RHS School Council

Tuesday September 10, 2019

7pm - Library

1. Welcome and introductions. Present: Rachelle Sintic (Principal), Nancy Henry (VP), Bev Melymick (Teacher), Cindy Jadayel (Chair), Petra Alince (Secretary), Eleanor Fast , Marty Carr, Nancy Dean (OCASC Rep.), Zaynab Nur, Bingbing Cai, Mariam Isac, Janet Dill, Ravida Salatova, Lynn Langner, Dave Langner, Elizabeth Bryce
2. Approval of June minutes moved by Eleanor, seconded by Mariam
3. Principal’s report - Rachelle Sinctic

* Super busy in guidance with schedule changes.
* Change to Indigenous English course - funding for new books and resources.
* Sports teams: Rugby, Volleyball, Cross-country, Hockey, etc.
* Meet the teacher Sept. 19th 6:30-8:00.
* Messages to parents translated to Somali and Arabic.
* Numbers currently a little higher than expected, but still looking for kids who have not yet arrived. Just over 800 students.

1. Chair’s report - Cindy Jadayel

* Council elections must be held within first 30 days of school. All positions acclaimed. Chair (Cindy Jadayel), Secretary (Petra Alince), Treasurer (Dave Langner), Vice-Chair (Marty Carr).
* Treasurer will be important since we are now fundraising, like we did last April with our Sports Swap and Spring Bazaar. We raised $2000 last year for our arts departments (Drama, Dance and Art).
* Teacher rep. Chosen by teachers. Bev Melymick to continue.
* Hoping for more student reps to come to council meetings.
* Would like department heads to take turns coming to our meetings; for parents to learn more about courses offered, extra beneficial information etc. Some Ideas: English Dept would be great with the new Indigenous course, ECL (Education for Community Living) and Sciences (ex Mr Lesser).
* Issues with website. It is much better than it used to be, but the link for School Council is empty. Would be good to have our minutes available, meeting dates and also a link with the days and times our numerous Clubs meet. Laura Wheeler can update it. Nancy Dean said she would work on it, but has not had any response to her messages.

1. Teacher Report - Bev Melymick

* Garden club, Breakfast club, Sports (many), going great.
* Intramurals will start next week – there’s something happening every day in the gym.
* Weight room is Free in Sept then $1 per visit or $25/year.
* School wear - Bev. - hoping to have it for Meet the Teacher Night.
* Grad wear - not ordered through the school.
* University visits have started. Guelph was today. Many scholarships are available.
* Costco card purchased for Breakfast Club. Thank you to Parent Council for paying.
* Photo day is Sept. 19th
* Spain trip - March break for grades 10-12
* Band started yesterday.
* Parent question: What happened to strings program? Apparently there will only be a club next semester. Strange: kids want to drop band. Why? Few reasons. Now it is after school, so it interferes with sports. It is too basic and now includes theory (boring). Rachelle will look into this. Parents were promised that there would be a strings program.
* Homework Club waiting to start. Boys and Girls Club handed out permission forms.

1. New business

* Marty: Was Multicultural Dinner well attended.? Not many (less than 60). Bad time, students too busy with homework. This year booked for June 4, maybe change it to May 28th?
* Books and Bikes fundraiser. April 4th? Is it available?
* Class sizes have not increased at OCDSB. 4 year plan.
* Spartans Stars are wonderful at welcoming our grade 9s

Next meeting Oct. 8th. We are scheduled to meet every second Tuesday of the month.

Meeting adjourned 7:57pm