École Publique Rideau Public School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

May 30, 2023

6:30 pm School Board Strategic Plan – Steve Hedderson

7:00 pm Welcome and Introductions

7:05 pm Co-Chairs’ Remarks

7:10 pm Adoption of agenda

7:15 pm Principal’s Report, Vice-Principal’s report, and Teacher Representative’s report

7:30 pm Chair’s reports

* - Treasurer
* - Food Sharing
* - Fundraising
  + - * + Little Caesars
      * PIC

New Business

Kim Lockhart presentation – June 15

Family Fun Day & BBQ – June 16

Discussion

8:00 pm Adjourn

Minutes

**Meeting minutes**

**Attendance: Valerie Arsenault, Justine Carlone, Jim Jodoin, Sarah Phinney, Dawn Duffenais, Tessa Morrison, Scott Phinney, Iveta Jankunas, Haley Somerville-Beatty, Meigan Jensen, Ahmed Himada**

**Presentation from Board – Steve Hedderson**

**Strategic Plan – the Board is in the consultation phase to assist in the development of their Strategic Plan. The first phase of consultation began in May and will run through June. September to November will be the next phase.**

**NOTE – if you have not received an email that provides a link or QR code so as to provide feedback please reach out so that it can be sent to you.**

**The Student Census provided some insight as to which groups the current education system is not working for. The question going forward is What can we do differently? How do we make it work for all?**

**Some feedback was provided by those in attendance: staffing issues, lack of French resources, cashless system hard to manage, bullying, LGBTQ2++ inclusion**

**Steve Hedderson provided his contact information**

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**Principal’s Report – Valerie**

**With respect to milk and hot lunch we could make it work by using paper for ordering and have the individuals pay online**

**Currently have 4 Kindergarten classes, if we receive 10 more enrolments we would then have 5.**

**Construction should be completed by the end of the school year.**

**Mural painting going well, students are enjoying the opportunity to participate.**

**EQAO has begun for Grade 3 and Grade 6 will be next week.**

**There will be a Volunteer breakfast before school starts on June 08.**

**PA day on June 02, teachers will be working on Report Cards.**

**M. Himada**

**Appreciative of the support for the gardening materials.**

**Is asking for up to $500 to continue work in other parts of the flower beds / gardens in the front of the school in September.**

**Mme Carlone**

**Teachers sent thanks for the PA / speaker system that was approved for purchase.**

**Kindergarten would like a sandbox.**

**Re Sandbox: it was mentioned that there was concern in the past regarding sand being on shoes and damaging floors and as a result it was discouraged.**

**Valerie said she did not think this was a concern and said it could go forward.**

**It was discussed that we could approach a school that has a wood working program and ask them to build a sandbox. Valerie will inquire.**

**Food Sharing – Tessa**

**She applied and received a Grant of $12,000.**

**There are some expectation tied to the Grant and she is waiting on clarification.**

**Kindergarten would like to have cold bins in their individual classrooms.**

**Breakfast Club – Tessa**

**There needs to be an individual that has taken the Food Preparation course when there program is running. Training is online and costs approximately $100 + tax.**

**Perhaps there is a way for us to train several of the Breakfast Club volunteers at once and receive a discount.**

**It was suggested that Breakfast Club start slow, 1 or 2 days a week to start and ensure that it goes well.**

**Some concern regarding having a sufficient number of volunteers and will need to be addressed before starting.**

**The kitchen will require a 3 sink set up. As such we will require a new counter top as the existing one is not large enough and a new sink. This will be reviewed in September.**

**Fundraising – Dawn**

**The profit from the Little Caesars program was approximately $900**

**Fresh From the Farm is again available and will be discussed in September.**

**Wilton Cheese – there is interest in offering a Wilton Cheese fundraiser, perhaps just before Christmas.**

**BBQ – Sarah**

**June 16 5/5:30 to 7:30/8**

**Tables and chairs have been ordered**

**The Lion’s Club has been booked**

**Face Painting – 3 students from KSS will be providing face painting, Phoebe Kehoe might be available as well**

**Popcorn machine has been rented, and 2 inflatable structures. We must provide the supervision for these activities.**

**Prices for food and tricks was discussed and set as follows:**

**Hot dog / hamburger $2**

**Chips, water, pop, ice cream $1**

**PIC Report – Jim**

**Director Burra**

**Discussed the Strategic Planning consultation process, Phase 1 May – June, Phase 2 Sept - Nov**

**Several surveys being conducted – Grade 9 de-streaming, Graduating Student, Grade 8 to 9 transition**

**High Skills Major / Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program**

**Melissa Baker-Cox**

**High Skills Major formerly Focus Program**

**Their team works with schools and teachers to help understand the different pathways students can take for success.**

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**Trustee Godkin**

**Said that the Motion to formally create an Indigenous Committee has passed**

**Superintendent Gollogly**

**June 03 – Napanee Pride parade**

**June 17 – Kingston Pride parade**

**Food Sharing is looking for donations and support as costs have risen significantly**