

School Council Meeting Minutes – February 22 (Via Teams @ 7:00pm-8:00pm)

January council minutes approved by Jen Viveiros and Karen McPhee

Student council rep - Minah

- * sports day has been postponed to possibly late April or early May
- * upcoming spirit days/week

Daycare rep - Julie (not available)

- * openings are full (16 preschoolers maximum)
- * wait list is long
- * PA Day openings are full (13 child capacity)
- * March break openings are full (28 child capacity)
- * before and after school care is full
- * June is full with a wait list
- * 6 spaces available for school aged (not Kinders)

Day Care (email sent to Jenn B from Julie Kott – Umbrella Supervisor who was off that day):

1. Openings for preschoolers? = **we currently are full for our preschool group, with 16 preschoolers each day, with a large wait list in the event families withdraw**
2. PA Day spots available? = **we currently are full for the upcoming PA Day, running at a group of 13 children, which are all Ray Lewis families. For the June PA Days, current registration shows us as full for 2 groups of children, with a small wait list = for March Break we are also full, running with 2 groups of children (28 total)**
3. Before/After school care? = **we are currently full for our kinder group and have approximately 6 spaces for our SA groups**
4. Any concerns? = **no concerns at this time, but please let everyone know how much we appreciate you and the school educators' support of the program. Staff have been welcoming and supportive and we truly appreciate being able to work alongside your team, who truly care about the children at Ray Lewis that we all service.**

New business

- * graduation meeting scheduled for February 24th
- * looking at June 20th or 21st
- * location?
- * short seated ceremony with a walk or drive thru

- * unaware of anyone being denied bathroom breaks
- * washrooms are spot checked periodically throughout day and cleaned thoroughly in the evening
- * maximum of 3 students at a time for washroom use

- * snow/icy conditions on back pavement area are a board issue
- * will look at sending classes out in shifts
- * could last for a few more weeks

Intramurals for grades 1-3

- * Karen will send emails out to teachers to see who will volunteer to get something going

Fundraising

- * Sherry and Correna will proceed with the cookbook fundraiser and submit a plan shortly
- * funds that are raised will go towards updated projectors and mounting of projectors
- * other ideas such as more iPad, staff and student requests may be considered

Monthly class/teacher updates

- * Jenn Burleigh will send out reminders to staff
- * teachers will use their discretion
- * teachers for the most part use the Hub or Teams to post any updates

Principal/Vice Principal report

Term 1 Report Cards:

Term 1 reports went home today because of the snow day.

Picture Day Info:

Grade 8 grad photos will be taken on Wednesday March 23, 2022

Retake Day – Thursday March 24th, 2022

This information will be sent home in the March Newsletter. Grade 8 teachers have already shared grad info with parents.

Upcoming PA Day – Friday March 4th

Public Health Measures & Covid Protocols:

Parents can access them on the board website [COVID-19 | Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](https://www.hwdsb.on.ca)

Here is a summary of the measures here at Ray Lewis:

- Daily Screening – Students need to complete and bring verification log signed to school each day.
- Masks – Students and staff need to wear a mask (unless they have an exemption) when inside the building and when physical distancing cannot be maintained (2 metres).
- When at school, students learn and remain in their cohort/class for the instructional day. At nutrition breaks, students have designated cohort zones areas to move and play in.

- Staff and students are asked to physically distance (2metres) themselves as best as they can when interacting in classrooms, hallways. When it is not possible, masks and shields should be worn.
- Each classroom is provisioned with hand sanitizer. Students are asked to sanitize their hands when entering their learning spaces.
- Essential Workers and Third-Party Providers in the School (must sign in and provide proof of full vaccination)
 - Continuity of Learning for Students who are ill and cannot attend. Teachers post to Hub and Teams.
- Self-Reported Positive Cases of Covid are posted on School Website

Staff and student safety measures are posted on school website and are sent home via School Messenger (email) as they change. They continue to be practiced and reinforced on a daily basis in school as we continue to follow best practices at Ray Lewis to keep everyone safe.

School Announcements and Upcoming Events:

Pink shirt day is tomorrow Wednesday February 23

Intramurals for grades 4-8 running

Primary teachers are planning something for Grades 1-3 during Nutrition Breaks. Details to follow.

Cold Weather – The school will follow the advisory (in or out) and send home reminders re: winter gear. Students will go outside to play as much as possible. The blacktop and field will be assessed each day and the school will determine if it is safe to go out or stay inside for NB’s.

Late Buses – Parents are encouraged to continue to check the transportation website and subscribe to receive messages about late buses. It hasn’t been an issue this past month.

Parent Engagement fund (\$500.00) – Admin sent Paul Davis an email – Internet Safety Presentation. Presentation for students and parents. Tips and tricks to help support students with tech and the internet. Available dates: May 3, 5, 9, 10, 23, 24, 26, 30, 31. Is there a date that council would like to vote on this evening?

Council Voted - May 3 is the preferred council date - Jenn will email Paul. Admin will confirm when they hear back.

Next council meeting scheduled for April 26th at 7 pm via MS Teams