

# Ronald Harvey School Council

## Minutes of General Meeting

### January 20, 2020



#### Attendees:

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| 1. Sue Anderson (Principal) | 7. Megan Schick    | 13. Christina Langlois |
| 2. Meghan Rennick           | 8. Melanie Ignace  | 14. Amy Pickering      |
| 3. Gail Daley               | 9. Louise Stewart  | 15. Krista Parker      |
| 4. Camela French            | 10. Dana McIntyre  | 16. Kathy Santrock     |
| 5. Natasha Taggart          | 11. Amanda Ansah   | 17. Leigh Ploof        |
| 6. Susan Rankin             | 12. Amy Buchkowsky |                        |

1. Meeting opened and called to order at 7:01 pm by Dana.

2. Approval of agenda by Meghan, seconded by Louise.

3. Approval of minutes by Louise, seconded by Susan.

#### 4. Principal's Report:

- Fall break for 2021 is confirmed for Nov 11, 12, 13.
- Mrs. Anderson shared her thanks for to the school community's for their understanding, love and support while she was out of the office over the past month.
- **New Character Education Approach** - Mrs. Anderson provided more information on the two main traits - respect and hard work "RH". Next step is to work with staff to develop and incorporate into our lessons. The Leader in Me program will coming off the walls in the school.
- **Clubs forming / joining** - cat club, stuffie club, etc.
- **Christmas Concert** - The concert held December 11 & 12 was fabulous. Looking forward to the spring show of Annie in April.
- **3 year Education Plan** - presented to District today; review of last year (input from staff, Mrs. Radchenko, Mr Rozsell); this plan is a living/working document and includes accountability for finances as at September 30, 2019, achievement test results, and survey results. Two copies were distributed in the meeting.
- **Upcoming Digital Workshop** - On behalf of Ms. Shields, Mrs. Anderson shared an opportunity "Empowering Canadians to Stay Safe in a Digitized World"; TELUS is willing to do a session in the evening for parents. Mrs. Anderson to confirm date/time. The invite will also be extended to other schools in the District.
- **Ski/Snowboard Trip** - first serious accident, grade 5 student was unconscious for an undetermined amount of time as he was skiing alone. Working with staff and parent volunteers to ensure that students are always with a buddy. Mrs. Anderson noted that some years parents have pulled their children out of the lessons in the past (this is not an option this year). Mrs. Anderson is open to ideas that can improve safety on the hill.
- **Maternity Leaves** - Mrs. Schmidt came back from mat leave in the past week. Mrs. Fiorillo is coming back in March.
- **Kindergarten Open House** planned for January 28 @6 PM; different approach this year. All staff will be on-site and will provide a quick intro to their classroom as the parents tour the school.
- **Vice-principal** - Mrs. Radchenko is acting as vice-principal, however; this is a temporary assignment and the position is now open for competitive. There are some other schools that have administration positions open, too.
- **Stakeholders Input** - District hosts a meeting annually to seek input on various topics. This year it is from January 31 from 9-12:30 PM at Paul Kane School. Open for two parents to attend. Reach out to Mrs. Anderson if you are interested.
- Question about budget for next year? *Mrs. Anderson indicated that we can expect that RHS will need to cut three time equivalent teachers for 2020/2021. Staff will lose their jobs (i.e. ones on temporary or probationary contracts will no longer be on staff). Also need to reduce educational assistants. Working on trying to keep class sizes smaller for grades 1, 2, and 3 (24-25 students). Grades 4,5,6 will likely be split classrooms with 30-34 students. Mrs. Anderson indicated that as parents encourage you to lobby the government on things you personally believe in from an education perspective.*

#### 5. Trustee's Report: (no report tonight)

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM by Dana McIntyre.