

Riverstone School Council Meeting  
Wednesday Sept 17, 2025 at 7:00pm

Location- Riverstone Public School

In attendance- Jill, Cherish, Brian, Kelsey, Kara, Amanda, Danielle, Fawn, Ashley, Tracy, Shauna  
and Emma

- 1) Call to order- 6:58pm
  - No need to approve minutes each month. Always available to be read online or can print previous if anyone is interested.
- 2) Division Update- From Jill
  - Met with local MLA advocating for Capital plan.
  - Career pathway & trades discussions
  - “book ban” paused and will be softer than initially stated. Meeting the mandate but more reasonable.
  - District fun run is this Saturday.
  - Oct 20- board of trustee election. Can see election videos online through our website.
- 3) Principle Report- Jill
  - 720 students. Up 10-15 from last September numbers.
  - Kinder is back up to 4 sections. Grade 3 has an increase at 4 sections. 7/8 has a new split class this year. It is run as separate grades in the morning but all students come together in the afternoons.
  - Photo day is to land on the first day of the strike. If teachers end up striking photo day will be rescheduled to a new date once we know when everyone will return.
  - Division is managing parent communication if we have a labor disruption as of Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. Information for parents can be found on the GPPSD website.
  - New Communication Goals for this year. Will be adding a month at a Glance addition to the Facebook page. Facebook/website post about monthly principal topics or engagement themes happening at school council. Increasing collaborations with parents of students with IPPS.

UPCOMING DATES

- Wednesday Sept 17<sup>th</sup>- Beach Day
- Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>- Terry Fox Run 12:10 & 2:10
- Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>- GPPSD Fun Run
- Munch a Lunch- Monday September 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Friday September 26<sup>th</sup> Orange Shirt Day/ Soaring Student Assembly
- Monday September 29<sup>th</sup>- Professional Learning Day (no school for students)
- Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup>- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)

- Wednesday and Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>- picture day

#### 4) Casino- August

- Thanks to all who volunteered
- Should have our numbers by mid November. Had some busier shifts this year as it was a weekend.

#### 5) Chocolate Almonds

- Need to revisit our current system as we have gotten too big. Too much stress for the office staff due to the higher amounts of EMT coming in instead of cash. Going forward for our next sale maybe we have set days/times for volunteers to do chocolate hand outs from the canteen. Example being 2:30-4pm two days a week.
- Current sales are going great. Already out of chocolates and needing kids to return unsold chocolates so that the eager ones have more to sell. Currently only have 250 cases owing which is great for only 1 week in.
- Thinking we need to up our numbers again for next time.

#### 6) Wish Lists

- Yes for white boards
- Yes we need more computers. Working with IT/Division on pricing as they will do a bulk order to get cheaper pricing. Won't know for a little which works well as we will be able to use our Casino funds towards them.

#### 7) Riverstone Tent with walls

- Quote was not looked into yet. We need to look into specifics for size etc for the events we attend. Will look into this and see about quotes.

#### 8) Teacher Reimbursement for 2025-2026

- Have upped the amounts for this year to \$150/year per teacher.
- We will revisit this at the end of this school year to see if we need to up again or leave where we are at.

#### 9) Soccer nets

- Brian has met with maintenance. Now that the shed is in we have limited area that will work for nets due to property lines etc.
- Roy Bickel school has shared who they recently used for their nets. Will get into contact with them for a quote. We also got a quote a while back from a parent who has students at our school. He owns the fabrication company down the road. We will get an updated quote from him.
- Maintenance has agreed to do the installation for us.

#### 10) Octoball ground cover

- Whispering Ridge recently did theirs. It looks fantastic. Will keep an eye out on how theirs holds up over winter/spring. We have the contact for the company who did theirs and can get a quote for ours. Ours is half the size as they have two.

#### 11) Upcoming Events

- a) School clothing- store is ready. Open until just after Thanksgiving.
- b) Chocolate sales/prizes- 30 toques have been ordered. If we end up needing more we will order and give out a IOU coupon for the toque and give out once in. 6 scooters are already purchased for the top prize but we likely wont need that many. Purchased from Costco so can return if needed. Switch is in and ready to go for Grand Prize draw.
- c) Dance Nov 20<sup>th</sup> – will plan next month
- d) Munch- Monday- hot dogs are generally very busy and higher numbers. Don't generally do as our first but did this time and seeing fewer numbers.

12) OPEN FLOOR

- Surprised Gazebo wasn't on the discussion. But will look into new quotes as the last ones are very outdated.
- Jeff will be painting accessibility lines in the pull through. We currently have a couple sandwich boards up but tend to fall over often. Everyone has been very respectful of this parking area which is great.

13) Adjournment 7:37pm- Next meeting October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm