

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

R.A. Riddell Elementary



Thursday January 16, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Library Learning Commons

Attendees:

- Ms. Sweeting
- Erin Gingras
- Danielle Prouty
- Deirdre Springstead
- Jessica White
- Saeedeh Ghasem
- Sabina Marrone
- Ashely Boers
- Jonathon Peterson
- Lara Mager
- Stacey Quinn
- Brooke Beney
- Sarah Gat
- Ashley Marrone
- Heather Smiley
- Aveen Hussain

1. Call to Order at 6:10pm
2. Land Acknowledgment read by Erin
3. Principal reports from Kelly Sweeting
 - Staffing is starting to be worked on for next year. Will likely look similar to this year.
 - Kinder registration is starting in February
 - Report cards are starting to be worked on. PA day in Feb is for writing for staff. They are due by end of this month for first draft. They go home on Feb 14th along with updated IEPs
 - At tonight's staff mtg: discussed expectations for report cards
 - Renegade report has been trying to address tidbits on how to help families with learning at home
 - Acadience program for K-2. All students have been assessed. That data determined 1:1 instruction. Re-testing for those not meeting bench mark to take place before March break. On report card it will be noted and results will be listed. The report will be the October results *not the March results* as report cards are being prepared before the re-testing
 - Grades 3-8 are starting with the screener and data from K-2 is being used for grades 3-8. Same with numerousy. Staff has been given 20 days to be used during school hours in order for staff to use for literacy and numerousy professional development
 - Grade 8s are working on their grade 9 course load. Parents will be given information via School Messenger about those particular schools

- Family Literacy Day – Jan 27th – working on school wide initiative. Discussions for something after school potentially.
- Grade 8 Wanakita trip – not filling enough spots. Only 33 students from grade 8 have paid. It will be open to Grade 7s in hopes of filling the spots.
- Sport Academy application process – due date to accept or decline is this Sunday. Grade 6 basketball fills 29 spots. Grade 7 high potential - asked to up to 29. 42 on waitlist.

4. Teacher Report

- Middle School Swim Team tryouts happening after March Break
- Sr Boys&Girls Basketball teams selected and season underway; Jr Bball starts in Feb/Mar
- Wanakita Gr.8 trip happening March 3-5; Gr.7's may also be added if not enough Gr.8's elect to go
- Floorball (floor hockey) Gr.6-8 during NB
- Indoor soccer intramural Gr.6-8- during NB
- Dance Club- Mar.4 performance; practices ongoing
- Indoor Track starting next week tryouts- practices are before school
- Spirit Wear- will be on SCO on Feb.1 (show photos/order form)
- Forest of Reading book clubs starting end of January- meetings will be once a week during NB
- Blue Spruce- Gr.1-3; Silver Birch Gr.4-6; Yellow Cedar Gr.6-8; for students who enjoy reading
- Snuggle Up & Read- planning to do something in-school on January 27, 2025; individual milk will be ordered for students; cookies- working on best value option

5. ProGrant

- Discussions for Bubbleology ongoing. Not getting much of a response from the owner. May need to pivot to Mad Science. Dayna to offer more information at next meeting in February

6. Today's Family

- Subsidy being offered to family's \$15/day – government offering. That subsidy is ending soon
- Enrollment convo starts end of April/May for next year
- March break camp is open for enrollment. Kinder camp filled within 3mins of opening with a waitlist
- Summer camp will be open after March break

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

8. Next meeting February 20, 2025 at 6:00pm.