

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

Agenda Item	Lead	Details	Minutes
1. Call to Order & Welcome	Jackie		Melanie Boyd-Brown, Lucy, Jackie Marrie, Lisa Truant-Tan, Jenn Perchard, Karin Hill, Kesete Debessai, Iva Mar Navarro, Carla Granger, Philip, Joseph Muller, Robynne Ostry, Marta, Robynne, RCI: Icilda Elliston, Paul Edwards, Rosalie Fine,
2. Approval of Past Minutes	Jackie		Lisa Truant-Tan First. Second Jenn Perchard
3. RUSTCO	Maaz Hussain		Council is preparing for youth week, next week – lunch time activities where people gave the opportunity to have self-care (body positivity, yoga etc). Soon will be having cultural day – BSA running on May 19 th . Prom by June and then graduation.
4. Principal & VP Report & Update	Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal Update • VP Updates 	<p><u>Mr. Edwards:</u> Welcome back to Ms. Fine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlea off medical reasons so new temp in office; Lynn and working with Nabila. • COVID – not too bad – schools within the TDSB have had some issues staffing as per note on Friday. • Commencement planning is ongoing: Wednesday June 29th between 6-8 pm. 110+ graduates. • Group under Ms Bylykbashi– plus other staff – working on a school musical – June 17 • Prom (June 2) is proceeding and fundraising happening now. • May 5/6th – OSSLT for grades 10+11 (~200 students; 100 writing May 5th and 100 writing on May 6th) • Phys Ed – hosted the basketball tournament last week – final today and another final happening next week (Wednesday) – Head of Phys Ed working on a boat cruise – in lieu of an athletic banquet – will see messaging on that; • Plans for 2022-2023: enrolment at 463 students – down a bit – in person students so it means teachers allocated reduced to 25 teachers (currently 7

			<p>affected – will be redistributed within the TDSB; working with students requests for specific courses into those classes that are now running; board has seen it necessary to implement a new computer program that deals with scheduling and report cards; another hit to the staffing allocation was special education – ministry cut this funding and this affects not the enrollment but impacts the teacher ratios;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDSB sent an email to parents regarding high school graduation requirements and e-courses: Current Gr 9 & 10 students are not required to take the 2 e-learning courses in order to graduate – they can opt out however the Ministry of Education is continuing to advocate for more e-learning; ACTION: parents to check time-table (to ensure their kids are getting the courses they wanted) and check report cards. • Crossing Guard application was submitted and awaiting a response from City Hall. <p>Ms Fine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduling – the teachers get a tentative timeline by end of June and students get it at the end of August (just before school starts) because changes do happen over the summer. • Mid-term report cards being verified now and emailed home on Friday. Training ongoing for new systems (report cards). • BSA (next Thursday) 10 – did a media interview on equity, Reading for Explicit Change and how student voice is part of that. Great profile and proud of the students. Student voice at the front of everything we are doing at RCI.
6. Bylaw Update	Jackie Marrie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update 	No updates from March update. Holding still as advised from TDSB.
7. Financial Update	Robynne Ostry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,875 raised in Direct Donation fundraising campaign. Being promoted in every newsletter. Every time the newsletter goes out, we get a bump. Sending a printed letter out to the families with the link so that people can type it out as well as give the option of sending a cheque or cash to the school office. Need to make sure people understand they will only get a tax receipt over a certain amount. Mr. Edwards approved this strategy. ACTION: Jenn will review the letter before it goes

			<p>over. Also, will send a separate email and hand-out to Grade 12 parents. Robynne and Jen will work on. Graduation fundraising request is specific to grade 12 grad activities.</p> <p>Thanks to Ms. B for putting it prominently on the website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 14th – Prom fundraiser garage sale – bring your stuff and sell it. Can drop it off to sell and give the money to the graduating class. If you have stuff to donate, then reach out to Jackie Marrie <p>\$ allocated to the council from the board has been repurposed to the yearbook as approved;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting final amount from closure of old accounts as Marlea is off. The small amount residual will go towards the yearbook (~\$40).
<p>8. Ward 7 Update</p>	<p>Michelle Haurilak via email)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update 	<p>This is the high level summary and minutes are available on the Ward 7 website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to Read presentation: "Learning to Read is not a privilege, but a basic and essential human right. Early reading instruction is a social justice issue and the OHRC launched a public inquiry into human rights issues facing students with reading disabilities in Ontario's public education system. The report has detailed findings and recommendations for many stakeholders including the Ministry of Education, school boards, and faculties of education." LOTS of passion and emotion from parents on this topic, particularly around the subject of dyslexia, as well as acknowledgement that most families cannot afford to send their children to private tutoring to help them learn to read. Waiting for the Ministry of Education to make changes before the school boards can implement. • Budget process overview: Robin gave an overview of the budgeting process, and let us know that reduced enrolment (partly due to families leaving the city during the pandemic) is impacting funding for schools. The situation is not good for many schools with low enrolment. • We reviewed a map of proposed changes to schools in <u>east</u> Ward 7 (based on enrolment)

