



# School Council Ridgemount

Members Present:

Ruth Bosma

Tom Overgaard

Tyffani Newman

Kevin Macleod

Chris Bennett - regrets

Sonya Mceachern

Brianna Ricketts - regrets

Lindsay Karageorgos - regrets

Noelle Sivko

Carly Jones

Audrey Zandstra (teacher rep) - regrets

Michael Castellani (principal)

Agenda: - Nov 6 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Elections

Principal report

New Business

Meeting in session @ 6:30 pm

### **Move to adopt minutes from Oct 16**

- Carly moved, Kevin seconded
- All in favour

### **New Business**

Fund Raising opportunities

### **Move to adopt Nov 6 agenda**

- Moved by Tyffani, seconded by Ruth
- All in favour

**Elections of Chair** (run meetings, liaison to council, contact for HWDSB, relay concerns from public)

Nominations: Kevin

Unanimous council consent – Kevin elected Chair

### **Principal's Report**

School planning explanation

- January to December, follows calendar year
- Core items driving the plan
  - Knowing the student need → Listening to students → understanding student stories
- Key strategies / goals
  - 1) All students reading
  - 2) Positive school climate
  - 3) Instructional practice
- Additional focus on Math Instruction

ACTION ITEM \*Question for council: What would be the most useful tool to support / teach reading at home?\*

Remembrance Day approaches

- Awareness of Ukraine vs Russia, challenges in middle east, Gaza, etc
- Review purpose of Remembrance Day assembly, what is learning passed on to students
- Can time be spent together as a class? Reflect back to CORE target of “knowing our student need”, their families and experiences, more current relationships, impacts, stories

Transition planning has started, and communications going out to grade 7s & 8s. Includes High School information nights / sessions, parents’ night, online tools, etc

## **New Business**

Fund Raising opportunities

- Sports teams uniforms, jerseys, swag?
- What does the school need? Subsidized trips, buses, jerseys
- What has worked previously? Freezies, Pizza (1K / month), chocolates (very successful 5K to 6K profit), cookie dough (high effort, high results), snack shack, milk program (low profit), sub day, Kernals popcorn, cards boxes
- Spirit wear
- Can’t use funds for: staff funded items (example staff supplies), IT items (apple ipads)

ACTION ITEM \*Mr. Castellani to find details of Kernals Popcorn\*

- Swag important, keeping options open, jerseys, shirts

Nutrition program (tastebuds)

- Every day
- Run by OAs

Proposal to add speed bumps – update from Kevin

ACTION ITEM: \*Letter to be drafted and submitted to city council\* – Kevin

ACTION ITEM \*What can council do for Mr. Castellani?\*

Work with community

**Next Meeting Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**

**Move to Adjourn Nov 6 Meeting**

First motion Tom, seconded by Carly

All in favour

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:10pm