of year
- Grade 6 virtual information night for students transitioning to Glen Carin – Thursday March 24
- Covid
 - Several changes after March Break
 - Family decision on whether students wear masks. Staff have a choice on whether to wear masks. Masks are strongly encouraged for students and staff.
 - Recess cohorts are no longer necessary as per the Ministry. Roch is slowly moving away from zones to give students time to adjust. Four of the former zones have been condensed into 1, for a total of 8 zones. Will take younger students time to adjust.

- Group work has been allowed at times over the year. Now desks are being grouped as has happened prior to Covid. Being done slowly.
- Extra-curriculars at Recess will be introduced slowly.
- Questions and Comments
 - Is there a confirmed date for Photo Retakes? – April 7
 - When will parents be allowed to volunteer in the school? Have been asked to limit visitors to essential personal. Discussions are underway. Looking forward to it soon.
 - Pizza Days – Some schools have started. Need to think about how it will be done. There are no grade 6 helpers in the younger classes. Younger students have never had pizza days. Will discuss at the next meeting (or maybe sooner).
 - Important for return to normalcy for students. Maybe have a few pizza days before the end of the year. It was noted that handing out ice cream on the last day of school is a nice tradition and it would be nice to be able to do it this year.
 - Are there any pizza places that do individual pizzas? Might be easier to distribute. Katherine to check with Jojos.
 - Lunch Outside – If students or families are anxious about Covid, lunch outside might be a way to mitigate the risk. Supervision would have to be considered.
 - Ramadan is April 1 to May 1, 2 or 3 – Needs to be considered.

2. Teacher's Report (Helen Nowell)

- Teachers appreciated the Teacher Appreciation event (Luna Crepes). Thank you.
- \$100 for per teacher for Educator Supplies is appreciated
- School is energized. Happy to be back after March Break after 2 school years of not going back to school after March Break.
- Group work is very nice. Feels more normal.

3. Treasurer Report & Budget Update (Ashley)

- March 22, 2022 School Account Balance: \$8837.10
- Tracy O'Shaughnessy Gift for Queen Mary School - \$500/year
 - Not sure if money was sent last year. Lisa to reach out to Queen Mary Principal and see if the money was sent.
 - Lisa to check with the O'Shaughnessy family to confirm that it is ok rename the gift after Tracy O'Shaughnessy.
 - Lisa to provide some information about Tracy for letter that will sent with donation.
- Rocks for the rock garden. School has put in a work order. \$1000 has been allocated. May or may not cost the school anything. If money is not needed, we would like to re-allocate that money to other school yard improvements.
- Money is available for outdoor play equipment.

4. Co-Chair and Fundraising Updates (Katherine)

- Staff Appreciation
 - Luna Crepes – Spent half budget. Great to work with. Nice to support a local business.
 - Planning another one before the end of the year
- Spirit Wear - Work on going
- Fundraising
 - Law and Orders – over \$200. Went very well.
 - Readathon – potential idea. Lisa to review
 - Not planning on doing Rain Barrels this year
 - Mabel’s Labels is having a sale – will post on Facebook
 - Bed Sheets – Sports teams have done these fundraisers. Apparently, the sheets are great. No minimums and shipped directly – don’t have to be distributed via the school. Lisa to investigate.
 - Jojo’s and Gabriel’s Pizza nights – Will investigate scheduling one each before the end of the year.
 - Cake Walk – The kids love it. Will raise a lot of money. Lisa to investigate if it is permitted.
 - Summer Camps – If a certain number of students from a school register, may contribute back to the school. Francis to investigate.
- Constitution Refresh
 - Let Katherine know if you are interested in helping.

5. New Business and Questions (Katherine)

- Ramadan starts April 1. Exciting time for the community – first time in 2 years that people will be able to gather. Will there be accommodations for students who are fasting? Request to raise awareness among school staff. Offer encouragement to students who are fasting.
 - Library and other offices are available for students who are fasting. Many students choose to remain in their classroom for social reasons. Library is always open for prayers (even when it is not Ramadan).
 - Helpful for teachers to know if students are fasting.
 - Suggestion for a mural that students can work on at nutrition breaks. Something to consider, will depend on how many students are fasting.

Adjournment: 8:20 PM

Date of Next Council Meeting: Wednesday April 20, 2022