

RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
PARENT SCHOOL SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2021 - 6:30 – 8:30pm

Present: Mr. Jason Reath, Principal; Armand Doucet, Teacher; Ella Webster, Student; Karen Candy, Parent; Kang Lee, Parent; Duane MacDonald, DEC; Amy MacArthur, Parent; Pablo Asiron, Parent; Erica Dunn, Parent

Absent : Michelle Radelic, Parent; Colleen Simmonds, Parent; Sarah Ryan, Parent; Anita MacIntyre, Parent

Selection of Chair: Erika nominated by Amy, seconded by Armand

Meeting started at 6:30 pm

Motion to accept Agenda: Motion carried by Pablo, Armand seconded, All in favor

Motion to accept previous minutes. New Year

Student Report - Ella

- Welcome week with theme days & activities special day for grade 9's & 10's.
- Had assembly at the end of the day for 9s, 10s, and 11s. Due to Covid 12s did not get an assembly
- Spooky week happening now
- Soccer baseball tournament to start next week

Teacher Report – Armand

- Student Government has been awesome this year
- Students are struggling this year with full time studies at school, there is evidence of anxiety, stress, fatigue, etc.
- The covid protocols are ever changing and have an impact on the classroom
- Grade 12s are the only students who have experienced a full-time complete school year
- Extracurricular activities are trying to navigate all the protocol changes
- Progress reports, report cards, and parent teacher interviews are coming up
- Teachers are trying to make sure the courses are online in case of any changes in the learning year
- Cohorts are participating in challenges to extend learning

Guidance Presentation – J. Doucette, C. Rodgers, T. Thibeau, H. McIntyre VP

- School guidance counsellors are required to use the personal brief counselling model
 - They cannot provide long-term therapeutic counselling
 - They help students connect with other outside agencies, sometimes through a referral process - Child & Youth, Atlantic Wellness, Boys & Girls Club, Town of Riverview, etc.
- Guidance is trialing an online booking system
 - Ella (student) – reported that the guidance system of online booking is very helpful to students
 - School guidance counsellors are booked solid for 2 weeks in advance and finding it difficult to meet the demands
- School guidance counsellors are also providing career counseling, support to incoming international students, and helping with post-secondary planning including scholarship applications
- There are many “drop-ins” and emergency situations that arise daily that interrupt scheduled appointments
- Mental health and resilience has been a significant need for students and putting a strain on school-wide resources, including guidance
- Meeting with other high school guidance counsellors and collaborating on current topics
- Guidance is active in supporting the following school-wide programs:
 - Bully Prevention and Conflict Resolution
 - Restorative Practices and Circles
 - Grade 9 Presentations on mental health, addictions, and consent
- Discussion with the committee on how guidance can effectively communicate with the community about their processes and programs. Suggestions and discussions around:
 - Developing a communication plan
 - Possibly sharing on Facebook and use videos, but there may already be an information overload on the RHS page
 - Newsletter

Jason

- Wonderful having all student back
- Spirited start-up including a new extracurricular group – Spirit Squad

- There has been a focus on Positive Learning and Working Environment including sense of belonging and safety
- Some student behaviour has been a concern
 - observing a 3 to 6 times increase of incidents over last year
 - daily bathroom vandalism and vaping
- Riverview Youth Network – Mayor LeBlanc is working with the district and community to bring partners together to address key issues affecting youth
- COVID Impacts – constantly changing rules, spectators, no assemblies, vaccination clinic
- Parent Teacher Interview – 10 minutes online with an online booking system
- Professional Learning
 - All staff participated in a blanket exercise as a part of our school’s commitment to Truth and Reconciliation
 - We need more time for teachers to meet and collaborate with each other

Appeals Committee Volunteers – Pablo, Karen, and Erika

Next Meeting: December 7th, 2021

Motion to Adjourn: Motion carried by Karen, Seconded by Armand, All in favor