

January School Council Minutes

Principals Report

Welcome Back & New Year

- Grade 8 Option Sheet Night- Jan 17th at Westmount and McNab
- Sports Academy Parent Info Evening- Jan 17
- Training for indoor track 6-8
- RBA/Skills & Drills Gr 3-5 with the Gr 6-8 helping with coaching/mentorship/referring

Upcoming Events

- PA Day- January 25
- Pyjama Day- January 31

Good Bye Ms. Buck you will be missed greatly, your time with us has been great and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours. Welcome Mr. Doug Trimble, you have some shoes to fill but we anticipate a wonderful working relationship with you.

Update: Becky Buck (school Trustee) Will be coming for a visit to hear our concerns and to introduce our team of parents that are striving for change. March 20th, 2019

Cell Phone Policy- Please help support our staff by not texting or calling your students during instructional time. It is against our policy to allow students to have their devices out while learning should be taking place. We appreciate your assistance in the matter.

Kindergarten Registration- Begins February 4th 2019

- Continue to be closed o out of catchment students
- Early registration help us to better project our numbers so help to get the message out to neighbours and friends.
- There will be an information night sometime in May.

Cold weather Alerts & outdoor play

- We use city of hamilton guidelines (-15 without wind chill, -20 with wind chill) the students will stay inside.
- There are many documents on HWDSB website;
<http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/rariddell/about-riddell/severe-weather/>
- Winter snow clearing infographic can also be found at the above link.

Teacher Report

- We have received 480+ books that have been catalogued and put out for distribution throughout the library.
- Forest of reading program paid for by HWDSB for gr 4-8 runs like a book club, Thank you Ms. Boyter
- All HWDSB librarians got to attend a huge book sale for their schools, Ms. Smiley picked out some excellent options for our students including but not limited to some DogMan books that are perma-bound, which means they are guaranteed for life!!

Today's Family

- Possible new class to add for September, school age kids.
- PA Day taking a field trip to crock-a-doodle!
- March break there are a lot of fun and exciting things happening, Mounstburg birds of prey field trip.
- Becoming more classroom based instead of gym based.

New Business

- Progrant had been approved! Subject being homework support with math! 🙌🙌 looking into getting Jump2Math set up in the gym for all our students!
- Getting parents involved means our children also need to be engaged and involved in planning for our future time here at R.A.Riddell.

Old Business

- Becky Buck has been reached and a date has been set to meet with her in regards to what we feel our school needs.