

Rockway Public School Council

March 9, 2016

Present: Stacey Silkovich, Debbie Rohan, Oana Bodniari, Bobbie Chatha, Amanda Davis, Susana Duta, Christine Lacelle, Alison Cass, Krista Faw, Desiree Hinsperger

Regrets: Tammy Warner

Approval of February Minutes:

Stacey approved the February minutes and Christine seconded.

Principal's Report:

The School Council Bylaws are on the website.

EQAO Support - the time for Grade 3 and Grade 6 testing is approaching and Bobbie proposed that School Council start a tradition to support the students by having celebration at the end of testing in the form of ice cream sundaes etc. Stacey and Christine approved and approved by all.

Bobbie spoke about the Sex Education curriculum that students are now learning age appropriate material. Meaghan and Bobbie have been trained and the teaching has begun. So far there has been no negative feedback from parents. Parents are more than welcome to contact Meaghan Wamsley with any questions or concerns.

Parking Lot - there are a number of parents that are using the parking lot to drop off students. If people see this happening it should be reported to Bobbie. Pylons will be available at the front door. They should be put out but if parents see that they are not out they can come to the front door and ask Julianne for the pylons. If the pylons do not work the idea of having someone patrol that area to remind people of the rule.

11 new students from Syria will join Rockway tomorrow. They will be starting out in a congregated setting for the time being. Another ESL teacher will be joining staff as well as an occasional teacher. Two students that have joined Rockway in the past month from Syria will be ambassadors.

Teacher Report:

Alison reminded everyone that students must go home and check in at the end of the day before sticking around and playing in the playground. School staff are not responsible for students after the school day ends. Once students reach grade one they are technically allowed to walk home from school according to WRDSB policy.

Kindergarten children will now be welcome at Breakfast Program. Drop off is 8:20 and kindergarten students will be dismissed to the kindergarten area at 8:45 as the other students are dismissed to the playground.

The dogs have been staying out of the kindergarten area so the signs are working.

Market Place Fundraiser Update:

25- 30 shoeboxes for the Raffle Draw are needed. As well, volunteers are needed. Set up will start at 3:30. Baked good are also needed. Alison will take care of the coffee. Julianne will get the cash boxes ready. Volunteers will need to have supervision for their children or keep them close by.

Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools:

Pink T-shirt Day went really well. The committee was introduced to the school and a great assembly was held. There are now two students on the committee as well as members from School Council and staff. The committee has discussed the next assembly regarding Ownership and getting students to take a large role in presenting. That assembly will be held on March 23rd at 9am. All the information regarding this committee is on our website.

New Business:

Susana suggested a discussion regarding parking. Bobbie will look into the bylaw and the board policy. Krista suggested promoting walking to school as an alternative to driving.

Upcoming Dates: March Break - March 14-18

Good Friday - March 25

Easter Monday - March 28

Bobbie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Krista approved and Christine seconded.

Next School Council Meeting: April 13 at 6:30pm