

Ridgecliff Junior High School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes – December 8th, 2022

Attendance:

G. White, J. Quinn, C. Hutchinson, M. O'Neill, V. Dockendorff, S. Harvey, Nadine Titus-Aucoin, Cheryl Smith, Adli Abidi, Claudia Boucher, Clara MacDonald

Regrets: Kimbly Morgan, Shawna Wright, Francis Waterman-O'Connell

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5: 35pm.

Approval of Minutes.

Approval of Agenda.

Staffing updates: (from Principal White)

Patricia MacDonald- retired. Jenn Kehler has taken this position.

Mandy Markie- accepted a job Indigenous Aboriginal Worker. EPA job is posted- closing Jan. 9th.

Principal's Report

PD Day- Student Success Plan (staff came together to discuss Literacy, Mathematics, Well-being & Equity). Staff very much enjoyed being able to collaborate and plan for success.

Literacy- short cycle focus will be on conventions; **Mathematics-** focus: executive functioning in mathematics- helping students come prepared, organized, and connect to ensure math success and math extra help will be offered at lunch times; **Well-being:** identified focus will be providing students with nutrition at the beginning of the day and to ensure students feel connected at school by offering more clubs and activities (clubs, groups, etc.); Equity team be developed. Staff are looking to respond to the needs of our school and data we have been provided.

Extra- Curricular & Clubs: upcoming: boys basketball team; girls club basketball team; girls volleyball went to the finals.

Clubs: Reach for the Top

Emergency plan updated and have been completed.

Breakfast Club- at recess and grab n go in the morning.

Other business: Construction has been completed outside at the end of the driveway; Beechville.

Leaving school property: has seen improvements with the garbage in the neighborhood.
Opening up some lines with our neighbors to hear their concerns and feedback.

Operations dept. : either hot or cold..still trying to figure out a good heat that is consistent. The boiler is down and we are awaiting parts.

- All the screens at the lower level have been requested (Work order) to be replaced.

Website: Trying to keep the announcements on the main webpage.

The SAC section needs to be created.- Greg will do this.

School Attendance: our attendance at RMS. Our average is around 100 students/ day.

- We now have to report attendance to the Dept. of Health now as of December 8th, 2022.

Upcoming Dates: Holiday concert- Dec. 14

Choir is going to Parkland- Dec. 13

Dec. 20 last day of school before Holiday break; January 3rd- schools reopen

Student Report:

- Accessible full locker for a student with disability is now in the building and is very much appreciated.
- Lots of extra help being offered by teachers & staff. Great option and thank you!
- School dance- went very well & would love more dances! Kids had a blast!
- Hallways: can get very dirty (garbage left behind) after recess.
- Outside of school: graffiti and dirt on the school building. Perhaps school leadership could help with this.
- Things are going well here at RMS!
- Looking for other spaces at lunch during indoor lunch activities/ space...

Finance - SAC Grants \$5579/ year. We are welcoming ideas on how to spend the student SAC Grants...

20% for operations of SAC

Ideas: Wellness Day, replenish sports equipment (balls, skipping ropes, etc.) for students at recess & lunch.

Policy Input- Mr. White & Nadine attended SAC PD at the end of November regarding SSP -short cycle planning. Main topics shared were around the following: (Nadine shared this)

- Building thinking classrooms
- Student Survey Data
- Movement & flexibility for students
- Completed the SAC survey (google form)

Quick overview of SAC member interest/ selection & SAC regulations and bylaws.

SAC MEETING DATES:

January 18th, 2023

March 8th, 2023

May 17th, 2023

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned.