

Rockway School Council

February 14th, 2018

Present: Bobbie Chatha, Amanda Davis, Desiree Hinsperger, Christine Lacelle, Carlos Costa, Christina Zhu, Shanna Halstead, Ashley Garner, Mustafa and Donya Al-Aadhami, Suk Bahadurtamang

1. Welcome and Introductions - We are happy to see some new people join us tonight. A brief explanation of the rules of School Council was given by Bobbie. A motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting was made by Bobbie, passed by Christine and seconded by Carlos.

2. Principal Reports and School Updates

- Math Supports (LST, Consultant, EQAO) - There have been an LST and a consultant that have come from the Board to assess needs. There will be a tutor available for certain Grade 3 students either before or after school beginning in April. Every single classroom is getting support as well and Bobbie has looked at every single student alongside teachers to make sure no student falls through the cracks.

- Parking Situation - parking is an issue at every single school - not just at Rockway. The parking lot is designated just for staff because of space constraints and safety. Parking in front of the school is also prohibited and people who do park there run the risk of getting ticketed. Also, we need to remember that parking in only parking zones is important for safety.

- Report Cards - Report cards will go out this Friday, February 16th so please check backpacks. There should be no surprises. Kindergarten reports do differ from the rest of the grades. Be sure to speak to the teacher with any questions. You can call and make an appointment with teachers any time to talk about your child.

-Mindfulness - This effort of mindfulness is continuing at lunch. The first 10 minutes of lunch is spent being quiet and focusing on eating.

- Need of a Supervision Monitor - This person is needed from 8:45-9am each morning. If you are already here during this time you can get paid to supervise the playground! If you know someone who would be interested please let Bobbie know. This position would begin after March Break. This does not need to be a parent - it can be someone from the community.

- Staff Hiring (Grade 4, EA, Kindergarten, Prep Time teacher) - An LTO for Ms Fedy has been hired. It is Ms. Kehn. Gillian Coulter has been hired to cover the EA position until after March Break. Miss Groulx is covering Mrs Cass' leave. After March Break Mrs Pawson is coming back after Mat. Leave and taking over for Ms. Mitchell.

3. Staff Report - the Olympic theme has been used for the exploration of the various aspects of the Rockway Creed. The most recent theme has been "I Can Solve Any Problem". This was a great way to build the school community. All week staff and students has been looking at the Rockway Creed and "country groups " (Comprised of students from various grades) are earning medals based on how they are displaying the various aspects of the creed.

4. Fundraising by School Council

- Vesey's Bulbs - Two weeks in March - Help may be needed when the bulbs are delivered with sorting and possibly with the money. The order forms will be given out before March Break and will be collected the week after.

- 3rd Annual Market Place - April 26th - We will need many volunteers to help run the Market Place. We will need help with advertising, donating or collecting raffle prizes, donating baked goods. Also, if you know of anyone who would like to be a vendor please let Amanda Davis know.

- Potential Dance/Move-A-Thon - possibly end of May/early June. We would ask for donations/pledges and they are returned to school and there would be a school day when they would just find lots of fun ways to get moving and grooving.

5. Adjournment - Bobbie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Passed by Carlos and seconded by Christine.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 21st at 6pm.