

Rockway School Council

October 12, 2016

Present: Desiree Hinsperger, Bobbie Chatha, Alison Cass, Krista Faw, Tracey Ducharme

A motion for the minutes from the last meetings was made by Krista and seconded by Alison.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Co-chair: Christine Lacelle
- Secretary: Desiree Hinsperger
- Staff Representatives: Amanda Davis and Alison Cass

2. Principal Report and School Updates

- all hiring has been completed for the year. A new kindergarten teacher, Jill Johnson, has been hired for the new kindergarten class in Room 6. Kimberly Strasbourg (DECE) hired for Room 4

- The school has really grown and we also have 6 EAs in the school.

Math Updates: Ontario Focused Intervention Project (OFIP) Tutoring - will be provided for grade 3 and grade 6 students to help with Math, Dreambox - has been provided for students in Grade 1-4, Environment - really trying to dive in and making it a priority for all students

Community Centre - Kingsdale Community Centre has shared their Program Information with the school and everyone is invited to come and join their events and programs

Nutrition Break Lunches - during the first 10 minutes students are encouraged to slow down and be quiet while eating but it seems to still be a challenging time. The school as a whole is working on more mindful eating. As parents we can help by putting the focus the main meal rather than sending too many snacks.

Dogs on the Property - just a reminder that dogs should not be allowed on the school property. There have been messes left in the kindergarten play area.

3. Staff Report - The Vesey's fundraiser has profited approximately \$1000 for the school. Some of the money will be used for student travel. A big thank you to Mrs. Garcia, Ms. Sestan-Jones and Mrs. Gagne

The Terry Fox Run raised \$452.50 and was a really fun day.

Sparkle and Shine Day was a great spirit day. The next spirit day will be held on Halloween.

4. Fundraising by School Council - a virtual vote will need to be held on the MacMillan's fundraiser and volunteers will definitely be needed.

5. Volunteer opportunities (Police Check)

Nutrition for Learning (Thank you Christine!)- more volunteers are definitely needed!

The 26th Rockway Turkey Lunch will be held on December 9th. Susanne Akimov has volunteered as the team leader. This year we would like to make sure that volunteers have a chance to eat as well. Many parent volunteers will be needed so spread the word!

Pizza Lunch - volunteers still needed!

Tuck Shop - volunteers still needed!

6. Tools for Life (Jamie Keyzer and Rachel)

- from Carizon - there are 7 Community Resource Workers who work with parents to help with connecting to mental health and developmental resources. They can be as consultants and resource coordination (helping with going to appointments and following through with recommendations)

Tools for Life program - There is a possibility of Rockway holding a Parent's Night to inform parents about the Relationship-building solutions program. Jamie shared the basic premise of the program. There are 7 key lessons that work toward building resiliency for students. This program has teacher kits and parent kits. When the program is implemented in the school it takes about 8-9 weeks and there are resources sent home for parents to help reinforce the tools.

7. A motion to adjourn was made by Krista and was seconded by Alison.

Next Meeting: November 9th, 2016 @ 6:30pm