

# Roch Carrier Elementary School

## Council Minutes

2021-2022

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday March April 20, 2022, 7PM (Virtual Meeting)
<b>Present:</b>	Alex McLaurin Amy Schroeder Ashley Barnard (Treasurer) Donna Owen (Secretary) Francis Sevor Helen Nowell (Teacher Representative) Katherine Robertson-Parrott (Co-Chair) Lisa Clayton (Principal) May Roos Renuka Darling (Member at Large) Samar Zeidan

### Land Acknowledgement (Lisa C)

#### Approval of Agenda

Motion By: Donna Owen

Seconded By: Katherine Robertson-Parrott

Approved

#### Approval of January and March Meeting Minutes

Motion By: Donna Owen

Seconded By: Katherine Robertson-Parrott

Approved

#### Agenda Items:

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

- Students are learning how to play together in the spring and learning how use the entire yard. Going well.
- Masks mandate is back and is going well. More students are coming to the office to get masks because they have forgotten them.
- Extra-curriculars haven't started yet.
- Absences were higher last week but are back to baseline levels this week.

- Getting ready for EQAO. Assessment should take 3.5h total (12h in the past). It is all online this time.
- School Climate survey was completed last week for grades 4-6.
- Received new Chromebooks in January and they were lent to another school that needed them. They are back and more have been received. They have been distributed to classes. Ratio is approximately 1:2, but some Chromebooks are being phased out (unsupported hardware).
- Question on Kindergarten Intake Process – In previous years teachers met with year 1 kinder students and parents (Intake Interviews) and there was a staggered entry. There will not be Intake Interviews or staggered entry for the 2022/2023 school year. All students (K-6) will start on the same day.
  - There will be a new intake form for families to fill out. School staff will reach out to families if there are concerns.
  - More information to follow. Hopefully by the next meeting.
  - Parents are concerned about sending young children (some as young as 3 years old) to school. They are not familiar with the school building, school routines and staff.
  - School staff is working to make sure students and families are comfortable.

## **2. Teacher's Report (Helen Nowell)**

- Students must wear masks inside, but not outside. Could be a reason that students are losing masks.
- Students are going to library weekly.
- Group work and ability to use the entire yard make a big a difference. Lots of energy. More freedom. More mixing of students, creating new friendships.
- More interaction between teachers is also nice.
- Overall lots of small changes that are contributing to more normalcy.

## **3. Treasurer Report & Budget Update (Ashley)**

- School Account Balance: \$7223.34
- Tracy O'Shaughnessy Gift for Queen Mary School - \$500/year
  - A cheque for \$1500 was sent to Queen Mary (For years 2020, 2021, and 2022)
- Received Bridlewood Community Association donation for \$500 (not reflected in the budget yet)
- Rocks for the rock garden. School has put in a work order. \$1000 has been allocated in budget for yard improvements. May or may not cost the school anything. Still waiting to find out.
- Grade 6 Leaving Ceremony – School Council has budgeted \$800
  - It is possible that there will be an in-person ceremony, tentatively June 24.
  - Planning is about to begin.

- Grade 6s did not have an opportunity to do any fundraising (as they have done in the years before Covid)
- Some of the school's budget will be used for the leaving ceremony. Let School Council know if they can help.

#### **4. Planning for PRO Grant Parent Information Session - May 10 (Katherine)**

- Confirmed for Media Smarts: Talking to Kids about Hate Online on Tuesday May 10
- Online virtual session 7-8:30 PM
- Presented by Canadian company Media Smarts
- Lisa Clayton will publish it a couple times in advance of the date.
- Speaker Liaison – Katherine
- Need 2 volunteers:
  - Session Host - Donna
  - Session Moderator - Francis

#### **5. Co-Chair and Fundraising Updates (Katherine)**

- Rockin Family Fun Fair
  - Too late to plan it now. Have also been asked not to have evening events.
- Last day of school ice cream
  - Would be nice to do it. Need to plan it. Will discuss at the next meeting.
- Spirit Wear
  - Still looking at it. Prices and order form need be finalized.
  - Maybe wait until September? Would like to try to get something out this year.
- Lunch Programs – working on getting it up and running
  - Jojos - Quite a bit more expensive, not packaged per student
  - Dominos – Will do packaged per class or packaged per student
  - With either option will need to put the prices up. Other schools - \$2.50-\$3.00 per slice.
  - We have the volunteers to help.
  - What is the comfort level of families about individual packaging?
  - Food waste and packaging waste is something to consider.
  - Dominos has a nostalgia advantage. Learning towards Dominos.
  - Packaging options and pizza vendor can be re-evaluated next year.
  - Decided to go with Dominos (individually packaged).
    - Increase price from previous years.
    - Wednesdays, target to start early May
    - Morning or Afternoon nutrition breaks?
    - Lisa to investigate if we must use whole grain.
    - Use School Cash Online. Touch base with Esther
    - Put out an advertisement out that Pizza lunches are returning
    - Katherine and Lisa to discuss distribution logistics

- Saunders Farm – They are intrigued with the option. Wondering what margins we are looking for.
- Looking into Carp Creamery fundraiser
- Milk program – Having difficulty tracking down how this was run in the past. Wasn't a lot of uptake in the past.
  - Milk containers can't be recycled any more (only cardboard is recycled now)
- Subway and Kernels are things to investigate for next year.
- Look into Movie Nights and Cake Walks for next year – popular events with students
  - Lisa C to determine if a Calk Walk is allowed
- Bed Sheets- Still investigating. Trying to find a local contact.
- Constitution Refresh
  - Let Katherine know if you are interested in helping.

#### **6. New Business and Questions (Katherine)**

- Looking for someone to maintain flowers gardens at the front of the school. Keep them looking nice.
  - Ask in school email
  - Post on Facebook
- School Council will provide support for purchase of materials.
- New School Sign is on the way. Welds on the old sign failed.

**Adjournment: 8:45 PM**

**Date of Next Council Meeting: Wednesday May 18, 2022 (Final meeting). There is no meeting planned for June.**