

Riverstone School Council Minutes

Sept 20, 2023

Riverstone Public School and Google Meet

Attendance:

In person: Jill Burgess, Cherish Slobodian, James Hudyma, Kelsey Bremner, Kara Geelings, Sherri Ask, Amanda Savage, Shauna Dewhurst, Tracy Mahony, Danielle Newstead & Ashley Nicholas, Jamie Dowhy, Ray Buziak, Tony & Tori

Google meet: no one

1. Call to order 6:58pm
2. Presentation of last meeting minutes approved by Amanda & Sherri
3. Division Update
 - our trustee this year will be Ray Buziak
 - Grade 1- Grade 12 will receive a free public transit bus pass. These will need to be registered to activate. An email will be coming out with further details.
 - Comp demolition has begun. This is a slower take a part project as there is hazard material.
 - kids fun run is this weekend at the Legion Field.
4. Principal Report- Jill
 - Student enrollment is at 700 students K through 8. Our enrollment is up from last September (625) and June (650)
 - class enrollments
 - *ECS- (3 sections)- reduction of one section
 - *Gr. 1- (3 sections)
 - *Gr.2- (3 sections)
 - *Gr.3- (3 sections)
 - *Gr.4- (3 sections)
 - *Gr.5- (2.5 sections)
 - *Gr.6- (2.5 sections)
 - *Gr.7- (3 sections)-increase of a section
 - *Gr.8-(2 sections)- decrease of a section

-Thank you to our school council and playground society for their efforts in funding, ordering and installing our Octo-ball arena. It is very popular

-the Board met last week and discussed the School Council/Trustee Liaisons. We are pleased to have Ray Buziak join us this year.

Saturday September 23- Fun Run

Monday September 25- Munch a Lunch

Friday September 29 – Orange shirt day

Wednesday and Thursday October 4 & 5- Picture Day

-Teachers to send information Thursday and a Facebook post to come Friday

Monday October 10- Thanksgiving Day (no school)

5. Shed & Yard Update

-we will be billed for the 2 basket ball nets once they are installed. Should be done in the next two weeks.

-garbage/recycle were moved as the new pavement was installed

-GPPSD Maintenance has agreed to build the shed Spring May 2024 for 50/50 on costs at this time we are unsure what their pricing is. Going this route as a private builder quotes came in at \$120K

6. Octoball Pit

-has been installed. Thanks to our volunteers for building it.

-very popular and the kids are loving it

7. Soccer Pit- Kelsey

-similar to the octoball pit however it is for soccer. A metal circle with two small nets to play mini games of soccer.

-there is a local company that builds these.

-to buy it is \$6,900 plus install which they are willing to work with us on.

-they do have a demo they are willing to bring to our school and have set up if we sign a waiver for damages etc.

-big yes from all to see the demo at the school

-will touch base with the company as see when we can get the demo as well as they mentioned an indoor cage so will get more on that.

8. Chocolate sales update

-very successful we have gone through all 624 cases, bought 35 cases from another school and have an additional 50 cases on route. lots of eager kids to sell.

-next time we sell we need to bump up to 700 cases

- approx. \$28K in profit before we purchase prizes

9. Clothing orders

-open and ready to place orders

-few new items added

-orders opened until Oct.3

10. Social Media Presentation

-parents- Monday Sept 25 6:30pm at Ecole Montrose School

-students Thursday Sept 28 after lunch has now been switched to Grades 5-7. Feel like it is a better fit for these ages.

11. Pumpkin Patch Oct 14 12-3- Kelsey update

-carnival games have been rented. Tried to switch up a couple of them for this year to make it fun and exciting. Have Plinko, Duck Pond, Zombie Potty Toss, flip a Chicken and ping pong toss.

-Pie in the face auction is a go with the principles.

-face painter is booked

- have gotten prices on pumpkins. All in agreeance that we need to bump up our numbers even more. Last year was 125 pumpkins. We originally thought 250 but with the increase in students and interest in our event we will bump up to 350 pumpkins. If any left over the staff plan to do a pumpkin carving event and will use them.

-sign up genius will be shared on Oct 1

-now that we have confirmed a few bigger details we will make up our advertisement poster and start sharing it

12. Halloween Dance

- lots of people inquiring

- Yes as long as we don't do the movie night. That was too chaotic of an event.

- Thurs OCT 26 as there is a PL day on the Friday. 7-8:30pm

- costume contest will take place here instead of at our pumpkin patch

13. Dino Museum

- Tracy will be discussing with the other 2 Gr. 3 teachers at their next PL day. As we have a new teacher teaching Gr.3 this year. She will get back to us.

- 84 Gr 3 students this year.

14. OPEN FLOOR

- robotics brains are discontinued and need updating. Will look into pricing and get back to us.

15. Adjournment 7:58pm

Next meeting AGM October 18 at 7pm