

**RCI School Council Remote Meeting
MINUTES
Monday, Oct 21st, 2020
7:00 – 8:30 pm**

TOPIC	NOTES	ACTION
Call to Order & Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attendees: Ayub Uddin (Co-chair), Carolyn Emmanuel, Dawn Crandell, Deke Nur, Isaac Morales Gonzalez, Jackie Marrie, Lucy Coyle, Katie Ferguson (VP), Krishna Gummaluru, Lisa Truant-Tan, Laura Pillsworth, Leigh Thornton (VP), Leslie Ambedian, MagesPalany (Co-chair), Melanie Boyd-Brown, Michaela Rudd, Kyree Vibrant, Paul Edwards (Principal), Rojean Prince, Sarah Blackstock, 	
Approval of Minutes from Sept 21, 2020 Remote Meeting	Ayub moved to approve last Minutes. Seconded by Lucy	
Follow-up & Updates from Last Remote Meeting:		
Principal's Report & Update		
<i>COVID-19 precautions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 student tested positive for COVID-19, news came on Monday. ● No concern about imminent spread from the reported case last week ● That class is proceeding virtually now ● Can expect direct communication from Toronto Public Health on what their position is 	Mr Edwards will let us know what the decision is

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● That student and the 14 students plus teacher in that cohort are quarantined at home. Those students continue their studies with their teacher at home. ● The student who tested positive is doing well and was not hospitalized. ● It is possible that the class & teacher will be back at the end of the 14 day quarantine, but up to investigator & public health to decide. ● The investigator who is doing the assessment has noted that the protocols in place at RCI have worked well such as the entrance and staggered dismissal. RCI staff and students will continue to do what they have been doing. The investigator will make the determination 	
<p><i>Mid-term Reporting</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● at mid-point now for Quadmester 1. ● Not doing report cards for Quad 1 and 2 mid-terms. ● Teachers have from next Monday-Friday tOct 19-23rd, to reach out to families to update on their child(s)' progress. ● about 5 more weeks left of term 2. ● Civics & Careers switched over this Monday. They will have printed report cards because is a final mark. Distributing to students next Monday and Tuesday, in class. 	
<p><i>Moving to a quad change</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Transition from Quad 1 to Quad 2 is Nov 23rd. Quad 1 will be same in terms of 2 courses. But a few changes to the cohorts to get students in every other day. To have a little more continuity. ● More parents want to switch their kids to virtual than there are spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Perhaps additional changes bc virtual school is so packed. How could we accommodate more students going to virtual classes.? 	<p>Parents respond to the TDSB and/or RCI survey on what we want for our kids</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Think a survey will go out next week, if there are more students who would like to go virtual for Quad 2 or 3, what proportion? One option is leave current timetable but go entirely virtual, depending on how COVID-19 progresses ● If drastic, will contact Council, otherwise, will ● We have 3:1 in-person to virtual split currently 	
<p><i>Nutrition Program</i></p>	<p>Thanks to Carla Cernic and volunteer to keep this running</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Approved for Nutrition Pantry. Working out logistics now ● Can/do parents contribute to the program? Thank you but no- we have been fully funded. ● Orders being sent every two weeks, being funded through Toronto Foundation for Student Success ● Do the kids have an opportunity to indicate the kind of food they'd like to receive in the pantry? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Response: Yes, we are still trying to finalize what this communication will look like. We are hoping to send out information with our regular weekly RCI update that comes out, including a google form for requests. I have also been in communication with our physical education head and we are hoping to get our students involved in their phys ed class ie. Picking recipes, I will then communicate back to the foundation to request foods to align with the recipe. This won't happen until quad 2 as we don't currently have any physical education classes quad 1. ○ 	
<p><i>Guidance</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Still some e-learning seats that are available. We just received some new guidance on Quad 2 will look like, they are still finalizing what it will look like and communication will come 	

