

**Rockton Elementary School
School Council Meeting
Monday May 1st, 2025
6:30pm**

Attendees: Leanne Tovey, Tanya Brouwer, Kim Albers, Melanie Cassan, Robin Tilbury, Jenny Hutcheson, Tasha Maier, Leanne Halford, Lindsay Plumsted, Jen Krebsz, Jaime Owens, Jessica Seaton, Ashlie Gergusson, Niki Gerritsen, Jen Hay, Lindsay Bouwmeester

Approval of Agenda: Melanie approved the agenda, and Niki 2nd the approval.

Approval of September Minutes: Jessica approved the February minutes, and Robin 2nd the approval.

Treasurers Report – Melanie Cassan

Profit Total of \$31,306.40

Greeting Cards – Profit of \$4531.30

Movie Night – Profit of \$544

Pizza Days profit so far of \$13,961.37

Sub Days profit so far of \$7408

Pizza and Sub Day profit will continue to go down as we pay for it each week.

\$2000 to grad will also come out of total profit

\$5000 for iPad will also come out of final profit

Chairs Report

Flower/Plant Sale – Sleepy Hallow Greenhouses on 2nd concession, has started and run until first week of June. Please mention Rockton Elementary at checkout.

Freezes- Grade 8s are selling freezes proceeds will go to Grade 8 Grad.

Pizza Days/ Sub Days wrap up- On final Block of Pizza and Sub Days

Stage Seating - Proposed for the stage during sporting events. This will need to be looked into and see what is available that we could invest in.

Staff Appreciation Day – June 10th first Nutrition Break

Open House Fun Fair – We are excited about our upcoming open house/fun fair on Thursday May 8th 4:30 – 7pm. In addition to the book fair and Rockton Lions Food truck there will be games, face painting, a fire truck, a seed planting station and a Soak the staff Dunk chair! There will also be a Silent Auction. Email has been sent out with Fun fair poster attached and more information.

Teachers Report- Lindsay Plumstead

Teams –

Green Energy HWDSB Champions are going to the Ontario Skills Competition at the Toronto Congress Centre on May 5th.

Senior Track and Field Practices and tryouts are underway. The Meet will be held June 9th.

Junior Track and Field tryouts (on-going) for grade 3-5 and the track meet is June 19th at Mohawk Sports park.

Grade 7&8 Water Polo team are going to the skills camp and tournament on May 12th.

Rockton Hockey team is going to a tournament on May 14th at Mohawk 4 pad.

We have a few grade 8s writing the U of Waterloo (Centre for Engineering, Math and Computing-CEMC) Gauss Math Contest in May.

The May 1st Swim meet was cancelled and has been rescheduled to Tuesday.

Girls won their Basketball game May 1st. Unfortunately, the Boys lost a close game.

Trips –

Grade 1 and 2s year-end trip is to Dundas Valley Conservation Area in June.

The Grade 8 trip to Camp Pathfinder is a GO!!!

Kindergarten students will be going to Ancaster Sports Center for year-end trip, June 16th.

Grade 3 / 4 students are going to the Museum in Kitchener.

Grades 5/6 are going to Cineplex

Grade 7s are going to Niagara Falls

Principal's Report:

Beverly Community Centre - Contract for May and June has just been received.

The City still looking for a third party.

The impasse has been Water, Fire, Security and Caretaking, we think that we're at an agreement now which is the city of Hamilton will have to provide the cleaning. They've hired a cleaning company.

We will have one office space which half of the office space can be storage for Wesley, the space will also be used for when a speech and language pathologist come in, but Ron Joyce is already in the conference room or we're doing pizza. The kitchen can be used as soon as we get permission for Pizza Day, Sub Day, Snack program. We can still have storage space for School Council stuff, there's two large floors to ceiling cupboards, we have those and then the lower ones that we can lock. The school currently has a key and a security pass.

