

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

R.A. Riddell Elementary



Thursday February 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Library Learning Commons

Attendees:

- Ms. Sweeting
- Ms. McLaughlin
- Erin Gingras
- Danielle Prouty
- Jessica White
- Ashely Boers
- Jonathon Peterson
- Kristen Peterson
- Sarah Gatopoulos
- Ashley Marrone
- Heather Smiley
- Aveen Hussain
- Connie Nakhla

1. Call to Order at 6:05pm
2. Land Acknowledgment read by Erin
3. Principal reports from Ms. Sweeting & Ms. McLaughlin
 - Report cards have been sent home; Caregivers please review, provide comments and return signed
 - Staff Meeting
 - Acadience data has been reviewed and next steps discussed – Programs to use in classrooms in english and math: Math Up, Knowledge Hook and Thinking Classrooms
 - Critically conscience practitioner inquiry
 - Anti-black racism. Discussing needs in the classroom. High expectations in the classrooms. Gathering data to support their own internal inquiry. Injuring as part of school climate.
 - Working on mental health strategy
 - Third party professionals came to school and supported the staff with resources on how to respond to concerns.
 - Grades 4-8 data was shared from our own students data and discussed areas for support. Safety in and out of classroom. How to notice the signs and encourage students to seek support.
 - Election Day – we are a polling station – small gym February 27th
 - PA Day – Feb 28th – staff will be discussing antisemitism.

- Feb 26th pink shirt day – Kindness Day. All staff will hand out Caught Ya’s
- Eid Al-Fitr – McNab is hosting on March 6th at McNab in café to 530-8. Sign up sheet will be posted. Opening to grade 7 and 8 only. Siblings welcome.

4. Teacher Report

- Middle School Swim Team (gr.6-8) - practice on Mar.24 then every Wed for 4wks 3:30-4:30pm at MacNab; meet on April 29
- Sr. Boys & Girls Basketball teams selected and season underway; Jr Bball starts in Feb/Mar
- Andy’s Subs- Feb.27 subs & cookies
- LunchBox on SCO- parents agreed to run this program. Office Admin to set up.
- Checkers- practices have started; tourney is April 2 Ancaster Fairgrounds; Gr.3-4, Gr.5-6, Gr.7-8
- Wanakita Gr.7&8 trip NOT happening March 3-5; due to low numbers
- Floorball (floor hockey) Gr.6-8 during NB
- Indoor soccer intramural Gr.6-8- during NB
- Dance Club- Mar.4 performance @ Glendale; practices ongoing NB & before school
- Indoor Track practices are before school- meet @ The Armories on Feb.27; 70 students
- Spirit Wear- was available on SCO until Feb.17; order has been placed- should be here in 3-5 wks. (after March Break)
- Forest of Reading book clubs – meets during NB#1 on Day 3 (Gr.1-7); next one is Monday, Feb.24
- Snuggle Up & Read- took place on January 27th; students enjoyed an individual white milk (from Snack program) and a chocolate muffin from Aspire (donated)
- Little Caesars Fundraiser begins Feb.24; flyers will go home Monday; pick up day is April 9 from 3-5:30pm
- Forge FC Soccer trip for middle school- intention to attend by Mar.4 but game is May 13; trip will be around \$20
- Home Depot/RONA bucket ask: Primary/Junior music program is seeking donations of pails/buckets; need about 20- Parent to reach out to Home Depot to seek donation.

5. Pro Grant

- Keep April 17th as our next meeting is April 24th and the 17th is the day before the holiday Good Friday.
- Agreed to max budget of \$900 and school will cover if we go a bit over.
- Think about how to post on SCO to be able to gage interest (take home sheet to be returned to school to indicate attendance?)
- Communication to be sent out – emails to families – can H&S post on social media as well

6. Today’s Family – no update

7. Meeting completed at 7:00 p.m.

8. Next meeting March 27, 2025 at 6:00pm.