

RHS School Council Minutes

Tuesday Sept. 20, 2022 - Library 7:00 pm

Attendance:
17 in total

Ridgemont staff: Greg Wysynski (VP), Claude Pike (VP), Laura Wheeler

Nancy Dean, Lynn Langer, Dave Langer, Mike Furlong, Katie Lee, Lindsey Barr, Anmarie Varicat, Imad Kasti, Carolyn Chacksfield, Kerri Smith, Farida Salih, Ana Flaman, Sarah West, Mariana De Leon

Agenda Items & Call to Order

1. Welcome & Approval of Minutes from ...
2. Principal's Report (Rachelle Sintic)
3. Guest Teacher (...)
4. Teacher's Report (Bev Melymich)
5. Chair's Report (Nancy Dean)
6. OCASC Report (Nancy Dean)
7. Comments / Concerns
8. Next Meeting (Tues, ...)

1. Welcome & Minutes Approval

Call to Order at 7:05 pm with land acknowledgement

Minutes Approval - Deferred to next month

2. Principal's Report (VP Greg Wysynski & Claude Pike)

Greg Wysynski welcomed everyone and invited everyone to contact Principal, VP's anytime via phone or email

School has returned with more activities and looks forward to this year. Theme for the year is RENEWAL with a look to what can be done to renew and increase student achievement and well-being.

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Claude Pike - shared a new initiative, In collaboration with the Superintendent of Community Engagement (Prince Duah) aimed to engage more male leaders in the education environment. Will have language stations to translate, collect voices, organise them, categorise the information and analyse and that will create a mandate for the Administration to work on. Then a 2nd event to see progress and a third at the end of June to set a framework for communication with Ridgemont. Oct. 19th

[Kitchen Table conversations with Fathers, Uncles, and Big brothers](#)

Staffing:

If you have a student that has had inconsistent teachers we are working on getting this settled through the hiring process. Have a couple interviews to complete.

Sept. 30th OCDSB is date that board looks to as the final enrollment #'s and based on these numbers gives the provided the final determination for staff allocation.

We have had a flood of new registrations and have some large classes but as soon as this information is given to us we will make adjustments. Many from the Family Reception Centre that welcomes new comers to Ottawa. More students means more teacher and more resources

Students in May were around 750 now closer to 800. We are not near capacity of around 1000.

Staff list is updated on Ridgemont website.

General information:

- **MEET THE TEACHER event - Thursday Sept. 22nd 6:00 - 7:30 pm**
- Getting back to social gatherings etc which is great. We have received word from neighbours and community in particular, New Shiny Bud on Alta Vista that students are arriving trying to make purchases, use fake ID, asking others to purchase for them. Want to ask parents to let students know that there are many other activities to get involved here at school. Alta Vista Plaza is also a little overwhelmed with the amount of students visiting at lunch and to please share this with your children to help with this and also think about doing things at school during lunch. Library is open at Lunch, Cafeteria is open with no lunch service yet.

3. Teachers Report (Laura Wheeler)

There was a club/sports information fair last week and teachers are setting google classrooms for these clubs and teams.

Clubs/Sports/Artd

- Girls only open gym Mondays at lunch
- Teams: Golf team, Ultimate Frisbie, Sr. & Jr. Girls Basketball, Sr. Boys Volleyball, Jr. Boys rugby, Cross-country running meet this week, Boys Hockey in process (girls can play), New Comer to Canada girls hockey non-competitive
- **Weight room** open with teacher supervision
- Clubs Various Drama clubs, knitting club, mindfulness, debate, investment club,
- Ridgemont Outdoors education club (fundraising) -
- Students for Change - social activities

Math help 4 of 5 days in room 234 at lunch, Science help coming,

Afterschool homework club. - Run by Boy and Girls Club will be returning in person

REC - Ridgemont Eats Clean. Every morning nutritious foods for anyone to enjoy free of charge. Also Fridays Whole Foods donates food that anyone can take home.

Student Council - Tuesdays at lunch

Students receive WEEKLY CALENDAR in their OCDSB email. Sent out to Sunday 4:00 along with section school news, OCDSB news and Community news (volunteer opportunities). She cannot send this to parents but it is available on Ridgemont Website by Monday mornings.
<https://ridgemonths.ocdsb.ca/home> - SCHOOL NEWS

PARENT SUMMARIES in GOOGLE CLASSROOMS

To be added to google classroom to get guardian summaries you need to connect with the teacher. Check the junk folder for any invitations. Only need one teacher to invite you and you will get notifications from all subjects and activities students are involved with. If you have not received it, please connect with a teacher who may need to remove and add you again.

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Teachers have the choice to turn guardian summaries, some clubs do so for various reasons.

Laura Wheeler is available for support for you if you have any questions.

SOCIAL MEDIA - facebook, twitter & Instagram story as well to follow up

4. Chairs Report (Nancy Dean)

Meeting schedule Virtual/in-Person - Until we figure out a way to do hybrid meetings easily we will be alternating in-person and zoom meetings for the year.

Municipal Elections

Oct. 24th is municipal elections. Only 5 of 12 OCDSB board Trustees are running again which means a large percentage of new Trustees will be making decisions in the next 4 years.

Members decided to look at hosting as meet the Trustee's event. Lindsey Barr, Mike Furlong and Nancy Dean will form subcommittee to consider and perhaps plan this event

5. OCASC report

Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils will be deferred.

Note OCDBS is going to go through new Strategic Plan for the Board.

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6. Comments / Concerns

7. Next Meeting - Oct. 11, 2022