Rural schools meeting was April 30th, Matthew Gerard is our Executive Director came and presented, he talked about transportation. Transportation has gotten better at Rockton, we have drivers now, we're getting to be more on time overall in the morning. He also talked about rural school funds, every year there are 9 schools that the government says they made a commitment to schools that are within certain boundaries to give additional funding. We received just over \$8000 this year it can be used for things like paying for buses, subsidizing trips, student enhancement, Music. Some money was used to purchase the sensory path. There is about 60% of left to use for year end trips and knowing we were going to need some more subsidy for those.

We did just purchase 20 brand new iPads the intent was to get them in before EQAO. \$5000 was committed at the beginning of the year by school council. The order was just over \$10,000 the other half came from the move a thon, we raised just over \$4000 from and then some of our snack shack money.

Budget is tight but we are hoping that we're going to be able to try to get another one of the laptop carts next year. Great Purchase!
Laptops are signed out every day, every period. Right now, it is only Grade 7 & 8s using the laptops.

EQAO is running for Grade 3s from May 12th to 16th and then for Grade 6 is May 20th to 23rd and then we will have the 26 to 28 of the following week to finish up. It is all of it is tech based now, and students will be able to press buttons to have things read to them, they can use speech to text. We're still bringing in some extra stuff from the board on some days, our special education consultant, just to give us some extra support for some kids who might need some extra time or quiet space.

Annie the musical!!

We have beautiful posters that have been illustrated by Kristen Taylor who has two kids at Rockton.

Thanks to our amazing volunteers! The call was put out and within 30 minutes 3 parents who don't even have kids in the musical volunteered.

Advertising to families if you want to be a sponsor for the event your families name gets written in a section in the program, we also have several ads sold now, 3 full page ads and for that they get the full page and two tickets to the performance of their choice that is \$140, a half page is \$75 and a quarter pages \$40. Catherine May Bennett who has 2 kids at Rockton is designing the program for us; she's come and taken head shots of the kids that are in the performance. The program will be just as amazing as our tickets and our poster.

We've already had in the first four days lots of tickets sold. We've decided to limit the amount of matinee tickets because Guy Brown is bringing all of their Grade 1-3 students to our matinee performance.

The plan right now is Grade 1 – 3s to sit in on the costume dress rehearsal.

By the end of May will have a better idea if we're going to be able to have another show for our older kids to come and watch.

Grad 8 Commencement - Will be held in the Rock gym on June 17th from 5-6:30 pm doors open at 4:30pm. Decorating, sound system, proper lighting, renting chairs is all organized. The reception afterwards which will be front foyer and library until around 7:00 or if people want to stay a little bit later. Then we're having the dinner dance at Beverly Golf and Country Club with DJ (one of our Rockton dads), lights, stations of food and that runs anytime they arrive after 7 until 10:00 for pick up. We will have a committee meeting soon for the ceremony, decorating committee for the gym, a committee for the library. The library we want to decorate and set up on the Friday before when are Grade 8s are away on their trip, because on the Monday we're doing a full celebration day of them. In the morning will be fun and games outside just the Grade 8s altogether and then they'll come in and have a luncheon together, they'll see their year end video together, then we will rehearse in the gym for the afternoon We recommend they don't come to school the next day. If families what to go to Beverly Golf and Country Club and have photos outside with your Grads, that's absolutely ok you just can't go inside. Staff and students will then go in and enjoy the evening. One more call for Volunteers will be sent out this week.

One 4 side spring on the playground is broken, it is being used roughly by older students, they are not using the playground appropriately. \$2000 to repair. While it's been broken Grades 5-8 have not been using it.

Asked school council if they can cover the cost of the repair.

Council voted Yes to pay for the repair.

Council also voted that the playground only be used by Kindergarten to Grade 4.

Thank you, Plaque, for playground donors is up and is between the doors going out to the playground.

See you in September.

If you are interested in attending and wish to be added to the email list, please email the co-chairs directly at rocktonsc@hwdsb.on.ca