

Rockwood Public School
Parent Council Meeting Minutes
November 17th, 2014

Attendance: Terry Burwell, Mary-Jean Plath, Elizabeth Graham, Lisa Seegmiller, Melanie Zadow, Tanya Maschke, Shauna Wagner.

The meeting was opened by Chairperson, Mary-Jean Plath. Copies were made of the September 14th, 2014 and read individually. There were no corrections. A motion was made by Melanie Zadow and seconded by Elizabeth Graham to accept the minutes.

CARRIED

New Business:

- A parent has brought forward a request to look into having a Science Fair. There was discussion about how to go about this. Terry Burwell, Principal has brought this to the attention of 3 intermediate teachers at Rockwood to see what their input was. It was suggested to not make this mandatory involvement, but maybe have it voluntary. Terry Burwell said that interest should be gauged from the students themselves as well, from grades 6-8. It's not certain if there would be enough interest. Right now the focus is with EQAO, reading, writing, and math. However, if there is enough interest then the school would certainly move forward and make it happen.
- Rockwood will be hosting a Family Skate held at Alice & Fraser Rec. Centre on February 8th, 2015. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided.

Old Business:

- Meet The Author/Book Swap will be held Tuesday, November 18th, 2014 starting at 6:30pm at Rockwood with local authors; Hannah Grace and Sandy Bucholtz.
- There will be a group attending the EQAO Record of Achievement Event in Toronto November 19th - 20th.

Fundraising Committee Report:

- The Magazine Order fundraiser has wrapped up, with no total available yet, but information is to come.
- Heather Dale will be leading the Little Caesar fundraiser in the new year. There is a need for parent volunteers to help hand out the orders once they come in.
- Candles are being sold for the Grade 8 trip.
- There will be a Wrap it Up Christmas Bizarre on Saturday, November 22nd, 2014 from 10am until 4pm at Knights of Columbus Hall.
- December 10th, and 11th Rockwood students will have the opportunity to be involved in Secret Santa.
- December 11th at 6pm is the Rockwood Christmas Concert with a craft sale, bake sale, canteen, and raffle. Proceeds will go to Rockwood's music program.

Fun Night Committee Report:

- The committee will be having their meeting in January 2015. They are waiting for pricing on a laminator.

Discussion:

- Terry Burwell walked (everyone present at the meeting), through the Rockwood website. He mentioned he's thankful for Colleen Schutt's great job at keeping the website up to date. He went over main points of how to use the website. He mentioned that if a hard copy of Rockwood's monthly newsletter is needed, parents may have their child go to the office to request one.
- A request was made to have not only the synervoice messages come over the phone, but by email as well. Mr Burwell will look into this and will be sending out a message this evening, by these routes regarding the upcoming Meet the Author/Book Swap and Wrap it Up Christmas Bizarre.
- There was discussion about looking into booking the school gym for future Christmas bizarres. Costs were discussed regarding the need of additional custodial staff and insurance.

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 18th, 2015 @ 6:30pm.

A motion was made by Mary-Jean Plath to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lisa Seegmiller.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

Melanie Zadow
Co-Secretary