

Riverstone School Council Minutes

September 18, 2024

Riverstone Public School and Google Meet

Attendance:

In person: Jill, Miranda, Brian, Kelsey, Kara, Amanda, Tracy, Danielle, Ashley, Jamie, Fawn, Emma & Shauna

1. Call to order 6:58pm
2. Presentation of last meeting minutes approved by Amanda & Danielle
3. Division Update
 - Donna Koch will be our new rep. She will hopefully be able to join our next meeting.
4. Principal Report :Jill
 - student enrollment is still sitting at 709 students. This is a consistent with our end of June numbers. However we did see an increase of approx. 50 students.
 - Each Grade has 3 classes. Which is an increase in Grades 5, 6 & 8. This is our largest Junior High enrollment the school has ever had.
 - lots of new faces and teacher movement within our school.

Important Upcoming Dates

Thursday September 19th – Beach Day

Friday September 20th- Professional Learning Day (No school for students)

Saturday September 21st- GPPSD Fun Run

Monday September 23rd – Munch a Lunch

Friday September 27th- Orange Shirt Day

Monday September 30th- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)

Wednesday and Thursday October 2nd & 3rd – Picture day

- Teachers to send out information next week/ Facebook post to come

5. Shed

- current completion date is end of Sept. But is sounding more like middle of Oct. Still need to pour concrete or asphalt , add a interior wall and do the electrical.
- no bill yet. Will have to wait until its completed as costs have gone up so much.

6. -Friendship swings (double swings) had to be removed. During afterschool and weekend hours bigger kids have been climbing and using incorrectly which is wrecking the frames. They are currently in storage until we find a buyer interested in them. We do have 8 new single swings on order. Hopefully they will be here and installed in the next few weeks. Cost of those are \$5,000.

7. School Spirit Wear

- Is open. Couple items have been removed due to availability but a couple new items. Still receiving \$1-2 per item back to us.

8. Pumpkin Patch

- All large items have been ordered/organized
- Facebook event is currently sitting at 2,000 interested. We are expecting a larger turn out.
- We have upped pumpkins again this year. Have ordered 400.
- Leadership has been asked to help volunteer with our carnival games. We have 5 games coming as well as a couple hand made ones. We have purchased some little prizes as well as will get some candy to hand out.
- Game rentals are getting harder and harder to secure each year. We think this year needs to be the year we begin investing in our own.
- Pie in the face. Yes we will do again. Jill will partake as well as we are asking some other familiar faces to partake.

9. Dino Museum

- Yes Grade 3 would love to go again. Will be in the Spring time again when they do their unit.
- Lynx or Parent council will cover the costs again.

10. Teacher Reimbursements

- Yes we will do again this year. Each teacher will get \$100
- Receipts submitted by May 31, 2025

11. Orange Shirt Update

- Reached out to legit companies and overall they weren't interested in doing large school orders.

12. November School Dance- Nov 21

- Yes it's a little early to start planning however as we are switching to a later dance than Halloween so we need to consider booking the DJ right away due to Christmas party season. Will look into this ASAP

13. Christmas Concert

- Brian has done in person Christmas Concerts suggests we spread out over three days due to our school size.

14. OPEN FLOOR

- Ashley was approached by the new P.E teacher about adding an additional Octo Ball pit. We however do not have space to add another as well as it would require additional supervision. Our main expense this year is the unknown cost of the Shed.
- We had briefly discussed painting 4 squares on the asphalt. We still need to find where to get the stencils as companies have switched. But this is still very much a need as the kids have been drawing them out with chalk. Likely will have to do it in the Spring.

15. Adjournment 7:38 pm

Next meeting October 16, 2024 @7pm