

Rolling Meadows School Council Meeting Minutes - [Monday March 4, 2024]

Meeting Details

- Name of Meeting: Rolling Meadows School Council Meeting
- Date: Monday March 4/24
- Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Format: [Google Meet](#)
- Agenda: [Link to the agenda](#)

Attendance:

Rolling Meadows Staff

- Principal - Kristine
- Vice Principal - Jessica Houle

2023 Council Members

- Co-Chair: Alexandra Newton
- Co-Chair: Greg Ferrin
- Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Rep: Erick Nettel
- Teacher Representative: Natasha Susman

Timestamp	Topic	Details	Decision/Action Item
6:34		Land//Territory Acknowledgement	
6:39		Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes • [link to minutes from previous meeting]	Approved
6:42	VP	Principal's Report (Kristine & Jessica) - February PA Day focus - Foundations (literacy program FDK-gr.2, systematic and explicit approach to teaching phonics and literacy strategies) reading and Math EQAO, mental health resources (gr. 7 and 8 level)	

	Principal	- Recap of Black History Month and celebration of learning - “Unearthing Joy” book club - Ramadan upcoming, many RM students will take part beginning March 10th - 1st ever Arts Celebration coming up in May (when Spring Concert typically happens), will include music, art display, book fair, dance presentations - Classroom visits - Next year school council will be involved in development of bullying intervention plan - Come for Coffee&Tea - happening after March Break, Thurs. March 21st 9am - RM is in process of planning FDK orientations, as well as Gr. 7 incoming students from Clarksdale/Bruce T Lindley - will include family evening/open house, as well as students to participate in activities here to mix with current RM gr.6 students - Incoming students will have the opportunity to purchase spirit wear ahead of next Sept. - Tour last Wednesday of August for new students/families - Transition meetings with SERT/teacher/Admin for incoming students – release time provided by Superintendent for teacher coverage - Opportunity for School Council to be involved in new family/student orientation - i.e., have a table at Open House to welcome new families and engage with potential future council members - Tentative dates → Tues. May 7th FDK 6pm, May 15th 6:30pm Gr. 7s - Google Form Feedback - 22 responses overall (sample size) - Positive feedback - Areas for improvement: more opportunities to come into school, parking lot improvement,	
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		more field trips, alignment with Growing Success, more education about racism/inclusion - Re: parking lot situation, there used to be a staff parking lot on North side by hydro lines but removed due to unsafe area and not HDSB property. There is no property available to expand parking lot. Church across road is fine with families using parking at beginning/ending of day. Kristine spoke with the City of Burlington, who confirmed that the 'no stopping' sign is standard for in front of any school, due to safety reasons. Concerned RM families can reach out to Admin. Admin encourages families who can walk/ take bus, and leave space for families who are unable to do so. School staff do not monitor people stopping in no-stopping zone, but if ByLaw comes out, people may be ticketed. - Supervision starts in all areas at 8:40am, and at the end of the day supervision continues until 3:30pm - Parking lot issue is what Kristine has received the most calls/emails about since she started - Another area of improvement – more field trips, upcoming trip to Forge FC School day match - Must be cognizant of socioeconomic variances - Future changes to Viking awards will be up for discussion with staff as well, as per Growing Success (most recent most consistent)	
7:14pm	Natasha	TeacherReport - Natasha shared slide “Inside ROM: February Overview” - New club Science Extension team, going to Halton Skills competition tomorrow - Upcoming dates - Science Fair Gr. 7 and 8 this Thursday - Family paint night March 27th - Forge FC vs. Halifax Wanderers May 7th	•

		- What has been happening lately / showcase: - Gr 7 and 8 Concours en francais - Gr 2 self affirmations, created bracelets and donated to Halton Women's Place - Gr 5 Barren Grounds - Gr 5 ROM trip - Musical excellence at RM - Bronte Creek staff came to do printmaking - RM Badminton team - Intramural opportunities at lunch to be active - Many Black History Month activities - Students have access to Athletics/ExtraCurric/Intramural Google Classroom to opportunities to join and be active - rom.hdsb.ca - slide deck on bottom of website with announcements	
7:24pm	Alexandra	Treasurer Report - Financial report sent by Kelly Taylor - Alexandra shared report on screen - Fundraising 5722,21 - does not reflect Bouncy Castle cheque yet. Approx. balance \$4000 - Pro Grant 463.32 - is from last year's Pro Grant, not including this year's amount. Will be close to \$1000. Lots of room to cover paint night fees and supplies - Once uniform money has come out of fundraising, will Council consider supporting 2x presentations of Get Real, 1 after March Break (anti-Black racism), and a 2nd one in May (2SLGBTQ+) – two presentations for each date, one for Gr. 4-6, one for 7-8 - PIC balance \$1169 - childcare, treats for coffee visits, August tour	
7:32	Erick	PIC Report - Attended online PIC meeting - Budget was key discussion, re: provincial budget and funding allocation	

		- Budget cuts coming - HDSB needs to find 7.7 million in savings/efficiencies - Comprehensive budget review - PIC conference date confirmed - Saturday April 20th at Elsie MacGill SS, theme is "Getting Connected", keynote speaker: Kristie Herold - Opportunity for student volunteer hours and for people to get involved	
7:42	Kernels Spring BBQ Dance-a-thon	Events Fundraising/Community Building - 2nd Kernels fundraiser has been completed - Total orders 231 in Feb 2024 vs. 417 in Dec 2023 - Discussion surrounding a 3rd round of Kernels - Timing would be key, and coordinated effort so it doesn't fall on just one or two people - Could be that it was close to Dance-a-thon and/or limited disposable income - Suggestion to leave Kernels until Fall 2024 (Kristine) due to a number of trips coming up \$\$ required from families - Plan now for October, December, Spring etc... - Other ideas - Terra Cotta Cookies (*but need volunteers to receive, sort, distribute cookies) - Secured: food vendor, inflatables, music act (to be confirmed - Jo.B.), - Last year cost of Henna + Face painter, included materials for their services - Simple good old fashioned family fun BBQ focused on connections - Kristine: Google Form looking for volunteers for BBQ - Must have adults (2) at every Bouncy Castle for entire duration of event - 30 minute supervision blocks per - Very positive feedback	

	Paint Night	- Financial info not available - Jessica thought total profit is around \$4000 - Kids loved it, would like more input into music being played - Kids who bought combo bags loved them, predicting more sales for those next yr - Wed March 27th 630-800pm - Additional volunteers - Question re: participant cap - 30 (?) - This year individual 10x10 canvases recommended by artist/facilitator - Need to consider where paint night will occur, if it's about 30 participants, could do in the Art room or rm 206 due to large size (has sink too) - Kelly suggested tickets go on cash online (for free) and once they are gone, waitlist can be made on Google Form - Tickets will go online ASAP due to event coming up quickly - Kristine asked Erick for exact itemized list from Connie so Kelly can order them – any extras will become supplies for Visual Arts teacher - Brushes, paint, canvases, Erick will connect with Connie to provide details - Erick suggested to have 4 extra canvases, in case of mistake etc. Kristine agreed -	
		Other Business - Kristine suggested we develop school-specific constitution, and at voting member selection, indicate that voting members should be present at all meetings in order to have quorum	
		Next Council Meeting • Monday May 6th 6:30pm	•

		• BBQ subcommittee meetings to start soon ADJOURNED 8:22pm	
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