

Rockway P.S. Council minutes for October 2, 2019

Welcome and Introductions

Present members Christine Lacelle, Rebecca Lambert, Desiree Hinsperger, Iman Rasras, Bobbie Jo Lovell, Tracy Ducharme

Linda from Carizon

- spoke about supports families can access at the school als several community workshops that are running- workshops are posted on the school website
- If families would like to access services call the office at Rockway

School Council Chair shared experiences and community resources families can access

- KPL library cards- virtual reality, 3D printer, books, videos, ongoing programs
- If parents are interested upgrading support is available through conestoga college upgrading program
- City of Kitchener Leisure Access- subsidies for a variety of community activities and extra curriculuars for families go to apply for subsidies
<https://www.kitchener.ca/en/things-to-do/fee-assistance.aspx#How-to-apply-for-Leisure-Access>

Council Handbook was distributes

- what council is and is not
- Selected/confirmed school council chair Christine Lacelle, Secretary Desiree Hinsperger, Treasure Jenny Star and voting members Rebecca Lambert, Iman Rasras and regrets Chelsea Ferris

Fundraising update-

- Vessey Bulbs last day was Monday
- Orders still need to be tallied and then delivery date will be confirmed
- May need volunteers to help package the orders once the delivery date has been confirmed.
- New year fundraiser has not been established

Teacher Report

- Updates on the Umbrella Project/character education program
- New comer workshops available- information on website
- Can contact the office for copies of flyers if wanted

Principal Report

Classrooms 2019/2020 240 mark consistently

K1 Johnstone and Husain

K2 Boucher Yang and Yang

K3 Mitchell

1 Gatrell

1-2 Snyder

2-3 Klassen

2-3 Klokoff

3-4 Thompson New to Rockway

4-5 Peterson

5-6 Butson

5-6 Fedy

French - Arbour

ELI and planning time - Pawson

Planning time Smilkovich

SERT- Devon Girt -New to Rockway

Ended the year with Mindful Mike speaking to the staff- in September came back to speak at the staff meeting and visited each class- well received by staff and students will be following up in a couple of months with each classroom and staff

Lexia Licenses- 80 from the board- literacy support tool

Vesey's bulbs fundraiser wrapped up on 30th delivery date to be confirmed

Staff participating in CRRP (Culturally Relevant and Responsive Pedagogy - How to bring an equity lens to your teaching- 2 staff members and myself- Arbour leading staff through reflective pedagogy PD day and staff meeting

Wrap around model- identified school with EQAO needs- PD supports 3 times per year staff engaging in learning around math and self regulation in kindergarten

Grade 6 going to camp on Oct 22nd to the 24th- great opportunity for students team building- grant from jumpstart fully funded- \$20 request charity pay it forward

PD day October 25th teachers will be engaged in a full day of professional development in mathematics

Turkey Lunch set for December 13th- volunteers needed

No play this year- opportunity students to participate in small drama skits for assemblies

Opportunity for students

- Terry Fox run October 11th
- Roos Crew Jrs
- Soccer
- Running Club
- Author visit Carolyn Mills
- Monthly assemblies- new creed- updated to incorporate the umbrella skills
- Coding Club

NFL

- this year- moved away from breakfast club to a bin program
- Volunteers needed
- Able to service more kids and takes extra work of staff plates

Construction

- library should be somewhat functioning in the next couple of weeks
- Over the summer- stairs, ac, library, ceilings, lights, meeting room,
- Road construction extended to the 21 October no parking signs place along Boniface by school to reduce congestion

Spirit Wear

- Sales have gone very well
- Exciting movement toward branding the school

School day

- going well- will support families with setting up come to the office

Continuing umbrella project and colourroos

EQAQ update

2018-19			2017-18			2016-17			2015-16		
Grade 6 Reading	Grade 6 Writing	Grade 6 Math	Grade 6 Reading	Grade 6 Writing	Grade 6 Math	Grade 6 Reading	Grade 6 Writing	Grade 6 Math	Grade 6 Reading	Grade 6 Writing	Grade 6 Math
38%	42%	4%	61%	48%	17%	55%	50%	20%	65%	45%	15%

2018-19			2017-18			2016-17			2015-16		
Grade 3 Reading	Grade 3 Writing	Grade 3 Math	Grade 3 Reading	Grade 3 Writing	Grade 3 Math	Grade 6 Reading	Grade 3 Writing	Grade 3 Math	Grade 3 Reading	Grade 3 Writing	Grade 3 Math
52%	31%	31%	68%	64%	52%	49%	46%	34%	47%	37%	37%

- A very small number of students are assessed (each student is 4%)
- The majority of students fall within levels 2 and 3 - that's great to work with
- In Language, it looks like questions around language structures are difficult
- Math - Check the cohort report- this year was a blip
- many students
- Many operational questions answered correctly

Volunteer Opportunities (Police Check)

- Nutrition for Learning - Volunteers are definitely still needed for the Program. Please contact Julie Arbour to get involved.
- Letter sounds and words – this is an opportunity to support students with literacy. Jill Johnston 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.
- Turkey Lunch - this will be held on December 13th and will require a number of volunteers.
- WRAPSC meetings
- SCIS, PIC

Future meeting dates: December 4th, February 5th, April 1st, June 3rd
All meetings 4:15 in the Library