

## **6 November 2023 School Council Meeting**

Present: Christine Linder, Albert Cho (Principal), Kat Ying (Secretary), Karin Hill, Lan Trinh (Treasurer), Jasmin (Student Council), Lisa Truant, H.A, Ana, Joseph Muir, Aurelia Cooke-Goodall/Lian?, Marta Gimenez,

### **Land Acknowledgement**

### **Student Update**

- Jasmin Trinh: Senior VP of Student Council. Recent Grad Rep elections. Two grade 12 and two grade 9 reps elected. More students are joining. Grade reps reaching out to student body for changes and suggestions. Washrooms are a big issue.
  - Upcoming events: Remembrance Day and huge holiday bash before school break
- Karin: what do you want to see from student council?
- Jasmin: assistance always appreciated. Will let us know
- Albert: Pep rally did happen
- Jasmin: spirit week at end of October – tested what students want to do in school council – get energy up for year
- Cho: grade nine connects on 27 October 2023 led by students who attended leadership workshop
- Kat : does school council usually help with holiday bash type events?
- Cho : Jasmin and Ana will let us know how to help. Normal things would be fundraising for prom, semi formal, dances etc.
- Karin: we helped out with grade twelve grad
- Jasmin: they are planning a semi formal and something for summer and spring

### **Robotics Update**

- Lisa: Robotics had off season event last Saturday in Hamilton. Did quite well. Tough competition. Two new events in March. One in Scarborough are Centennial College and the other on waitlist for event in North Bay.

- Karin: 70+ kids signed up for robotics. Programming, safety training and CAD workshops. Team is looking for sponsors for trip to Houston.
- Christine: how do students sign up for training?
- Karin: meeting on wed in oct held where kids signed up for their team. Depending on team → compulsory workshops follow. Build workshops are happening on Tuesday which was postponed for Halloween. Next three Tuesdays are safety training. Coms on discord with chat for each topic.
- Cho: go to Mr Mills for info
- H.A. :

### **Admin Update by Albert Cho**

- Midterm marks due this Wednesday and sent out by school messenger the end of this week/early next wee
- Leadership camp for grade nine – eleven is coming up. It will be run by grade elevens and twelves. Leaders went on camp using UPHS money. Purpose to build capacity among student body. Should be weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> from Friday to Sunday. Students invited by staff nomination to attend that event.
- Runnymede Raven Report. Admin staff will be checking that these emails are getting to everyone.
- Boys Volleyball is ongoing. Girls Basketball is ongoing.
- Winter season will be Boys Basketball and Girls Volleyball and Co-ed wrestling – will address non binary and gender fluid participants –
- Only Runnymede students can spectate home games and must have their student card. Parents are encouraged to watch games but not parents from other schools. All parents must sign in a visitor in office and get a visitor tag. Parents should not try to attend their children's away games. Technically parents can only attend other schools if home school staff accompany, which is not possible.
- Excursion Management Application – some links with videos to help parents were circulated – if that doesn't help contact the school
- Student services: last year school asked students opinions on course offerings. Will be circulated again this year. Staffing will begin Feb/March. School honour the student body choices

- College and University fairs: Guidance team will set up tours if a student missed something. Students should connect with guidance counsellors.
- OYAP: Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program for skilled trades such as plumbing, electrician, cosmetics. Children interested in these trades should ask about OYAP. Hours towards apprenticeship can be earned during the OYAP program. Free vs college fees.
- Beaver computing challenge info on send out to parents. Open to anyone and also required for STEM@RUNN program. 13 November at lunch.
- Vandalism in Washrooms. Not hate graffiti, but walls are being ripped off, electrical sockets exposed, fires too. Causing closing washrooms frequently for cleaning and safety issues even multiple washrooms closed at a time. Caretakers think students are disrespecting facilities. If students can report then they will be rewarded, gift card. Safety monitors checking every hour and still the problem persists. Consequences range from conversation to suspensions. Can't make the kids clean/fix or pay for it.

### **School Council Executive Roles**

- Nominees: Andrea Johnson Campbell, Abdi Durshay, Christine Linder, Venice Bennet
- Cho will put these four in contact and they can decide what to do for example multiple co-chairs
- Kat: where do we post minutes and are there emails?
- Karin: there was a section on the website for the school council
- Cho: School websites must follow TDSB template. RCI is transferring the info to the new board approved website. RCI has 6 months left of old web hosting provider. For now, we can post in that area on the current website but eventually all must migrate to bard template around Feb/March 2024.

### **Other Business**

- HA: where do we find out about extra curricular activities? Can we go to guidance?
- Cho: yes, if it isn't posted in an email or otherwise go to guidance. There was a club fair last month.
- April's meeting will be Tuesday 2 April 2024 since 1 April 2024 is a Stat Holiday
- School Council meeting will continue hybrid

- Christine: Latoya and Christine applied for the Innovation Grant Application. News will come before winter break.
- Cho: Thank you to Christine and Latoya because they had to submit it twice due to technical issues.
- Kat: can we ask old execs to show us how things were done?
- Karin: was on the board last year and can answer questions and share financial binder from three years ago with Lan Trinh.
- Lian: what do other schools do about these washroom vandalism issues?
- Cho: Increase safety monitor presence to deter. Some take the doors off the washrooms to deter people.
- HA: Are there preventative measures?
- Kat: Why are they hanging out in the bathrooms anyway?
- Cho: they do not have anywhere else to go. Removing doors is an option for some bathrooms. Will send a survey out for ideas on how to deal with it. Student Council and THRIVE put out a survey whether kids are feeling safe, we can also ask them to help get ideas about the washroom.
- Pool deadline is January 2024
- HA: could a kid be beaten in a washroom and no one know?
- Cho: safety monitors do pass the schools. Never heard of a beating in the bathroom.
- Lisa: never heard of this since mother went to RCI in 1930s