

Rockway School Council

September 20, 2017

Present: Bobbie Chatha, Alison Cass, Julianne Amaral, Krista Faw, Hala Muhssin, Dunya Albayalt, Michelle Rudolph, Ngoc Bich Nguyen, Carlos Costa, Christina Zhou, Shanna Hartman, Semiha Ibrahim, Mako Kundera, Thuy Tran, Christine Lacelle, Ash Tamang, Kul Tamang, Susanne Akimov, Vicki McLellan, Desiree Hinsperger

1. **Welcome and introductions.** We went around the table and everyone introduced themselves and said who their children are.

2. Principal Report and School Updates

- Role in School - sharing concerns of the school community
- Roles in School Council - Chair - Ashley Gardner, Christine Lacelle have expressed interest in this role
 - Secretary- Desiree Hinsperger
 - Volunteer Coordinator -
 - WRAPSC Rep - Christine Lacelle
 - Treasurer – Julianne Amaral
 - Fundraising Coordinator - Shanna Hartman
 - Voting Members – to be determined

- All Staff/Classroom Allocations

- 3 Kindergarten Classes –Jill Johnston, Nashila Husein, Joey Kittmer,
 - Alison Cass and Amanda Davis
 - Alex Snyder and Hayley MacNaughton
- Grade 1 - Ms. Katherine Sestan-Jones
- 1 Grade 1/2 class- Ms. Cara Gatrell
- 2 Grade 2/3 classes – Mr. Mark Boucher and Ms. Beth Klassen
- Grade 3/4 class- Mr. Brian Klotoff
- Grade 4class- Ms. Jenn Fedy
- 1 Grade 5 class – Mr. Rob Butson
- Grade 6 – Ms Angela Duquette
- Prep time Teachers – Ms. Kimberly Munroe, Ms. Kailyn Mitchell

- French – Mr. Mark Auge
- Child and Youth Worker – Mrs. Leslie Ingram
- Librarian - Anita Verasamy
- Custodian - Val Garcia
- Special Education Resource Teachers – Ms. Hutchinson and Mr. Snyder
- EAs- Charity Williams, Sarah Gagne, Ingrid Ross, Johnny Roberts, Tanya Rody

- There are approximately 240 students

- EQAO Results and Direction - Results from last year's EQAO were just released today. It is important to not compare our school to other schools. Bobbie will share the results more thoroughly at next month's meeting. There was improvement in four out of the six measured areas - so there is definitely room for celebration.

- Assemblies/Creed - School Climate Committee - each month there will be an assembly with a certain theme and classrooms will sign up to plan and present these assemblies. PJ Day is tomorrow (September 21). The first assembly will be "It Starts with Me" themed and will be held on same day as the Terry Fox Day. The council repeated the School Creed. One area of focus this year is about behaviour and being safe in the school yard. Also, the staff will not be enforcing rules about winter clothes this year - students will encouraged to make responsible choices and bring extra clothes.

- Volunteer Opportunities (Police Check)

- Breakfast Club - this will be running Mon-Fri this year. Kindergarten students only will receive the snack bin program. Volunteers are definitely still needed for the Breakfast Club. Please contact Sam Hutchinson to get involved.
- Letter sounds and words – this is an opportunity to support students with literacy. Sam Hutchinson is the coordinator for this as well.
- Fundraising - we will need lots of fundraising to continue to improve our school and have all the technology and resources so our students have the same opportunities as students in other schools.

Jersey Mike's Subs - will be giving out cards again for \$2 subs in support of Rockway. Each student will receive a card and can go to Jersey Mike's and get a sub for \$2.

McMillan's - have added an incentive of \$1 for every item sold (in addition to the regular percentage). This campaign will likely be running just before Christmas.

Vesey's Bulbs - possibly a spring campaign (April delivery)

- Turkey Lunch - this will be held on December 8th and will require a number of volunteers.

- Pizza Lunch - will continue this year on Thursdays. Money is due by Wednesday mornings.
- WRAPSC meetings -
- Play - A grade 4,5,6 play will be happening this year! Mrs. Ingram writes and directs the play

- Grade 6s are the example in this school. It is so important for them to be leaders. They will have a special opportunity to go to camp this year. This will be approximately \$25 per student but the full price per student is \$150 (to be subsidized by sponsors). If any family finds the \$25 fee difficult to pay please speak to Bobbie.

3. Nominations and Vote for positions on Parent Council - will be finalized at the following meeting.

4. Closing Remarks

5. Adjournment

Future Meeting Dates - 2nd Wednesday of each month : October 11th, November 8th, December 13th, January 10th, February 14th, March 21st, April 11, May 9th, June 13th.