

RHS School Council Minutes

Tuesday Jan 10, 2023

Attendance:	Nancy Dean, Dave Langner, Lynn Langer, Katie Lee, Jessie Lavallee (Drama), Ron Duprey (CO-OP), Laura Wheeler (Library) Mya Steenbakkens (Student Teacher), Rachelle Sentic, Vice President
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Agenda Items

1. Welcome & Approval of Minutes (month/year)
2. Principal's Report (Rachelle Sentic)
3. Guest Teacher (...)
4. Teacher's Report (Laura Wheeler)
5. Student's Council
6. Chair's Report (Nancy Dean)
7. OCASC Report (Nancy Dean)
8. Comments / Concerns
9. Next Meeting (Tues, ...)

1. Welcome & Minutes Approval

Call to Order at 7:05 pm

Minutes Approval (month of November)

2. Guest Teachers

Ron Duprey - CO-OP

COOP at Ridgemont has been successful and provides students with great learning experiences. He focuses on students strengths and interests and works at placing students in locations where they can gain experience. Students can earn up to 4 credits and some areas there is Dual Credit system, where they can can credits that count for first year courses at a secondary school, like Algonquin. Shared many examples of students thriving.

He has seen three reasons why students take COOP -

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1. Entry level experience - those who have never had a job can learn what it's like. They can understand the responsibilities and also gain confidence. This confidence also spills over in other areas of their life and is so wonderful to see
2. Students looking to explore what is out there
3. Those who know where they want to work and can get more experience, knowledge, contacts in their fields and help them make future decisions as to their next career path

Placements are always being explored and there is a challenge in connecting with businesses, organisations etc for placements. He is always looking for any ideas, leads, connections for possible placements. If you know of a business or organisation that could be a potential placement please contact him. ron.duprey@ocdsb.ca

Jessie Lavallee - Drama / Arts

Ms Lavalee shared all the amazing ways that the department is giving students great learning experiences.

- JAN. 25th at lunch - LOOKING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS to help with new staff development initiative she and her Student teacher have created. This initiative looks to increase parent - teacher relationships. They are hosting a workshop for newer teachers on how to communicate with parents. They are looking for parent/caregiver volunteers to practise with. Contact jessie.lavallee@ocdsb.ca
- Spartan Studios combined with Drama Club and work together
- Having professional artists workshops
- Looking at the business side of theatre and asking students to create their own theatre company and working through the process of what goes into all aspects of theatre. Students are running with this and creating some great companies!

MUSIC:

- Strings class has 14 beginners and 2 more advanced players. Students have advanced on their instruments to be able to play repertoire as an ensemble as well as working on learning solo pieces to perform.
- have been offering an extra curricular orchestra 2 mornings a week (Tues/Fri at 8am). Have a mix of 10-12 students from class and other students in the school.
- have also been offering a music "walk in" a few days a week in the music room for students who want to practice their instruments, or to jam with other students.

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- both the class and orchestra will be performing at a recital next Friday (January 20th, 5pm in the auditorium). Several students from the music class will also be performing solo pieces at the recital
- both the class and orchestra will also be performing at the semester end assembly.
- students in the class have been learning to use composition software "Noteflight" and "SoundTrap" and are writing original compositions.

3. Teachers Report

Laura Wheeler: Please see document:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1E6p8v-KqbOatyU8YgTvS39YrI3sjx1Hzokv4Uis6SQE/edit?usp=sharing>

WANT TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING AT SCHOOL? Also to know what is happening every week - visit the website's school news. Every Monday this is updated and lists all the activities and events happening for students

https://ridgemonths.ocdsb.ca/news/what_s_new

School Council - Guest Teacher Schedule

Month	Format	1 Guest Teacher (Department)
October	Zoom JOIN MEETING https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89981327599?pwd=aGZXRkcvRW5DczVDbmxEEdERBMm1jdz09 Meeting ID: 899 8132 7599 Passcode: 094637	Lauren Greene-Roesel (Learning Support Teacher - will present about IEPs +)
November	In person	none
December 13	In person	NONE NEEDED Visioning / Planning
Jan.10, 2023	In person	Ron Duprey (Co-op Program explained etc. merits.) Jessie - drama!
February 14?	In person	CANCELLED

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March 21	zoom	
April 11	In person	
May 9	zoom	
June 13	In person	

January News

Also, do you have any needs that council could look at supporting (financial, time, labour, materials ...)? Put them in the appropriate dept spot w/ your name & how school council can contact you/organize to support.

[Role of School Councils](#)

Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Half of our fiction collection has now been weeded (for old/unread books) & reshelfed by genre which makes it easier for students to explore books they might like to read.
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EQAO provincial Math test (doesn't count toward course grade) 18th & 19th
Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jan. 20th - Strings / Music is hosting a Recital 5:00 p,m
Co-op	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If any parent is aware of a local business/organization willing to take co-op students, please email or phone Ron Duprey (613) 324 3258 ron.duprey@ocdsb.ca
ECL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Starting a spartan cafe - offering coffee & snacks to staff
Teams	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sr. Girls Volleyball Team is undefeated and in first place in their division. They are growing and learning and doing very well! Coached by: Mrs. Niemiec-Moore and assisted by Ms. Robertson• Jr Girls Volleyball tryouts started today
Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ski and Snowboard Club plans 2 trips (Feb. March) Calabogie Peaks
Leadership Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• next camp is February 24. More information coming soon.
SCHOOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• FEB 1st - Grade 8 information session

4. Principal's Report (Rachelle Sintic)

Rachelle welcomed everyone back and shared information

- Friday Dec 23rd saw all schools closed and meant that the assembly was not able to occur. It will be planned for the end of the semester.
- School Dance will also be rescheduled
- Weekly hotdog sales will be starting up with \$3 per hotdog
- EQAO Math tests are soon for grade 9's but they are not counting for any marks. This is just to gather data at the provincial level. Jan. 18-19: EQAO Math Assessment
- EXAMS - Tuesday January 24th - Monday January 30th, 2023 are exam days. The Ministry is applying a new model with testing. There will be no final exams for grades 9 and 10. Instead they will be using other evaluation methods and also working on building the test taking skills. Grades 11 and 12 will have final exams.
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5. Student Council

School Council Vice - President shared events

- Before the holidays hosted, elf of shelf, candy grams and door decoration contests
- January is planning month and no event happening
- February are looking to do Matchmaking, Teddy bear sale, photos booth, and sweet messages,
- There have 30 student council members

DAY OF PINK - founder and organiser join us to share what this is about

- Day of Pink was created by a group of students who want the school for be a safe place for everyone. With many newcomers in the school who come from different backgrounds, experiences, ideologies and experiences with freedom of speech, freedom of expression that can be an area of adjustment for them. This aims to share and be open about what it means to be here in Canada and ontarians and at Ridgemont which really values diversity.
- They are making posters, and plan to have some workshops with individual classes where they talk about what this is about and how to treat each other with respect and support each other.

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6. Chair's Report (Nancy Dean)

- PRO - Parent Reaching Out - Grant ideas will be explored. Based on ideas tonight looking for opportunities to welcome caregiver/parents into the school. Perhaps look at having some meet and greets, Important to consider is that language is key to provide a welcoming environment that new-comer families can feel more comfortable and learn about the school
- Other idea to assist with COOP placements is to host a - Parent show-and tell, have parents share their talents, businesses, passions with school and we can see how amazing community partners we have
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7. OCASC Report (Nancy Deans)

Non

8. Comments / Concerns

9. Next Meeting

NOTE: NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY and March will be 3rd Tuesday due to March break.
We will meet again **Mar 21, 2023** .