

# Riverstone School Council Minutes

December 13, 2023

Riverstone Public School and Google Meet

Attendance:

In person: Jill Burgess, Cherish Slobodian, Kelsey Bremner, Sherri Ask, Kara Geerlings, Amanda Savage, Tracy Mahony, Danielle Newstead, Ashley Nicholas & Shauna Dewhurst

Google Meet: no one

1. Call to order 7:01pm
2. Presentation of last meeting minutes approved by Amanda & Ashley
3. Division Update
  - Trustee- Council Meeting was Nov 30. Sherri attended she has the minutes available if anyone would like to review
4. Principal Report :Jill
  - student enrollment is still sitting at 700 students
  - division is noticing higher numbers of students this year. Our school was able to add an additional class. A 3/4 split was added in. A additional class was needed for the Grade 1 & 2's. However instead of disrupting the younger kids we were able to hire a couple extra helpers for those Grades.
  - Noticing a Province wide shortage of teachers. Have asked University's/ Colleges to look into bigger class enrollment sizes . Some currently cap out at allowing 30 per year. Defiantly have a bigger need each year.
  - Christmas videos are currently being recorded and will be available for viewing on our school Facebook page as the 12 days to Christmas.

## Important Upcoming Dates

Friday December 15- No school

Monday December 18- Munch a Lunch & Reindeer Day

Tuesday December 19 –Ugly Sweater Day

Wednesday December 20- Grinch Day

Thursday December 21- Holiday Hat Day

Friday December 22- PJ Day, Pancake Breakfast & last day of classes before Winter Break

5. Pancake Breakfast- Dec 22

-leadership will help with buffet style service

-7:30 start so we can begin serving 8:30/9. So far Sherri, Kelsey, Amanda & Shauna can help.

-syrup has been ordered.

6. OPEN FLOOR

-there was a Facebook post asking about schools doing Christmas Concerts. Specifically a parent mentioned our school not doing it in the 4 years their child has attended. Lots of parents are asking about why we aren't bringing it back. Comes down to our school size and not having a proper venue to accommodate our large school size. Would take multiple nights and a price tag of approx. \$4,000 per night rental. Previously this was \$2,500 rental fee. Plus it is a big ask of the teachers to attend during their off time multiple times a week. We are however interested in these parents coming forward and attending our meetings and voicing their concerns. We will be adding this to our April, May & Sept meeting agenda. This way maybe we can come up with a middle ground.

7. Adjournment 7:19 pm

Next meeting January 17, 2024 @7pm