

Riverstone School Council Minutes

Wednesday October 16, 2024 at 7pm

Location: Riverstone Public School

Attendance:

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

1. Call to order 7:00 pm
2. Presentation of last meeting minutes: Amanda & Ashley
3. Overview of Board Job Descriptions
4. Election of Board Members
 - No vote needed. No current new interest. All positions will stay the same.
5. Division Update
 - Donna is still away. However Jill has an update.
 - board saw a compiled video from all schools of orange shirt day activities.
 - K-6 new report card is rolling out this December. More parent friendly language, area of strength/growth in bullet form. This will make it a lot easier for parents to read and easier for teachers instead of the paragraphs they did before.
 - 7&8 will stay the same as they do not have a new curriculum.
 - Division had projected our school to have a 3% growth based on previous numbers however we only saw a 1.36% growth. We have been over the percentages the past few years. This is the first year we have come under what they projected.
6. Principle Report- Jill

Celebrations and Appreciation

The Division is celebrating both longer service award, retirements, and exemplary staff recipients at the upcoming Annual Board Social.

Azooz, Jody -10 years

Mayugba, Glenda-10 years

Murphy, Shauna- 10 years

Power-Fardy, Tricia- 10 years

Rode, Amanda- 10 years

Cleveland, Allayne- 15 years

Copp, Rachel- 15 years

Friesen, Joyce- 15 years

Lowen, Judy - 15 years

Valencia, Romel- 15 years

Burgess, Jill- 20 years

Sunde, Bonnie Jane- 20 years

Riverstone Exemplary Awards:

Ms. Rachel Copp

Mrs. Marinna Lavoie

Staffing and Student Population Update

- Student enrollment is 710 students.

Collaborative Work and Staff Focus

- Teachers are completing their annual Professional Growth Plans and will be meeting this coming Friday with their colleagues and administration to discuss goals and how we work together to grow professionally. These focus growth plans will also inform Professional Learning afternoons. Our morning on PL days will be spent diving into the new report card and continuing to plan responsively for student needs

- New Format/Dates of Parent Teacher Conferences

- Grade 4 students will be going on a field trip Oct 30 to view a drama performance at our local high school.
- There will be a Halloween parade again this year. It will be taking place after lunch.

Important Upcoming Dates

- Parent Teacher Conferences – Tuesday October 22nd and 23rd
- Friday Oct 25th – PL Friday (No School for Students)
- Monday October 28th – Munch – a – Lunch
- Thursday October 31st – Happy Halloween
- Monday Nov. 11th – Remembrance Day (No School)
- Thursday Nov 14th – Wacky Hair Day

7. Clothing Orders

-should be done soon. Waiting on a callback.

8. Pumpkin Patch Feedback

- was very successful. Sold out in about 1.5hrs. Had a very popular local lady post on her account about our event which we believe did help gain some interest.

-people were asking if we could do pie in the face earlier next time. Most were done and not wanting to wait around. Will add this to our notes to move up for next year. Everyone enjoyed having new faces to pie. Will continue to try and mix up the faces to keep interest.

-people missed our photo set up this year. Will look at bringing back next year and doing additional options.

9. Winter Dance- Thursday Nov 21 630-8pm

- PL day is the next day

-snacks: Dollarama chocolate bars/candy and water

-DJ is booked

- sold 800 glow sticks at our last dance and sold out. Will up our numbers to 1,000-1,200

10. Swing repairs

- two turtle saucers have been taken down. Their cables need to be replaced. These have been ordered. As well as still waiting on the 8 swings we discussed previously.

- total cost to fix all issues is approx. \$7,400. School only has a \$5,000 budget for repairs. We will be over this amount. We will help chip in on these costs.

11. Backdrop for photos- Brian

- at his previous school they had school logo backdrops that they used for photo opportunities. These are great to use at assemblies, dances, school events, Kinder grad, grade 8 Grad etc.

- he has sourced out two 8x10 banners that are easy to set up. They come with stands and the banner slides over the stands. They also come with storage bags.

- everyone agrees these would be a great addition to our school.

12. OPEN FLOOR

13. Adjournment 7:43pm. Next meeting is November 13 at 7pm