

## **4 December 2023 RCI School Council Meeting Notes**

- Present: Albert Cho, Rosalie Fine, Jennifer Zakrzewski, Jasmine, Christine, Aria, Karin Hill, Latoya Aldridge, Lisa Truant-Tan, Tony Field
- In person: Albert Cho, Christine, Jasmine

### **Student Council Updates**

- Jasmine SAC Senior Vice President
  - o BSA clothing drive outside office if anyone has gently worn clothing give to the box
  - o December 14 Art Show and Auction
    - Parents are invited and will get info separate from raven newsletter
    - Funds from auction goes to art department
    - Bake sale and chocolates can be sold at the art sale too
  - o Grade 8 Open house occurred and clubs showcased their activities
  - o This week bake sale for Dance Team fundraiser
  - o Prom Committee is selling chocolates to fundraise for prom
  - o SAC is planning a spirit week with talent show
  - o Senior stress day at library coming up
    - Karen : they brought therapy dogs last year
      - Rosalie: Pawsitively pets

### **School Council Appointments**

- Last meeting only one person for co-chair and a few others by email not at the meeting
- Cho emailed all who expressed interest and one response but the did not clarify if they were interested
- Cho moves to appoint Christine – seconded by Kat Ying
- If someone comes forward later to be co-chair later that can be explored
- Cho will send email announcing Christine is school chair
- Chair will be looped into violence assessment conducted last year and updates will come at next meetings

### **School Council Meetings**

- One line from now on same as today :
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- Next meetings:
  - 8 January 2024
  - 5 February 2024
  - 4 March 2024
  - 2 April 2024 (Tuesday instead of Monday)
  - 6 May 2024
  - 3 June 2024

## **Admin Update**

- Facilities
  - Pool
    - Estimated opened end of February
    - Questions:
      - Will school rent out to community centres?
        - Cho: yes and that is organized through the school and it is mostly rented out by the city of Toronto
        - TF: a community group wants to rent, who do they go to?
        - Cho: ask the TDSB for permit information.
      - How will it be used when it is open?
        - Cho: accessed through gym class, swim club or swim team. Only when there is a supervisor. Supervisors means lifeguard and qualified supervisor.
        - Karen: Mountview runs swim programs
        - Cho: Mountview will use it more regularly than the high school
      - Cho: RCI Takes precedent over any other permit request
  - Washrooms
    - Actions taken
      - Closed unsafe washrooms
      - Safety monitors are checking every period
      - Maintenance is installing tamper proof toilet paper and soap dispensers
    - Results
      - No vandalism this month
      - All but one boys bathroom is open
  - Garbage
    - Jasmine: when surveying students the students expressed need for waste disposal in stalls instead of main bin

- Accessibility
  - Students concerned about accessibility. Difficulty with stairs when injured or in crutches and staff also seem to be struggling to go up and down.
    - Cho: retrofitting is beyond the scope of the board given the date of the building. RCI asked the board last year.
      - New parking lot will have more handicapped spots.
      - Asked about stand-alone elevator where the courtyard is but the cost seemed prohibitive
        - Even caretaking lugs supplies up and down the stairs
        - Estimated at least \$200,000 (double school budget)
      - Karen Hill: Rick Hansen Man in Motion might have a grant for accessibility
- Athletics
  - Boys Basketball
    - Going well
  - Co-ed Wrestling
    - Gendered for pairing
    - Trans students must choose which gender they want to wrestle in
    - School bought a new wrestling matt
  - Girls Volleyball
    - Going well
- Board Weekly bulletin
  - Mental Health Crisis and Suicide line 988 – kind of like kids help phone
    - Rosalie: it is through CAMH – it used to be Canada Suicide prevention and now it is talkcanada. Ino is online in French and English.
  - Student can migrate from virtual to in person and vice versa but their timetable might not be matched exactly. Must express intent to switch during the week of 11 – 21 December 2023
  - Semester 2 e-learning opens tomorrow
    - Connect with guidance counsellor to enroll in courses through e-learning
    - E-learning is asynchronous but there is a teacher accessible
    - Student are expected to do two e-learning courses but they can opt out and do those credits in person
    - E learning courses fill up quickly
    - Kids can select courses online but they are only run if there is enough interest. Then the board wise courses are not based on interest but those are not run by Runnymede teacher
    - Can students take an e-learning on top of a full course load in person?
      - Cho: usually they take a time slot of their day and do their e-learning but not really meant to gain an extra course. FI students have been

allowed to do that it is probably counsellors at the school level who are able to permit that.

- Summer school e-learning goes towards the two e-learning
  - E-learning is done by TDSB teachers and students access course lessons and materials on Brightspace
  - Virtual learning is different than e-learning because it is done completely live online
  - If you opt out and then take an e-learning course you are still considered opted out, you do not need to take another e-learning course
- Budget for School Council
    - = \$684. Can be increased if necessary but this number is based on what was spent last year.
  - Robotics (Lisa and Karen and Tony)
    - First Lego League Tournament on 9 December 2023 – theme is “Masterpeice”
    - Kick off 6 January 2024 in person at Runnymede
      - They will unveil what the objective for that year will be
    - Swerve Drive – students will have to learn but the robots will be faster
    - This month is safety and CAD training
    - Programming 101 completed and 12 – 15 students came including someone from another school
    - Now running programming 102 specifically for robot programming
      - Unfortunately, it is too late in the season to join the 102. But if students are getting interested now they can still get involved and learn. Trained students and mentors on the team. Get in touch with Mr. Mills if you want to join late.
    - Upcoming competitions will be at Centennial in Scarborough and North Bay
    - Parents session was on 14 November and it went really well. Parents wanted one earlier and longer.
    - Info on website – designed to be a welcoming and encouraging environment and students should be able to control the level of engagement and competitiveness
  - Course Selection for next year
    - Rosalie:
      - Process for course selection for next school year started in November
        - First stage: look at what courses Runnymede will offer through google form based on all possible courses in TDSB
        - Second stage – list goes up on blue print when students formally select their courses
        - These two steps are taken because the school is small so try to narrow down to what the kids really want to take
        - Third stage – compare what students want with staffing capacity.

- After spring break schools start staffing planning. Early April RCI makes staffing log to TDSB
  - Staffing
    - Bumps ahead for semester two but most classes are staffed. One or two are over capacity. Rosalie is working to cover bases.
    - Re: last semester, a lot of schools were short staffed and looking for teachers with the same expertise
    - Cho: kids are given the opportunity to select through all available courses not just those run by RCI in the past
    - RCI will keep asking the kids every year and not limit based on what previous years wanted
    - Last year in the November google form showed interested in environmental science – semester two they offered that class in semester two – but when posted in blue print no one signed up the next year
    - 8-10 students chose sign language. Numbers too low but guidance helped direct them to other resources.
  - UPHS
    - Steering committee meeting in January and will give updates
    - Spent some money on the leadership camp last weekend. 22 students went on the trip from grad 10 – 12 and the kids loved it
    - Bulk of money went to social worker, child and youth worker, and EA
    - Rest of money will go to extra curriculars for the BSA, MSA, and GSA events
    - Email for steering committee will be sent out to whole school and parents and guardians are welcome to attend

## Questions

- Any new raven reports?
  - Last one was sent around 1 November
- Exam scheduling?
  - Over four days
    - Day one = day one period one
    - Day two = day one period two
    - Day three = day one period three
    - Day four = day one period 4
    - Day five = Special circumstances
- Arts night memo can include notice that fundraising will be cash only?
  - Have to check with group
- Can they get tap?
  - Bank fees not worth it

Cho moves to close meeting, Kat Ying seconds to move

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