Minutes

# Rothesay Park School PSSC Minutes

October 17, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7.05pm

## In attendance

Julie Matthews, Rebeca Savela, Twyla Williams, JoAnne Henderson, Maria De Carlo, Tammy Doherty, Elizabeth Nice, Lauren Anderson, Sherry-Ann Soodan, Robyn LeRoy

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes were read from the September meeting and approved by JoAnne Henderson and seconded by Elizabeth Nice.

## PSSC chair

Rebeca Savela and JoAnne Henderson will be co-chairs again this year. Sherry-Ann Soodan will be secretary.

Email list for PSSC to be made available to members

## Cafeteria Update

Chartwells looking for part time help for cafeteria.

There are only a few students using online ordering system. There is a wider selection of foods/snacks online that parents/students may not be aware of. It was suggested to add a link to the school website. It was also suggested to print and post on the school notice board to help promote menu selections. Items ordered online will be guaranteed to be made.

## Principal’s Report

Items from 10 year plan, school improvement plan, district education plan to be covered in school presentations and assemblies.

Grade 6s enjoyed the Unity Through Drumming session in music class. Students learnt about various different types of drums and had the chance to play them.

Tomorrow, Oct18th all students will hear presentation from Alex Chisholm Guibault called "Looking at my past, I found my future". Alex grew up as an orphan in Guatemala and was adopted by a family with local roots. Students will hear his story, how he struggled against the odds and how he got to where he is today. Mr. Shea hopes they can understand his moving and powerful story from the mental fitness perspective.

There will also be a lockdown practice tomorrow. We have had two fire drills this term, one planned and one unplanned. The red/green card system worked well.

On October 26th 15 leadership students chosen by Mr. Shea will go to Harbour Station for the day. They will hear youth stories, learn about community involvement and activism.

Mme McCallum organised the RPS AMATHing Race for the Grade8s. All three grade 8 classes were grouped into 15 groups and competed against each other. It was very well received by the students. Good to see mixed teams with kids from various classes.

Last week of October is career week. The Career Fair is once every two years so this year will be the Science Fair.

## Other Business

Grade 8 Quebec trip

Some parents of Grade 8 students have concerns about the winter Grade 8 Quebec trip. The main concern is travelling in bad weather. Other points raised were busy time of year for extracurricular activities and timing of the trip being between Christmas and March break as it would be easier to save if it was in May/June.

The tour company is very organized and did a great job last year. They have a very good cancellation / postponement policy and safety is of the utmost priority. They are able to shuffle the itinerary, cancel activities and stay extra nights or leave early if necessary. The bus will have seatbelts.

Parent meeting is planned for Oct 30tht with a representative from the tour company. Hopefully this can allow parents to make an informed decision before the down payment is due Nov10th.

## Next Meeting

November 21st, 6:30pm