

## Riverstone School Council

Date & Time: Wednesday January 15, 2025 at 7:00pm

Location: Riverstone Public School

Attendance: Danielle Newstead, Sherri Ask, Kara-Lee Geerligns, Jill Burgess, Brian Mayea, Miranda Phillips, Emma Fordham, Shawna Dewhurst, Ashley Nicholas, Tracey Mahoney, Jenna Scott

1. Call to Order/Welcome 7:01pm
2. Last meeting minutes- Approved by Ashley, Emma
3. Division Update- Chris Johnston- unavailable
4. Trustee/Council Liaison meeting Nov 28- Kara
  - a. Students will be opting in for Sexual Education from now on. Unsure how this will look but details will be shared once it is figured out.
  - b. Shared the Board Advocacy Priority handout
  - c. Capital Planning Wishlist:
    - i. Permanent addition for the Comp
    - ii. Permanent addition for Charles Spencer
    - iii. New school in Kensington
    - iv. Replacement for Crystal ParkBudget released in Feb/March and we will find out what if anything we get.
  - d. The board has been fiercely advocating for our students/teachers.
    - i. Looking for more funding per student
    - ii. Supporting complex needs
    - iii. Staffing challenges
    - iv. Funding for inflation
  - e. Elections October 2025
    - i. Bylaw to require Criminal Record Check for applicants to be passed by Dec 31.
5. Principal Report- Jill
  - a. Reviewed PATdata
    - i. Social 6- good results, higher than the provincial average
  - b. Reviewed Assurance Survey Data
    - i. Trying to determine what the current grade 8's (gr 7 from survey results) are feeling at school, why?—survey results were low in belonging, safety and having connection.
    - ii. Parents with students who have IPP's also rated low for feeling involved. As well they feel a lack of supports.
6. Glow Dance Feedback
  - a. Went well, busy but well organized.
  - b. 1.5 hrs is a good length
7. Pancake Day Feedback
  - a. Good again!
  - b. Watch how many pancakes are getting turned out—lots of leftovers this year (did not go to waste—frozen to be given to students)
8. Upcoming Events to be discussed in February
  - a. Glow Dance March 20
  - b. Staff Appreciation April 14-17
9. A parent inquired about donating funds to buy school snacks. We have a lunch program and we do purchase snacks for students so it is not really needed but if they wanted to buy apples, granola bars etc we could get them in touch with the office.
10. Turf- tabled until February.

11. Shed- no bill yet, Jill will inquire
  - a. The tractor is fixed!
12. Adjournment at 7:42pm
  - a. Next Meeting Feb 19 2025 @ 7pm