

Rockwood Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes
May 5th, 2021

Virtual Attendance: Kara Buelow, Allison McLaughlin, Jody Kitson-Roy, Melanie Zadow, Marcia Knockleby, Candace Rose-Smith, Tammy Pelley, Angie Daber-Roggie, Elizabeth Graham.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic, we were not able to meet in person at the school. This meeting was held virtually through Google Meet at 6 pm.

Principal/Vice-Principal Report:

- Jody mentioned there are some special education staff and students and custodial staff in school at this time, with the province-wide shutdown of schools
- a Covid-19 Health & Safety Refresher video had been shared with staff and was also viewed at this meeting
- there is no indication from the provincial government when all staff and students will be able to return to schools, but we are hoping for an update soon
- Jody shared some mental health links on the Rockwood Facebook page
- Marcia talked about the Student-Advisory Committee, including 2 class representatives from each class of the senior grades, giving student voice and input for their classes, arranging spirit days, etc.
- a School Climate Survey was emailed out to students (with an email to parents as well) in grades 4 to 7 with 70% participation, this was anonymous and surveyed the student voice, yard safety, belonging, etc., we will have the data back from completed surveys soon
- Marcia shared that we have funding for outdoor learning which the school is looking into outdoor seating options, clipboards for outdoor classes, etc
- it was suggested to reach out to parents for perhaps donations of, for example, logs for outdoor seating
- Tracy Burnett has received grant funding for special education outdoor learning tool kits
- Kara Buelow discussed her purposed community art project for her grade 7 & 8 online classes involving the elderly
- Kara also discussed interaction with Tina Lemoine (Ottawa) from MASC (Multicultural Arts for Schools & Communities)
- Jody said that for now the new school year in September will look similar to last year's start
- cohorts will continue with (15 this year) classes in (15) scheduled areas outside for recess rotating every Monday
- there was discussion around bus safety and feedback

Dates and Events:

- the next Parent Involvement Committee meeting is May 31st
- there will be a (virtual) PIC guest speaker May 19th at 6pm, Dr Jean Clinton, renowned researcher on child issues, you must register for this
- Candace has looked into "My Life Online" as an option for parents, offering 10 modules of an individual family friendly "smart phone" online safety course for \$49 USD
- Candace also discussed sessions for parents, Finding Clarity in Chaos workshops and Senga Transformational coaching

Parent Voice:

- the group shared useful discoveries from the past few months
- Kara discovered “Ottawa Valley Mrs. Groceries” a delivery service of local products (ottawavalley.mrsgrocery.com)
- Allison shared her discovery of Family Children Services Experience and Engagement Program, this includes some fun workshops and activities like cooking classes, etc
- Elizabeth has been doing online class presentations from the OVWRC
- everyone had positive comments on how the teachers and students are doing a tremendous job during these somewhat challenging times, including the online learning
- there will be no fundraising at all this school year as per the school board

Other:

- Marcia will be Vice Principal at Highview Public School starting September 2021
- Mike Popkie will become Vice Principal at Rockwood September 2021

Minutes

- minutes from the November 19th, 2020 meeting were approved by Allison McLaughlin with no errors or omissions , all in favour **CARRIED**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Melanie Zadow,
Secretary