

Raymond High School Parent Council Meeting Minutes October 27, 2017

In attendance:

Mr. Todd Heggie, Mr. Jerry Salmon, Jackie Simpson, Karen Wilde, Lisa Kramps, Tammy Hill, Gary Hamon, Connie Shurtz, Linda Steed, Christal Bevans, Natalie Ball, Loni Snow, Alana Sala

Tanner Reeve School President update:

- Grad council meeting met, Mrs. Natalie Ball to chair committee
- Upcoming activities are Halloween fashion show with prizes 1:30-2:15 on 31st, will need help with judging if possible
- Zones pep rally
- Remembrance Day activity with the Jr. High
- Sadie Hawkins Dance in December {Hollywood Movie Theme} will need help from the council

Amendments to operating procedures:

- Discussion on points needing wording changes and additions, will post updated procedures in updated coming document

Expectations for RHSC for 2017:

- Being here for the students, add to enhancing that connection
- This should not dominate our lives but be another set of eyes, a parent's view of community as a whole
- Help in understanding different views on different decisions helping others see that and being the pulse of community
- Would like to see us get involved with Sadie's and other activities throughout the year to be a presence

Alana Sala report on meeting with Minister Eggen:

- Resolution to put ATA toolkit together a policy for our division on curriculum and parents rights and voice to be heard
- look up and read about on this link [teachers.ab.ca prism](http://teachers.ab.ca/prism/) / toolkit for safe & caring discussions about sexual and gender minorities
- Discussion on having him come to our division but was decided it should be a division decision and move forward after that
- How we handle it is important must be unified within the division

Report on Dylan William conference in Edmonton Mr. Heggie:

- Great conference on "Leadership for teacher learning and how to lead in class"
- Will be making a PD plan with four high school principals for best PD plans in moving forward in a positive direction
- 200 days a year to work/ would like less PD and more in class time in front of students
- Diploma teachers need more time to review so as not to rush through things
- Would like to organize our own PD days with some central more internal would be nice for more productive and constructive days
- Calendar this year won't change but putting forth plans for change in next year's is the hope

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT at RHS is WED November 8th from 4-7

Role of fundraising with school and school council:

- Budgets just becoming available will be ready by next meeting
- There are two types of fundraising within: School district and Student Generated Funds {SGF}
- District is things like textbooks etc funding for that within
- SGF is fundraising that falls within the school like:
 - Sugar Bowl goes towards keeping our fees considerably lower than other schools and goes towards uniforms and fees
 - Concessions/fees goes back to our students through the SGF
- Funds raised for specific programs are set aside for that program
 - Eg. Show Choir provides volunteers for the triathlon, funds raised stay in Show Choir
- School Council is a separate account as well as fundraising for specific cause under that
- Band fees and fundraiser go back into SGF and the band students

Assigned hours and unassigned hours for teachers:

- 907-1200 instructional time given for the year
- unassigned is 15 minutes before and after school on their time our teachers are here for our students
- Teacher prep is unassigned time, we want them in the building for our students and they do we have great teachers who go above and beyond
- Huge issue but 80 hours is dedicated to staff development time throughout the year
- Voluntary time, don't want to count kids suffer when morale is down. Counting hours is lowering productivity
- "Effective leaders inspire growth and improved performance"
- Discussion on coaching protection covers having two coaches, ie. a girl teacher with team
- Qualified teacher to coach, some parents help but best practice and policy is to use teachers

Concerns:

- Grad. Approved fundraising accounted for - fundraiser advertised what it is they are fundraising for a flyer sent out so others are aware it is coming up so as to avoid too many grad fundraisers
- A grade 11 parent as treasurer account set up to monitor funds allocated to the right areas
- Grad is separate from council, they meet on their own
- Grad party is separate from school administration
- Discussion on admissions fees to volleyball, football and basketball. FEES help run programs. We have some of the lowest sports fees
 - Discussed punch pass ideas
- Admission fees go back into SGF
- LOOKING for scholarship donations to put towards our students community donations, would like to work up to a higher amount to give back to our students

*Divisional PLC/PD coming up Literacy Cafe: November 9th and November 10 is no school in honor of Remembrance Day.

Next meeting: November 24/17, 9:30am