	<p>out. Ms Cernic updating the app and website regularly: Student area:". http://www.runnymedecollegiate.com/ Visit: Departments, Guidance and Student Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Also planning Gr 8 to 9 transition. Planning Dec 2nd session. Will be virtual format, TBC live or recorded or mix of both. More info will come soon. Traditionally, Council has been active in helping with this. 	
<i>Student Council</i>	Is underway, although slower this year. Ms Lovell is heading it up, hoping to start at end of Quad 1, into Quad 2.	
<i>Pool</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● City came to see if COVID protocol is ready to go at our pool. It is ready to go, waiting for final ok. ● Would be eligible for RCI students/phys ed as well as external permitted activities. 	
Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Status quo from June 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$650 for student allocated funds ▪ \$97 in the PACE account ▪ \$1,150 in Direct Donations and think we can carry these over – waiting for information from TDSB ● We don't know the budget funds that will be allocated to us from TDSB as they have not finalized any budget items. 	
Elections Process & Dates of Meetings throughout the year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Current Council stays in place until new one elected: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Core Exec: Chair/Co-chair, Ward 7 rep, Secretary-Communications Coord; Treasurer; Mountview Liaison, Caring and safe Schools representative. Remainder: Voting Members (Parent Member); Community member; Student Representative 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nov 30th confirmed as date of next meeting 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sent out Nomination Form to those who said they wanted to be part of Council ● Community member was the Jane Dundas librarian last year. The new executive can decide who they would like to include this year. ● How many voting members do you want/need? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the more parents involved the better. We have no set numbers outlined in the current council. We would like every single parent & guardian to be a voting member and participate. You can just log on! ● Messenger and email accounts created for Communications 	Leigh will send TDSB email account to Comms Coordinator
	<p>Chair: Jackie Marrie Communications Coordinator: Melanie Boyd-Brown Community Member: Lisa Truant-Tan Treasurer: Voting members: Carolyn Emmanuel, Dawn Crandell, Kyree Vibrant, Laura Pillsworth, Leslie Ambedian, Michaela Rudd, Rojean Prince, Sarah Blackstock Mountview Liaison: Lucy Coyle Ward 7: Mages Palany</p>	Katie will type up the results
Other Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Waiting for word on Robotics program this season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It is on hold, as an extracurricular. First Robotics Canada (FRC) will announce in January if there will be any in-person competitions ▪ If there is, it would be the same game as last year, so won't have to build a totally new robot 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There are some things that kids can do through TikTok and challenges they can, without needing access to the robot. Look on FRC site – new live program every Tues night ● Open House – promoting RCI at other schools – addressed ● Overview of Constitution: 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Q & A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Comment from parent to Admin: “Staff have been so positive and supportive of students. Please express our heartfelt gratitude.” Teachers have been so supportive, role modelling adaptation and determination. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Perhaps at the next virtual staff meeting, it might be worth providing an opportunity for a few parents in person or in writing express our gratitude for the wonderful work they are doing - and the profound and deep impact they are having on their students. ● Any chance the high school going to all day? Response: we have not received any communication regarding the school day being a full day face-to-face at this time. ● What to expect from in-school learning? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Admin noticing that most students coming in on time, and focusing while in class. Admin stressing how important it is to be in class at designated times. Alt of learning in Quad 1 but higher expectations in Quad 2. Secondly, expectation is students should be on-line at 2 – 3:15 pm every day. Attendance is taken in these classes. There is rigorous teaching happening in both in -person and virtual classes. Opposite mornings, students should be completing assigned work. Any 	<p>Katie & Leigh to please share the wonderful feedback we are hearing from parents tonight with the teachers & staff</p>

	<p>questions, please reach out to the teacher first. This is a hybrid, blended in class and virtual learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Are you doing anything for take your kids to work? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yes, is still running, Nov 4th but will be virtual, from teachers. Everything is late coming out. ● Discussion around how our kids are doing, with current situation. Similar comments that we'd like to see school continue, safely. Kids recognize how much they like being in school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Being in school has had been very positive. Teacher optimism - and those special activities and creative assignments that get them excited have been wonderfully positive." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hybrid model works really well for certain students ● Is anyone collecting data on the actual risk of being infected with COVID if exposed to an infected person in the small classes and spaces the high school kids are in? That data would be so helpful for parents making choices. ● Is anyone TDSB or RCI going to survey the students to ask them directly about their preferences for school? ● Ward 7 meetings are monthly. Dates not announced yet ● 	
9. Adjournment 8:30 pm.	Date for next meeting: Nov 30 th , Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leigh or Katie to send Google doc to gather feedback on dates for rest of year meetings

