

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

Agenda Item	Lead	Details	Minutes
1. Call to Order & Welcome	Jenn		Parents: Jenn Perchard, Hagar Arkhurst, Jennifer Zakrewski, Joseph Muller, Leana Peachey, Leslie Ambedian, Nadine Benjamin, Phillip, Rojean Prince, Tony Field, Kelvin Osazuwa, Mogens Gallardo, Christine Linder Karin Hill RCI: Albert Cho
2. Approval of Past Minutes			No minutes from the last meeting was available. Pushed to next weeking. RCI Admin to follow up.
3. RUSTCO			President was not available for this meeting. Mr. Cho mentioned that a pep rally had been held and approx. 100 students helped during the Grade 8 Open House
4. Principal & 5. VP Report & Update	Admin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Principal Update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 8 Open House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In Person, lots of people were out ● Arts Night – December 7th ● UPHS update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Went over initial plans ○ Wanted to take all grade 10s to camp in the new year but this will not be happening due to not being able to find a location that would be able to support the number at the time of year that they wanted. Slated approx. \$60K/\$65k for this initiative. This money needs to be reallocated ○ Leadership camps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A number of students will be attending a leadership camp starting on Dec 12 ▪ Will be tailoring what they are doing so that they will be able to take a leadership role and teach what they learned to lower grades when they get back ● STEM @ RUNN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Website has been updated with most current information ○ Passport has been posted

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Grade 11s to mentor Grade 9s – 1 mentorship meeting has occurred ● Leadership meeting to occur on Dec 7th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Will discussing final assessments o Days have been designated as Exam days but not sure how they will be used – could be used for exams or used for other final assessment methodologies (project, etc) o Will let students know before the Christmas break ● Swimming Pool <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o No information as to when it will be available o Mountview students very disappointed ● Music Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Has been flooded 3 times this year – 2 times from leaking roof, 1 time due to backup from bathroom on floor below o Cannot be used until renovations are complete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carpet needs to be replaced ▪ Ceiling tiles need to be replaced ● Tory/Police/TDSB/RCI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Situations that precipitated these meetings at other schools not present at RCI o Any information regarding safety is shared as part of announcements as issues arise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For example, students from other schools coming to RCI and vice versa ▪ Note: front doors not locked at high school like they are at the elementary/middle schools
6. Bylaw Update	Jenn	● Update	Working on the new by-laws. 75% of the new by-laws have been created by the board and will be accepted as proposed. 25% to be tweaked for RCI specific situation. Jenn to work on a draft and special meeting to be held on Dec 12 th to finalize and accept.
7. Financial Update	Karin Hill	● Update	Nothing to report.
8. Ward 7 Update	Rojean Prince	● Update	Nothing reported

<p>9. Mountview Update</p>	<p>Carla Granger</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Update 	<p>Update provided up email as Carla not able to attend.</p> <p>1. Mountview is hosting a Winter Market on Dec 13th. RCI students and their families are welcome to attend (the flyer with details is attached). The Mountview council is also looking for artisan participants (all student volunteers are already confirmed)</p> <p>2. Upcoming sub meeting to brainstorm on ways in which the 2 schools can collaborate. We would like to be more intentional and plan rather than adhoc. Possible ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -a presentation by the robotics club - every child loves a robot!! -mentoring and or tutoring -sports / dance clinics -a spirit day... the cheer squad did an awesome job at the grade 8 open house!! <p>We are open to anything but would love to sit down and plan with RCI.</p>
<p>10. Community Updates</p>	<p>Hadley Staite (Toronto Public Library) + Lisa Truant-Tan (Robotic)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Toronto Public Library Updates ● Robotics 	<p>(620 Jane Street) https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/janedundas/ 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> <p>For the programs in January and February, I would encourage anyone planning to attend to find the program on our website (tpl.ca) closer to the actual date, just in case of any changes. Attached are our flyers for each program. Thanks for your interest in sharing and learning about our programs! Sadaf and I are very excited about this upcoming slate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jewellery Making with Laurie Poirier, Tue December 13, 2022, 5 to 6:30pm ● Teen Crafternoons, All Crafts are from 4 to 6 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mon Jan 16: Bead Creatures ○ Mon Jan 23: Origami ○ Mon Jan 30: Iron-On T-Shirts ○ Mon Feb 6: Paint Night

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mon Feb 13: Candle-Making ● Dungeons and Dragons for Teens, Wed February 22, 4 to 6pm <p>Robotics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our Robotics team competed at STEMley Cup in Hamilton. ON. They did really well, becoming the Alliance Captain of the Fifth seeded Alliance. We upset and beat the Third place Alliance and then lost to the First seeded Alliance in the Semifinals. ● All the students have finished their Safety Training and now we are preparing for the F.I.R.S.T. Lego League tournament. RCI is hosting this on Sat., Dec. 17th at the school. ● We are also preparing for the kick-off of the new F.I.R.S.T. Robotics season on Sat., Jan. 7th, 2023!
11. Other Items			<p>Teacher Appreciation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The winter social has been set for Dec 20th. Parent council will arrange for something to be at the social to show our appreciation to the teachers and staff for all that they have done. <p>TDBS website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Resources and workshops are available for all parents/guardians/caregivers: https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Community/How-to-Get-Involved/School-Councils/Workshops <p>Innovation Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deadline is Dec 9th to apply for grant up to \$1500 to aid RCI parents/student ● Karin to apply for a grant that focuses on Mental Health of students <p>Student absences/safe school arrivals phone message</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you as parent/caregiver get message saying that child is not there but you know was there, it can be fixed ● Student should speak to teacher that marked them absent, teacher will then update the main office of change in attendance

Gender Neutral Bathroom

- Was locked due to inappropriate behavior happening in the bathroom for 2 days
- Was unlocked afterwards but message was not passed on to everyone that needed to know
- Mr. Cho to make sure that everyone now knows that the bathroom is unlocked and apologize that it was locked
- More checking of the bathroom will be done to keep inappropriate behavior to a minimum
- Bathroom will not be locked again

General announcements not being heard in the gym

- Mr. Cho will look into why this is the case
- Will also look into posting announcement on RCI app

Dec 12th is the next meeting to discuss Bylaws (one topic only).