

Rockway School Council

February 10th, 2016 - 6:30

Attendance: Bobbie Chatha, Leslie Hoppenroth, Alison Cass, Amanda Davis, Tammy Warner, Desiree Hinsperger, Meaghan Wamsley, Stacey Silkovich, Sam Hutchinson, Katherine Sestan-Jones, Christine Lacelle, Oana Bodnari,

Agenda Approved by Stacey

January minutes approved by Stacey

Principal's Report:

Bobbie Chatha reviewed the WRDSB Policy outlining School Councils. She highlighted that next steps can take time and that we are a relatively new council and are still learning. She handed out a draft of the Rockway Public School Council Handbook and Bylaws and it will be posted on the website. Council members can let other parents know that this document is available. If anyone is interested in joining WRAPSC please let Bobbie know. Also, in the event of a motion being made and a vote needed in the absence of enough voters- a vote can be submitted by e-mail. The names of the members of the School Council will be posted on the website. If members wish to have an agenda item added he/she must contact either Tammy or Bobbie.

Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools:

The committee has had a few meetings. There are ideas for a climate study among the students to see what needs to be worked out. Stacey has

contacted I Choose Dignity at Extend-A-Family to ask about an assembly and activities. Tammy then spoke of a possible event to spread the word regarding Bullying Preventions. A bulletin board could be put up about community resources and school events. The committee also discussed the possibility of mindfulness activities. There is a place on the Rockway website outlining the SCIS committee and pertinent information.

Bullying Prevention:

Bobbie shared the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan as well as an article titled "Rude vs. Mean vs. Bullying: Defining the Differences. Then Leslie Hoppenroth outlined many of the prevention and intervention strategies that are currently in place. Ms. Hoppenroth shared the definition of bullying and that bullying occurs when a person focuses on one person persistently. As defined, bullying rarely happens here at Rockway but children are more often mean to one another and these situations are dealt with.

Teacher's Report:

Two assemblies have happened since our last meeting including one about integrity and one about valuing each other. The children seemed to really enjoy the messages.

Candygrams have been introduced this week at Rockway for the sole reason of showing kindness to others. The response has been great!

Report cards are just about ready and they will be sent home on February 19th. In addition there will be a PD Day on February 26th. Teachers will be discussing School Success Strategies.

March Break is coming up as well (March 14-18).

The climate is very exciting with many new students arriving lately. Students have been very receptive.

Skating Support:

Sam and Katherine shared about the pilot project from Skate Canada for Grade 1 students. This will provide free skating lessons and for the cost of \$5 for a helmet and/or \$5 for skates for the entire year. They have worked very hard to provide the project for free and have asked School Council for \$150 to pay for the remaining amount. A motion was presented and approved by Tammy and seconded by many.

Harlem Globetrotters Support:

There is an opportunity for the choir to sing at the March 31st game of the Harlem Globetrotters but students and a guardian would have to buy tickets at a reduced rate. Meaghan Wamsley asked for \$200 from School Council to further reduce the ticket costs. Tammy put forth a motion and Susana voted approved. Passed.

Fundraising Proposal:

Stacey shared a proposal for a Community Marketplace on March 24th. There would be tables available for vendors to rent (and provide percentage of sales back to Rockway), a bake sale, raffle sale. Stacey put forth a motion to hold the Community and Bake Sale Fundraiser on March 24th. This was approved by Suzanna and seconded by Oana. Alison mentioned the work that goes into having classrooms open for events such as this. So, Alison will survey the teachers in regards to having the classrooms open.

Pediculosis:

Bobbie shared the policy and procedure regarding Pediculosis (Head Lice). This is common across the Board and not just here at Rockway.

New Business:

None

Meeting adjourned.

Next School Council Meeting

March 9th at 6:30pm