

Ralston School Parent Council meeting minutes
15 February 2023
1400

Attendees:

Ralston School: MrsN, MrC

Parent Council Chair: JWS (outgoing), KR (incoming)

Parents: AR, MV, JM, DM, RD

Item 1 – Introduction of attendees

- Mrs N welcomed all attendees.

Item 2 – Review of previous minutes

- The minutes of the meeting taking place on 19 Jan 23 were reviewed and found to be correct.

Item 3 – Parent vs student hockey games

- Mrs N gave notice of the parent vs. student hockey games. There will be 2 rounds, the first games will be played on 6 Mar and the second set on 13 Mar. Student teams will be organised around existing Ralston Wildcats teams but under-5s were eligible to play in these providing parents were happy. Parent consent forms have gone out to parents already.

Item 4 – Alberta education and assurance survey.

- Mrs N advised of the annual Alberta school assurance survey that is to be sent out to all students and parents in Grs 4-9. These had been completed in school with the students already, but parents were asked that if they had received an email invitation to please engage with the survey. The school bases their planning on the results, so it is very important. The previous survey results can be found in the Ralston school Ed Plan, available in the parents' resources area of the website.
- More details on the survey can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey.aspx>
- The deadline to complete was 3 Mar but this has been extended to 17 Mar 23.

Item 5 – Jan safety report

- Following on from feedback from previous meetings, Mrs N presented the accident/injury report for Jan 23.
- There were 14 incidents requiring some level of first aid intervention. In every case, the parents were contacted, normally via Seesaw or a telephone call in the event of a more serious injury. The locations for these incidents were:
 - o Gym – 3
 - o Playground – 9
 - o Classroom – 2
- The use of 'head bump' stickers was further mentioned. Mrs N advised that following discussions in the school, it was agreed that these stickers wouldn't be implemented as they were vulnerable to fall off clothing. Instead, the school has put in an extensive internal communications plan so that all teachers and staff were aware if a child had suffered a head injury of any kind. This included classes where there was more than 1 teacher or where children would be expected to move rooms during the day. This plan has so far proved successful.

Item 6 – Student Council budget

- Following feedback from previous meetings, an idea of the student council budget was requested, particularly with reference to the money that school made on the hot lunch initiative.

- Mrs N was able to provide a detailed report on Jan-early Feb activities. This showed that during the period reported, the school made a loss of \$2096.61 on school council budget. This deficit was made up with credits in other areas. The casino night in June will be a particularly beneficial event when it comes to covering losses in other areas such as this.
- With the advent of school cash on line, this report will be amended and easier to understand in future months.
- It was asked whether the advertising for the hot lunches could be better as some people were not getting reminder emails from the school cash app. All parents are advised to double check their settings online to make sure reminder emails came through.

Item 8 – Parent Council reps report

- There were no items to report from the council reps. Further canvassing of opinion will continue to take place.

Item 9 – AOB

- It was mentioned that some of the younger students were struggling to engage with 'The Lemonade War'. Would it be possible to get the teachers to read a chapter each as an audio book alternative?
- Volunteers for the casino night would be asked for after the Easter break.
- A question about whether the school as planning anything for the Coronation in May was asked. Mrs N explained they had nothing planned so far but would look in to it.
- Mrs Hardiker was planning an event for International Women's Day in Mar 23.

Item 7 – Date of next meeting

- The next Parent Council meeting will be on 15 Feb 23 at 1400. AR will take notes and write up the minutes.