

RCI School Council - Remote Meeting  
Minutes for March 28, 2022(7:00 – 8:30pm)

Agenda Item	Lead	Details	Minutes
<b>1. Call to Order &amp; Welcome</b>	Jackie		Melanie Boyd-Brown, Jackie Marrie, Nicole Coker (TPL), Rojean Prince, Michelle Haurilak, , Carla Granger, Karin Hill, Jen Perchard, Lisa Truant-Tan; Joseph Muller, Maaz Hussain, Robynne Ostry, Rathees Uthayakumar + Jonathan Leroux TPL; Deke Admin: Paul Edwards, Icilda Elliston, Janelle Bylykbashi (first 20 min)
<b>2. Approval of Past Minutes</b>	Jackie		Rojean Prince (first) + Carla Granger (Second)
<b>3. RUSTCO</b>	Maaz Hussian		RUSTCO has been hosting amazing spirit events and fun awareness events for students including Black History Art Month, Valentine’s Event (with a Mural Tree that had positive messages) and for St Patrick’s Day a Leprechaun event (visited Mountview students). Prom fundraising has started.
<b>4. Principal &amp; VP Report &amp; Update</b>	Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal Update</li> <li>• VP Updates</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Mr. Edwards:</u></b></p> <p>Huge thanks to ACL + admins as return with ever lifting restrictions + balancing staying attentive to being aware; Shout-out in particular to Ms. Bylykbashi for taking a leadership role in preparing for musical – more info + dates coming out shortly. Students + teachers preparing for provincial testing as appropriate. The OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy test) is waived as a graduation requirement for current cohort of grade 12s. EQAO will resume in the Spring. Current grade 12s exempted from OSLT. Extra-curricular activities will begin to be offered throughout the Spring. Initial planning for a celebration of athletics for students being considered for the Spring. Prom will proceed in person. Yearbook planning has begun. Many departments are running help sessions at lunchtime and afterschool – especially science and math. Please encourage students to connect with the teachers – the sessions may be run by other teachers but will cover material the students have questions on. A reminder: April 5<sup>th</sup> is parent teacher interviews- this is an important opportunity for parents to touch base with teachers before mid-term marks are released. The cafeteria is open for students to eat in however food service is not available. However, the Breakfast program with pre-packaged food options is still ongoing. For Phys Ed classes, the teachers are exploring how to incorporate swimming as a module within the classes in the time remaining (the pool is now open).</p>

<b>6. Bylaw Update</b>	Jackie Marrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update</li> </ul>	<p>The PCEO has advised that the Draft of the new By-Laws required for School Councils to use to communicate changes to by-laws is not available yet. Awaiting to hear back from the PCEO. Until then, the current school by-laws remain in effect. Once the Draft Update is available, the proposed new by-laws will be circulated for parents for review and approval. The School Council is recommending the proposed by-laws be accepted as is once available.</p>
<b>7. Financial Update</b>	Robynne Ostry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update</li> </ul>	<p>The Parent Council bank account has been closed+ proceeds deposited into the school non board account. The executive voted to donate \$575 towards the yearbook to support every student receiving a yearbook. The fundraising letter (Direct Donation Campaign) was sent out on March 25<sup>th</sup>. When parents use the link to donate a tax receipt is generated regardless of the amount donated but when they donate via a cheque, receipts are generated only for donations \$25 and above. Robynne will stay in communication with the office about the progress of the fundraising campaign and work with Janelle to post the letter on the website and via the social media channels. Considering a direct appeal to parents of graduates – specifically to have them donate monies for graduation and prom.</p>
<b>8. Ward 7 Update</b>	Rojean Prince	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update</li> </ul>	<p>There has not been a Ward 7 Trustee meeting. Other wards are reporting that they are also not having meetings with Trustees currently.</p>
<b>9. Mountview Update</b>	Carla Granger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update</li> </ul>	<p>Programming with the pool has started and the policies, scheduling, and processes to support this has been well done. Discussions are starting about the possibility of a community garden having Mountview registered as an Eco school. Nicole from TPL is coming to the Mountview meeting tomorrow to present. Mountview is hosting an egg hunt + picnic for students and families on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Some discussions have been ongoing about the SIP (School Improvement Plan) which is an ongoing, living document. Discussions have begun about formalizing a snack program for students in need. Mountview continues to look at fundraising opportunities – have had some successful programs this year and raising funds in support of families in need. Carla will be following up with Ms. Bylykbashi about the upcoming musical and potential cross-over opportunities with Mountview Students. RCI Students have not yet re-established their visitation/support with Mountview students.</p>

<p><b>10. Community Updates</b></p>	<p>Rathees Uthayakumar + Jonathan Leroux (Toronto Public Library) + Lisa Truant-Tan (Robotic)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toronto Public Library Updates</li> <li>• Robotics</li> </ul>	<p>Toronto Public Library, Jane &amp; Dundas branch (620 Jane Street) <a href="https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/janedundas/">https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/janedundas/</a> (email: Library Hours: 9-8:30 M-F + Saturdays 9-5; Now also open Sundays from 1:30-5 (until June 26<sup>th</sup> – closed holiday weekends).</p> <p>Full in person library services + programming are opening up again. More details to follow. Expect to be fully resumed by May.</p> <p>TPL Reading Challenge - forms available in the library and on <a href="https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/readingchallenge/">https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/readingchallenge/</a> Read 12 books in the various categories and enter to win prizes. Connect with other readers through the online discuss forums or come to a Reading Challenge event</p> <p>Teen/Youth hub limits have been lifted + groups welcome to use the space for schoolwork/group projects. The space is supervised. Free printing for homework. Have a color printer for teens only. Use a laptop in the space. Have 4 MacBooks available for use.</p> <p>Have “Take + Make” kits designed specifically for teens focused on supporting creativity.</p> <p>Snacks are available as well as homework help from Youth Hub leaders.</p> <p>Brainfuse is an online homework help resource for students in grades K-12 offered daily from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Also includes practice tests, support for adult learners, writing assistance, skills building and more. Access via the TPL website or via <a href="#">BrainFuse Toronto Public Library</a></p> <p>Reminder that Presto cards are free at the Jane/Dundas Library. Not all libraries have Presto cards. check the library website at <a href="http://tpl.ca/presto">tpl.ca/presto</a> for more details. Cards are usually \$6</p> <p>Museum Arts passes (MAP) resume on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.</p>
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<p><b>11. Other Items</b></p>			<p>Short Discussion regarding concerns about motorists speeding up Jane Street and potential concerns for RCI + Mountview + Nursery School Students. RCI has previously requested a second crossing guard for the crosswalk in front of the school and it has been denied. Mr. Edwards will raise the request again (confirmed he did this via March 29<sup>th</sup> email). At the Mountview School Council meeting will explore whether additional signage around the Priscilla Street entrance could be added focused on the Mountview community and drop-off and pick-ups.</p> <p>Continue to look for volunteers for the Graduation ceremony on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Need 1-2 additional parents to help with the afternoon set up and another 2 for the evening. Please contact the office if you can help.</p> <p><b>April 25<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting;</b></p>