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy consultations: Transportation and Parent & Community Engagement policy • Renaming of Queen Victoria PS school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors Indigenous peoples and those who self-identify as Black and/or racialized • Reflects the school’s commitment to social justice, equity, anti-oppression & antiracism • Commemorates the rich history of the local Parkdale community • Reflects the strengths, diversity, and positive characteristics of Parkdale community of today • Exemplifies integrity, leadership, and community contributions at a local, district, provincial, Canadian or international level • Robin Pilkey announced that she will not run for Ward 7 Trustee in the Fall 2022 election
9. Mountview Update	Carla Granger	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Things are going well. Kids using the pool – great feedback. Track and field starting – a few clubs starting up (eco, yoga, track and field, slow pitch baseball and social justice). Pizza days starting again. • Mini musical performance for MV – reaching out to Ms. B about that. • Books and types of books in library – robust discussion at last council meeting around vetting of books in the library and safety in parking lot. Council meeting will be getting an update. • EQAO – June 6, 7, 8 + 10. • Social Justice club doing a fundraiser for Ukraine. • Kids excited that programming has opened again. Grateful for the admin for all the support and heart they give to the school community.
10. Community Updates	Rathees Uthayakumar + Jonathan Leroux (Toronto Public Library)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toronto Public Library Updates 	<p>Toronto Public Library, Jane & Dundas branch (620 Jane Street) https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/janedundas/ (email: Library Hours: 9-8:30 M-F + Saturdays 9-5; Now also open Sundays from 1:30-5 (until June 26th – closed holiday weekends).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Hub <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open from 3-7 pm for teens aged 13-17, a space to study, relax, hang out and play video games.

- Currently giving away Fuse Bead Frenzy Take and Make Craft Bags (limited to 20). Fuse Beads are a creative art activity to help teens with relaxation and focus!
- **Take & Snack initiative starting Monday May 2nd**
 - Teens can visit the Youth Hub during regular hours and pick up a Take and Snack Bag (limited to 20 per day)
 - Take & Snack bags include healthy foods like breakfast flat breads, fresh fruit, hummus, cheese, and Hydrafruit brand beverages.
 - One bag per teen, given out in the Youth Hub. Teens are not required to stay in the library to get a snack bag.
 - Program will run from May 2022 to May 2023.
- May's Youth Hub Programs include:
 - May 12th from 3:30-6:30pm: Fuse Bead Night - live demonstrations and collaboration! (Fuse bead accessories and kits will be provided)
 - May 26th from 3:30-6:30pm Game Night - celebrating the return of in-person gaming in the Hub, it's our grand gaming debut! Teens can drop by and discover the Hub's large selection of board games and video games available to them.
- Posters advertising next month's Hub programs will be sent to RCI first week of May.
- **Databases for high school students:**
 - Students can take advantage of *Brainfuse*, an online resource for homework help for students in kindergarten up to grade 12.
 - *Brainfuse's* services are offered from 2pm-11pm daily. Students can connect with tutors in real time to get live homework help on a large variety of subjects
 - Available for access with library card.
 - <https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEDB0193&R=EEDB0193>
- **MAP Passes**

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access to various museums and arts venues available with library card (first come first serve basis). ○ Recommend those interested lining up Saturday morning prior to branch opening. ○ Passes at Jane Dundas include: Royal Ontario Museum; Aga Khan Museum; Bata Shoe Museum. No Zoo passes at Jane/Dundas - check other branches for availability. ○ May only get one pass per week per adult with valid library card (Can check out one pass to ROM, and another pass to another venue one week later). ○ Number of adults and children admitted with each pass varies, but usually accepts 2 adults and 2 children. ○ May only get one of each venue's pass once every three months (e.g. you can check out a ROM pass and check out another ROM pass three months later). ○ More information on MAP passes can be found on the library website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/museum-arts-passes/
11. Other Items			May 30th is the next meeting; 7 pm