MINUTES OF THE ROCKWOOD CENTENNIAL P.S
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPT 10TH, 2019

SC Executive Members Present:
Lynn Clack, Chair
Alana Lefebvre, Vice-Chair
Bianca Chambers, Secretary
Amy Umrysh, Treasurer

School Administration Members Present:
Olivier Cutz, Principal

Formal Members Present:
11 in total, see end of minutes for list

Informal Members Present:
3 in total, see end of minutes for list

Action

1. **Call to Order**

   Chair, Lynn Clack called the meeting to order.

2. **Approval of Minutes from June 2019**

   Council approved minutes from June 2019

3. **Principal Update – Olivier Cutz**

Olivier outlined the role of council. Council works hand in hand with the school to fraise funds and organized activities to benefit the students. There are positions on the council which have the role of keeping the principal informed about the community and the general feeling of the parent community. A formal member attends every meeting and has voting privledges- one absence is allowed. An informal member do not have voting privileges and can come and go.

Olivier thanked everyone for coming and for our commitment to the school. Thanks for a great first day of school! Things at the school feel calm and everyone is settling in.

Staffing

- We will be losing our ECE in the Kindergarten class as we only have 15 enrolled. We needed 16. Mrs. Lush will be moving to Jean Little P.S.
- We currently have two grade ½ split classes, one class of each: Grade 3, 4, 5, two grade 6 classes, Three grade 7 classes, three grade 8 classes and one 7/8 split class.
- Staff changes: Mr. Drumm switched to 7/8 split. Mr Brubaker joined the Grade 7 team. Mr Ladner is teaching grade 5. Mrs. McCabe is our music teacher and Mr. Collier has picked up Phys. Ed, Math and Spec. Ed.

Other

- PD days were great last year and went with the EQAO. results will be public soon.
- Adjustments have been made to the food program and kids are excited about it.
- Trips and Extra Curriculars are business as usual unless something happens (job

action, government, etc).

- Grade 8 trip attendance was low- many opted not to go. School will be surveying students and staff to find out why and come up with different options. One idea is a fall trip to Muskoka to promote bonding, create rapport, friendship, leadership, etc. Alternatively, an extended day trip towards the end of the year. This is in the works and nothing is decided for sure.

4. President Update- Lynn Kennedy-Clack

- Grade 8 grad fundraisers, etc need to come through council this year to ensure fundraisers are balanced through the year. The Committee will be run under council this year and going forward.
- The Open house will have a grad committee bake sale and grade 7 and 8 families typically contribute to this.
- Last year grade 8 grad sent out a letter asking for donations at the beginning of the year and this helped to minimize constant fundraising through the year.
- Fundraising will work to create a calendar.
- Net proceeds last year are at $15,985. Fund allocation committee will meet in the next few weeks to figure out funds. There is $4100 in the playground reserve and $1000 for grad and $3000 for garden.
- We will sell orange shirts for residential schools survivor day via cash online, however we will need a quick turnaround. We may delay the day we honour this as it coincides with picture day and because we would like to give everyone the chance to order.
- Meetings will happen in October, November, January OR February, April and June
- Amy will be treasurer for this year, we are hoping to find someone to shadow her to learn the ropes for next year.
- Lynn will continue on as president, but her son will graduate next year and we are hoping to find someone o shadow her and Alana with intent to become the chair and co-chair next year.

5. Nutrition Program- Jenn Brink

- We are partnering with Rockwood Foodland. Foodland is providing free and discounted produce and delivering to the school. We did not have enough volunteers to do the shopping and this takes that burden away from us.
- This week we did bins in the room with fruit. Kids have all day access and can eat when they are hungry, and don't have to wait for breaks. We have a great core group of Monday prep volunteers, Wednesdays are tricky so we have student helpers refilling the bins on Wednesdays- the Nutrition Ninjas!
- All of this helps to tie in to being an eco school and using less plastic.
- The oatmeal program is being moved to Friday as there is no food program that day. This ensures that hungry kids get fed. Grade 6/7/8 are helping with this also.

- Program funding has taken a large cut. A fundraising letter has gone out, but we have a lot of funds to make up. Tammy Samuels from Remax donated $500 and we are hoping for more corporate support from the local community.
- Thank you to Danielle Stafford for running the program for so many years!!
- $500 money returned from Science in School and we will hold this money towards Scientist in the School for 2019/2020 school year.
- Allocation meeting will be coming up soon.
- We hope to have a calendar to organize fundraisers next year.
- Grad committee will report to council next year.

6. Other Business

- Danielle has an idea for the bulleting boards and shared a photo with the group. Olivier will look into this.
- Bus Issues- timing and over crowded. There are route issues as well. The solution is to call transportation.
- We currently have 351 students and are down from last year. We expect 10 new students from the new development.
- Pat Corbett will sing our front on the evening of the open house. It was suggested the open house not be on pizza day since we are serving pizza.
- Teachers loved the teacher appreciation breakfast and enjoyed having it catered.
- Portable- there is no classroom there but we are converting it to a green arts learning commons. Parents are extremely happy and thankful to Olivier for making this happen.
- McMillians will run in October with an order deadline of Oct 15, and delivery on Oct 30.

7. Adjournment

Chair, Lynn Clack adjourned the meeting

RCPS SCHOOL COUNCIL ATTENDANCE- SEPT 10th 2019

FORMAL MEMBERS
Lynn Clack
Lisa Ripley
Amy Umrysh
Jennifer Walker
Tracey Cripps
Bianca Chambers
Amy Robitaille
Jennifer Carr
Theresa Ebden
Alana Lefebvre

Jennifer Carr

INFORMAL MEMBERS
Amanda May
Christine Humphreys
Stephanie Cressman
Jenn Brink
Nia James
Tiffanie Thompson
Soasis Abrahamse
Chris Will…
Melissa Gray
Jenn Woods
Becky Storey
Stacey Armstrong

REGRETS
Beth Patterson (Formal)
Krista LoPatriello (Informal)
Lindsay Willians (Informal)
Mark Bouwmeester (Informal)
Deb McDougall (teacher rep)

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School Principal: Olivier Cutz

Teacher Representative: Deb McDougall

Council Executive 2018/19:

Chair: Lynn Kennedy-Clack

Co-Chair: Alana Lefebvre

Treasurer: Amy Umrysh

Secretary: Bianca Chambers