

Parent Council of River Heights Elementary School
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday November 1st, 2017

Attendance: Taneill Selinger, Katie Albers, Dave Ridgedale, Tara Betts, Kathleen Longpre, Vanessa Bonneville, Larissa Kowalchuk, CJ Silver, Kristin Cassell

1. Call to Order: Vanessa Bonneville called the meeting to order at 7:34pm
2. Adopt Minutes of October meeting: Tara Betts adopted the minutes and Larissa Kowalchuk seconded.
3. Reports from School and Council:
 - a. School Administration Team: Dave Ridgedale (Natosha Mastel went to WE Day and it was an early + long day)
 - i. November Calendar:
 - a. 1st - WE day
 - b. 1st - Parent Council meeting 7:30pm (gr. 6 teachers presenting)
 - c. 3rd - Random Acts of Kindness Day
 - d. 8th - grade 5 immunizations
 - e. 9th - Remembrance Day assembly 11 am
 - f. 10th - PD Day - no school for students
 - g. 17th - report cards sent home
 - h. 17th - RH Movie Night
 - i. 22nd - Student -Led Conferences 5-7pm
 - j. 23rd - Student - Led Conferences 3:30-6:30pm
 - ii. Will share further at next meeting regarding school goals + school plan in regards to the accountability pillar survey.
 - b. Teacher Reps: Grade 6 Teachers Reporting - Mrs. Barron + Mrs. Reiniger
 - i. "Upon Reflection" - Explore, Create, **Reflect**
 - a. Reflection builds bigger brains
 - i. Activates neurons and improves long term memory
 - ii. Memory is enhanced by prior and new learning experiences
 - iii. There is an emotional connection when there is feedback
 - iv. The more ways reflection is done the stronger the connections (through movement, artwork, writing, and being social)
 - b. Student practice
 - i. Genius Hour - there is weekly reflection. Uses the yellow and black hats. Students set and assess their weekly goals.

- ii. Art and Visual Journal - intermittent reflection. Reflect about following criteria, growth mindset, effort plans
 - iii. Phone a Friend Partnerships - daily reflection. There is ongoing verbal reflection based on 6 thinking hats.
- c. Before, during, and after activities
 - i. Prior - jot thoughts (on sticky notes. 1 idea/sticky)
 - ii. During - sketch notes
 - iii. After - what stuck with you? (Point form or sentences on sticky notes)
- d. Modelling for students
 - i. Everyday - team teacher meeting after school
 - ii. First time teaching new themes - making connections between themes
 - iii. Third time teaching new themes - spiral back to prior themes and learning. Make improvements
 - iv. Each year - deciding what changes to make based on world events, local events, classroom events

***Discussed after grade 6 teachers left how amazing parents find River Heights to be. The 6 thinking hats are integrated into teaching, students are made to be responsible for their own learning/education, the social element is integrated into learning in a really beneficial way. Students really finish grade 6 prepared for middle school in a way where they thrive. Vanessa says we all should agree that River Heights is fantastic. :)**

- c. Co-Chairs Report: Vanessa Bonneville and Katie Albers
 - i. The morning Parent Council meeting in October was good - well attended; but teachers couldn't attend...or Kristin. March 7th will be the next morning one.
 - ii. Mrs. Wong retired from RH + teaching after the last meeting. Happened fairly quick. We purchased a \$60 Michael's gift card and got her a thank you card.
 - iii. Handed out ATA newspapers from council's mailbox for parents to read. Give feedback on whether worthwhile.
 - iv. Rules of Order are now printed on the back of the monthly meeting agendas
- d. Treasurer Report: Kristen Cassell (see attached reports of the financial statements)
 - i. Hot lunch - October net profit was \$1575.69
 - ii. Kernels - \$3426. 88 (just short of goal by \$573.12)
 - iii. Garbage can will be \$620 + tax. Shouldn't be a labour charge as head office is handling installation.
 - iv. A Microwave died. Natosha will just purchase a new one from Costco. Parent Council has always covered the expense.
 - v. Clarified what the stipend covers - classroom enhancement of learning opportunities such as the Esplanade/ Medalta

vi. A few parents shared their feedback regarding RH's fundraising - CJ shared as she has experienced another school prior to RH and they asked for \$ for every field trip. She was very thankful RH doesn't do that, but fundraises enough to cover that.

4. Reports From Committees & Council Representatives:

a. Hot Lunch: Tracy Herter/ Melanie Robinson/KariAnn Wenzel/ Alana Durbeniuk (none in attendance)

i. Hot lunch:

- a. Nov. 3rd - Taco Time + Frozen Dessert
- b. Nov. 9th - Hot dog + Frozen Treat
- c. Nov. 17th - Pizza + Smoothies
- d. Nov. 24th - Bakery Popovers + Dessert

b. Kernels Popcorn: Vanessa

- i. \$1200 less than last year
- ii. 4 other schools sold it at the same time
- iii. Next year maybe run it in the spring?

c. Card Fundraiser: Vanessa (+ Denene Mastel)

- i. 33 cards for \$33
- ii. Starts Thursday Nov. 9th and runs until Nov. 27th
- iii. Every family will get a box home...if they don't come back we pay \$11
- iv. No cash/cq's, etc. We are doing School Cash Online for payment only - so families collect \$ as they sell them. And then order/pay online.
- v. Forms will be sent home with each child, and there are prizes to those that sell the most. (And the class that sells the most)

d. Movie Night: Alana Durbeniuk

- i. Nov. 17 doors open 6pm. Movie runs 6:30-8
- ii. Grade 6's are running a school wide poll in "official voting format" to determine the movie

e. Lost + Found: Erin Rathgeber (not in attendance)

- i. Talked about Mabel's Labels. **note: go online to mabelslabels.com. Find River Heights Elementary School. Order your labels. River Heights gets 20% back.**

f. Fine Arts - Larissa Kowalchuk

- i. The Ned Show is booked for March 20th at 9am. It is focused on friendship. Will be free but will be selling merchandise to pay it forward.
- ii. Hoja is booked for November 28th.

g. Winter Village: Taneill Selinger (see attached form)

- i. Thursday December 14th 6-8pm.
- ii. Tara and Taneill met. There is a meeting at Zucchini Blossom Sunday November 5th at 2pm for all interested.
- iii. Similar to last year. Santa booked. Italian soda tickets will be handed out. Need raffle items. Adding to decor.

h. Council of Councils - Alana Durbeniuk (not in attendance)

i. Will share next month.

5. Old Business: none

6. New Business: none

7. Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm

Next Parent Council meeting is Wednesday December 6th, 7:30pm

Note: we encourage every family to participate in our online QSP renewal program. All funds raised will support our school. Shop at www.qsp.ca . This year we have opted out of the magazine fundraising campaign...but if you were to reorder, order, or shop the profits still come to our school. OUR GROUP ONLINE ID IS: 3696036