École Publique Rideau Public School

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

November 7, 2023

6:30 pm Welcome and Introductions

6:35 pm Co-Chairs’ Remarks

6:35 pm Adoption of agenda

6:40 pm Comments from Principal, Vice-Principal, and Teacher Representative

6:50 pm Updates Boo Bash

Fresh from the Farm

Dielman

Clothing Exchange

Spirit Wear

Milk

School Streets

Breakfast Club survey

Kitchen 3rd Sink

Adjourn

**Meeting minutes**

**Attendance: Jim Jodoin, Brock Woodland, Meigan Jensen, Alicia Childs, Patrice, Dawn Duffenais, Valerie Arsenault, Sarah Phinney, Justine Carlone, Stacey Reed, Evan Kennedy, Christine Kennedy, Ahmed Himada, Mike, Christian Muise, Patricia Parks, Rebecca Lister, Tessa Morrison, Alison Rigden.**

**Welcome and introductions**

**Co-chair remarks**- None

Approval of minutes-

**Principals report**-Valerie Arsenault

**EQAO** results are public. This shows that the structured literacy skills that Madame Lockhart has been working on has improved results for children in reading. The Math is given to the kids in French…significant issue for Math across board and province.

Grade 6 math test is given in English. This could be the reason the kids are having an issue. It is also an online platform that you can click through and teachers are not able to go back and say anything or help with a definition. Board is looking for a more provincial streamlined approach for math.

Board Plan – 4 Pillars of focus. Rideau is solid in language – there is a lot of comparison and alignment with the grades so that all learning same pace. Rideau is focusing on Math for professional development. Friday PA day is action oriented approach in the language workshop. Looking to help boost the confidence of the children in French immersion to speak French.

Attendance – ministry wants students to attend school 90% of the time. Rideau was 57% of the students were in attendance over 90% of the time. Currently for Sept and October at least 85% of the students have been in attendance over 90% of the time. When you make your child’s absence in the system if you can please add a note in the system it helps the school to track.

From Board there is a clear focus to academic achievement and not a lot of field trips and following the plans. Schools have to report on progress three times a year.

**Teachers report** – More clubs, volleyball, Dungeons and Dragons, newspaper club, lego robotics for grades 4 to 6. Remembrance day ceremony on Thursday. Halloween Parade. Field trips to public library have been occurring.

Boo Bash – 312 pounds of food;

October Sock drive 1,024 for Mme Leblancs class

Boo Bash feedback – A little Dark; first night was a little loud; second night was better; For small kids it was really dark and loud; Option to have more light for first half of the evening; Halloween costumes with weapons were offensive. Positive experience, great night out.

Fresh From the Farm: Delivery is Nov 21 3:35 – 4:30 request parents pick up

Dieleman Fundraiser: Closed last Friday $600 in sales – just under $300 in profit.

Discussion regarding providing a contest to students to ask for ideas of what they would like to see for fundraising and what they would spend.

29 Teachers/ECE’s – Discussed about providing a certain amount of funding – Motion by Tessa to provide $150 seconded by Dawn.

Clothing Exchange: Isla and team set up in Gym on Friday night; Just over $2,000 was brought in. Lots of items being repurposed.

Spirit Wear: Delivery December 1 if everything goes okay. We received $55 in donations to help spread school spirit which we have converted to 8 Tshirts for Val to distribute. Some talk about adding Scrunchies, bucket hats, gibits to add to the rideau wear.

Milk: We have been having some issues with containers leaking; which we are working on with Reids Dairy; I have been coming and wiping up fridge and getting rid of leaking containers. Look at doing a deep clean of the fridge. Meaghan volunteered to do this is seems like smell is behind or under the fridge.

School Streets: School Street initiative is currently on hold. Something needs to happen during drop off and pick up especially on Toronto Street.

Breakfast Club Survey: Not a true consensus of all; still need to try and be equitable. Could start with how a school is Gananoque does. They rotate one class a week. That way it rotates through and is accessible to all. Yard Supervisors/lunch duty monitors are being told that the kids have to ask to get a snack – further direction to be provided to them.

Kitchen 3rd Sink: It will be in process; Board has been here and measured and it will be installed.

Roles: Deferred to next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10

Next meeting: December 6, 2023