

**Rockway School Council**

**Wednesday, November 9th, 2016 - 6pm**

Present: Bobbie Chatha, Desiree Hinsperger, Christine Lacelle, Jill Bromley, Hala Muhssin, Fiona Costa, Debbie Rohan, Monica Miranda, Vicki McLellan, Mauluda, Shanna Halstead, Vadasana Gardner, Amanda Davis, Alison Cass, Emily Lovelace, Santi Tuapa, Grace Adule

1. Welcome and Introductions - Wow, our turnout tonight was the biggest in many years!

2. Principal Report and School Update

- Math Updates: DreamBox (for students grade 1-6), Building Number Fluency. Math is an area of focus for all of WRDSB. Bobbie shared new information about the approach to teaching math now and improving skills. The keys are: Learning Through Problem Solving, Building Fluency from Conceptual Understanding, and Purposeful Practice. There is potential for a Family Math night where the new approaches could be shared with families. Parents can encourage math learning by getting children using DreamBox at home.

- Safe Caring and Inclusive Schools

- Changing the name of School Council - Fun, Parent School and Kids Meeting. Christine put forth a motion and Debbie seconded- passed - The School Council meetings will now go by the above name

- Please bring a friend to the next meeting. If you do, your child' name will be put in a draw for free pizza for a month.

- Teachers at Rockway are keen on putting students first. The staff has put together a staff agreement and this was shared with council and it can be found posted by Ms. Chatha's Office

3. Teacher Report -

- Mr. Butson's class held an assembly to boost excitement about the creation of Classroom Agreements and Roo Tickets can be received for doing kind things for others. Also, Mrs Cass and Mrs Davis shared about School Council and encouraged children together parents to attend the meetings.

- All students will go to Laurelwood Public School for the Remembrance Day assembly on Friday. Students should dress classy and be prepared to act politely in the assembly.

4. Fundraising by School Council - McMillan's campaign is currently underway to raise money for Google Chromebooks and Ipads. (Sidenote: the computer lab has been removed and the smaller devices are replacing the computers and the teaching is going to smaller groups rather than the whole class at one time.)

#### 5. Volunteer Opportunities

- Turkey Lunch - Suzanne Akimov will be the parent leader volunteer - This will be held on Friday, December 9th. Many volunteers will be needed throughout the day. The permission forms have gone home this week to allow students to participate and also to recruit volunteers. Suzanne will coordinate volunteers as names come in.

- Pizza Lunch - Every Thursday volunteers are needed to hand out pizza to students. We need volunteers who would be willing to relieve Mrs. Garcia who is giving up her breaks to serve.

- Tuck Shop - Tuck Shop runs Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. Volunteers are needed for this as well!

-McMillan's Delivery Day - we will need volunteers to help sort and give out the orders.

Bobbie made a motion to adjourn. Passed by Amanda and seconded by Debbie.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 2016