

Rockwood Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes
November 19th, 2019

In Attendance: Angie Dabber-Roggie, Lisa Seegmiller, Candace Rose-Smith, Marcia Knockleby, Christine Crigger, Tiffany Prins, Nick Tabbert, Jody Kitson-Roy, Elizabeth Graham, Melanie Zadow.

The meeting was opened at 6:05pm.

Principal/Vice-Principal Report:

- Jody gave updates to staff include now 7 EA's with 3 temp EA's, Tracy Burnette will return from maternity leave early December, Graham Ball is ½ French position
- WITS is now being used in the schoolyard at recess with trained students using this anti-bullying strategy (WITSprogram.ca)
- twelve people have signed up for the Mindfulness Team, they are to meet Thursday to go over techniques
- there will be a System Improvement Visit ("District Review") with administrators from Fellowes, Beachburg and our Superintendent, Jacqueline Poirier meeting on Friday about literacy, math, well-being, etc
- there has been a lot of problems with washroom vandalism, all parents at the meeting were in favour of surveillance cameras being installed in the school (including installing cameras in the hallways outside the washrooms)
- Jody shared with the group what she learned from different workshops she attended at the three day French Conference she attended (ACPI) how to make Rockwood "look" more like a french immersion school (french/english signs, etc)
- ETFO job action is set for November 26th, should not effect students, but teachers, occasional teachers school support councillors and EA's

Upcoming Dates:

- Grade 8 girls' volleyball is November 18
- Grade 8's visit Algonquin College, Water Treatment, Waste Treatment November 19
- Grade 7/8 go to Festival Hall to see Le Groupe Swing November 20
- also on November 20 Grade 8 Boys volleyball
- Grade 7 Girls volleyball is on November 21
- PJ Day is on November 22
- Grade 7 Boys volleyball is November 22
- the Volleyball Tournament of Champs is November 27
- November 28 will be a pizza day
- on December 4th the Grade 5/6 and Grade 6/7 Immersion will see The Nutcracker at the NAC
- the Holiday Gift Shop will be held December 9 and 10
- sub day will be December 11th

Parent Voice:

At this point the group was asked for possible ideas of solutions to congestion in the parking lot and roadway at the end of the school day and special events held at the school.

- move the main driveway (check with Laurentian Valley Township/Renfrew County)
- add more parking
- install flashing lights
- turn the buses to face the opposite way that they currently face when dropping off and picking up
- make one entrance "In" and the other "Out"
- ask Mark Plummer (Greenwood Paving) to have a look at the yard and give his input on ideas

Previous Minutes

With no errors or omissions, Elizabeth Graham moved to accept the minutes from the October 16th, 2019 meeting with Lisa Seegmiller seconding.

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Old Business:

- Wednesday, December 18th we will try the Holiday Hot Meal from Ullrich's, cost will be \$8 (other meals to try in future from Ullrich's cost the school \$5.95 +HST for large, \$4.95 +HST for small and the holiday meal costs the school \$6.95 +HST)
- it was decided by the group to have a survey put on Facebook and/or email to survey parents whether or not to continue doing the Holiday Gift Shop

Parent Involvement:

Thursday, November 21st, the next PIC meeting will be held at the Board Office on Pembroke St. West. Parent voice is wanted, the Ministry of Education has cut the Pro Grant by half for School Councils. Boards will now decide how this money is to be spent.

The next School Council meeting was scheduled for **Tuesday, January 21st, 2020 at 6 pm**. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Melanie Zadow
Secretary