

Roger Neilson School Council Meeting

Thursday October 17th 2024 - Hybrid In-person/Virtual

Minutes

Present:

Kevin Coulter (Principal)

Mandy Bush (Chair)

Brooklyn Sinclair (Secretary)

Julia Wiegard (Treasurer)

Myla Bromell

Alice Bennight

Pam Kearnan

Dawn Barry (Teacher Representative)

Tori Schaap (Compass Early Learning and Care)

Tanya Leal

Sarah Feldman

Minutes:

Kevin Coulter opened the meeting and Myla read the acknowledgment that we respectfully gather on the treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabeg. We had two new attendees joining us so we did some brief introductions and got into the principal's report.

Principal's Report:

Kevin Coulter presented the principal's report. He spoke about how Roger Nielson PS along with a few other schools in the area were trying out an internant Vice Principal to spend a day at each school and support the principal's role. Her name is Melissa Castleman and she will be coming to RNPS on Thursdays.

Staff updates are as follows:

Pam Kearnan has taken over for Melissa Bowman in the 2/3 split class as Melissa has moved to another school.

There is now a morning secretary in the office. Her name is Simone Beimbrink and she will be in the office in the mornings to allow for breaks and back up for Tara Lutz.

Ms. Nolan is officially back

EQAO test results have gone home now. Grade 3 math results went up! We will be discussing results more next meeting.

Earth Rangers came and did a presentation in the gym for the grades 1 through 6 kids. It was a free presentation that the students and teachers enjoyed.

Teacher's Report:

Teachers report was presented by Pam Kearnan and Dawn Barry.

Teachers were thankful for the money given to each class from school council. Some have started to plan class trips using this money.

Sports are ramping up already. Cross country, soccer and flag rugby have come and gone. Next up is volleyball (tryouts happening currently,) Two student from our school made it to KPREAA (Kawartha Pine Ridge Elementary Athletics Association) and did a great job representing RNPS. Pass ball is happening during recess breaks for the grades 1-3's and being coached by the older kids. This seems to be going well!

Mrs Campbell will be starting up an arts club as well as Mrs Robertson will be continuing to do fun activities in the library.

Acadience screening is being done. This is a screener for children in Sr Kindergarten to grade 2 done to see if children are meeting expectations for reading. The results will be on the students' progress reports.

Treasurer's Report:

The balance as of this meeting is \$2900.09.

Our chocolate fundraiser is going well so far. We will extend the due date to the 28th of October to allow some more time to sell all cases.

Our open house pizza sales gave us a profit of \$223.03.

We paid \$400 towards the inspection of our playground equipment. This needs to be done yearly.

We requested that some lines be removed from the list of expenses that we don't use anymore such as RN cookies (purchased for Roger Neilson's Bday day), Under One Sun Ornaments, Vessey Seeds and Poinsettias.

We requested that school dances, movie nights and open house be added to the list.

We purchased the movie license for movie nights as well as for the teachers / compass to use. It cost \$598.90.

Agenda Items:

- We discussed next year adding a sheet with a little blurb about what the school is raising funds for to go with each kid.
- Halloween Dance will be happening at 6pm on Thursday October 24th in the gym. This event is for grades 4 to 6. It will be \$2 to attend as well as snacks and drinks available for purchase. No masks, no weapons and a parent must sign each child in and out.
- Movie Night will be happening for the primary students November 15th and we will be playing GARFIELD. Doors will open at 5:30pm, movie to begin at 6. Parents must stay with their child(ren).
- We spoke about pricing for the Buddy Benches we are fundraising for. They are \$862 for the benches and an addition \$335 for freight.
- We also spoke about purchasing a feather flag with the RNPS logo on it for sporting events. These cost \$250 each. This was motioned by Mandy and seconded by Brooklyn.
- We spoke about potentially doing candy grams for Valentine's Day but would need to look more into the logistics of that. Will discuss further at the next meeting.
- Also spoke about potentially doing raffle baskets as a way to raise funds. Again, will be looking into logistics and speaking about it at the next meeting.
- Little Caesars pizza kits will be available for sale in February to be delivered for the March Break.
- The Parent Reaching Out grant is available so we will be brainstorming ideas. Last year we did a healthy eating night in the gym that had a good turn out.

Next meeting will be Thursday November 28th at 5pm in the Roger Neilson PS library.

Meeting adjourned.