

RCI School Council - Remote Meeting
Minutes for September 27, 2021(7:00 – 8:30pm)

| Agenda Item | Lead | Details | Minutes |
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| 1. Call to Order & Welcome | Jackie | | Melanie Boyd-Brown, Lucy Coyle, Lisa Truant-Tan, Jackie Marrie, Nicole Coker, Robynne Ostry, Rojean Prince, Michelle Haurilak, Zannat Reza, Carla Granger Admin: Paul Edwards, Rosaline Fine |
| 2. Approval of Past Minutes | Mel | | Motion to accept raised by Jackie Marrie & seconded by Lisa Truant-Tan |
| 3. Principal & VPs's Report & Update | Admin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Update • VP Updates | <p><u>Mr. Edwards:</u> Enrollment 476 of which 67 virtual; Staff: have 27 teachers and asked + received an additional 0.5 FTE; Have a total of 10 new teachers to the building 3 of whom are each considered 0.5FTE; No covid cases to date; TPH (Toronto Public Health) nurse will do an inspection of entry/flow through for RCI + MV within next week. Anticipate it will go well; Paying attention to cafeteria numbers and have library as a backup for when weather changes. Upcoming: expect roll-out of extra curriculars – waiting for specifics from the board. Athletics – looking at intra RCI initially before inter school athletics; Clubs will follow suit; Virtual clubs going forward immediately. <u>Question:</u> What % staff/Students are vaccinated? <u>Answer:</u> Can't know for sure (privacy concerns) although representative of Toronto overall. Focus is on masking + keeping social distancing protocols in place. <u>Question:</u> What is the status of HEPA filters within the school? <u>Answer:</u> Close to having them in each classroom; Waiting for 10 more to be fully covered including gym;</p> <p><u>Ms. Fine:</u> Roll-out of technology to support student learning in line with TDSB announcements re: student support; Have been focused on getting grade 9s chrome books as needed; moving to other grades; Any students needing technology support (laptops) should reach out to Ms. Fine; Nutrition Program – continues to run in cooperation with Toronto Foundation for Student Success and following COVID protocols such as pre-packaged + easily accessible foods (granola bars, dairy, fruits, pre-packaged snacks + water bottles); TPH has opened up</p> |

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| | | | <p>water stations again. Students being encouraged to bring re-usable water bottles as school can't continue to fund disposable water bottles as part of the Nutrition Program (for cost + environmental waste reasons).</p> <p>IEP process underway again. Process has been streamlined following TDSB recommendations. Any parents with questions should reach out to Ms. Fine directly.</p> |
| 5. Overview of School Council Positions, Roles | Jackie | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Item | <p>Reviewed the school council objective, roles + responsibilities.</p> <p>Some parents volunteered to join the executive (thank you!)</p> <p>Carla Granger – MV/RCI liaison (has students at both RCI + MV)</p> <p>Michelle Haurilak + Rojean Prince will share Ward 7 responsibilities</p> <p>Melanie Boyd-Brown can continue as Co-Communications Lead, Robynne Ostry as Co-Treasurer, Jackie Marrie as Co-Chair.</p> <p>Looking for additional members to “co-lead” in the following roles to ensure knowledge sharing and participation: Communications, Treasurer, Co-Chair, MV/RCI Liason, Voting Members at Large.</p> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <p>Mr. Edwards/Ms. Fine to organize a virtual gathering for Grade 9/10 parents to introduce them to RCI. Jackie Marrie to attend as School Council Co-Chair to recruit additional members;</p> |
| 6. Financial Update | Robynne Ostry | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update | <p>No new update at this point over last May's minutes.</p> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <p>Robynne to connect with Mr. Edwards + Marley to review accounts and provide an update for the next meeting.</p> |
| 7. Ward 7 Update | Mel Boyd-Brown | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update | <p>No update. Ward 7 has not published this year's meeting schedule yet.</p> <p><u>Action:</u></p> <p>Lucy will send new Ward 7 reps' email info (Michelle Haurilak + Rojean Prince) to Ward 7 Trustee's Office (Robin Pikey) for inclusion on Ward 7 Meeting announcements etc.</p> |
| 8. Mountview Update | Lucy Coyle | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update | <p>No update.</p> <p>New Rep moving forward is Carla Granger.</p> |
| 9. Community Updates | Nicole Coker (Toronto Public Library) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toronto Public Library Updates Robotics | <p><u>Nicole Coker – Toronto Public Library, Jane & Dundas branch</u></p> <p>https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/janedundas/</p> <p>Library Hours: 9-8:30 M-F + Saturdays 9-5; As of mid-October will be open Sundays from 1:30-5.</p> <p>Youth Hub is up and running with access to laptops etc from 3 pm – 7 pm (opened earlier</p> |

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| | <p>+ Lisa Truant-Tan (Robotic)</p> | <p>than website to accommodate RCI students). Online Programming available via the Toronto Public Library website (https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca) A reminder, if you don't have a physical library card, virtual cards are available for those with a Toronto based address, and provide access to the digital collection, including e-books. For teachers needing to organize physical library cards for students, please reach out directly to the library. Nicole will do a presentation at the next School council meeting to help community understand the electronic resources available to families and students. Brainfuse is a FREE online tutoring service accessible via the TPL website on a first come, first serve basis. Tutoring is for grades K-12 and is available from 2 pm – 11 pm daily. There is no limit to the number of hours a student can use. Students can get a free PRESTO card from the library (still must pay for loading card at local Shoppers Drug Mart). See library for details. Happy to have parents reach out via email with questions etc. (ncoker@tpl.ca) <u>Question:</u> Is proof of vaccination required to enter the library? <u>Answer:</u> No, the libraries are considered essential services. Masking and physical distancing are required, however.</p> <p><u>Lisa Truant-Tan - Robotics</u> Robotics is working with school to reach out to mentors etc to re-engage. Hopeful that the program will return to in person this year. Will communicate via the school as more details emerge.</p> |
| <p>10. Other Items</p> | | <p><u>Question on 2021 Grad Ceremony on October 7th</u> – why was the decision made to stay virtual? <u>Answer:</u> Following direction of Board will remain virtual. Decision not to proceed with grad ceremonies in June 2021 based on fatigue of students/staff. <u>Question:</u> Will the virtual grad be live & interactive or will it be recorded? <u>Answer:</u> It will be pre-recorded. <u>Question</u> – Who will follow up with Angela Nguyen to ensure she is aware of the timing? (as she will be awarding the Sky Nguyen Memorial Award). <u>Action:</u> Mr. Edwards agreed to follow-up with Sky Nguyen's sister Angela re: timing of graduation ceremony.</p> |

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| | | <p><u>Motion to Attendees</u> to request that all future meetings require attendees to identify themselves in the chat by first/last name for purpose of minutes (as this would be required in physical meetings).</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> Motion accepted by all.</p> <p>Next Meeting October 25 @ 7 pm. More details to follow.</p> |
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