**Riverview Central School**

**School Council Minutes**

**November 21, 2016 5:30 p.m.**

Present: Lillian Rota, Greer Macdonell, Jessica Wood, Lisa Vanderveeken, Heather Arnold, Travis Hooper, Anne Hazzard, Elizabeth Lester, Kevin McGlade, Carol Flanagan and Julie Johnston.

Minutes: Jessica Wood

Additions / Corrections;

None at this time.

1. Welcome
2. Best Start Report - C. Flanagan
	* Programs at Riverview Site are going well. 75% capacity in both Preschool and After School Program.
	* It has been a busy time for us with Phase 2 of the new CCEYA (Child Care Early Years Act). Phase 3 comes in 2017.
	* Our annual Family Christmas Open House date is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 8/16 from 6-8pm. Expected attendance is over 100 individuals. Christmas holiday's closure of STCC is Dec 24/16-Jan 2/17; all programs are closed for this duration.
	* Fundraising includes Little Caesar which was held in Oct and the next sales event will be the end of February into March and includes another Little Caesar. May to June will be frozen foods including poultry and hamburgers etc..
	* Our OEYC has been lower in attendance this fall. The program/services we offer include;
		+ Sound Start Speech and Language - Dec 1st from 10:30-11:30.
		+ Lambton Public Health Nurse
		+ St Clair Child and Youth - Nurse for Child check.
		+ Early Years Literacy Specialist
		+ Dietitian Jan 2017
		+ Infant Massage Feb 2017
		+ Dental Hygienist Feb 2017
* We can only offer parenting programs that can be held in our OEYC room since there is no extra space in the school.
* Something new is our Website which is soon to be available.
1. Principal’s Report - L. Rota
	* Principle’s Profile revived and approved by School Council Representatives.
	* Spirit Days continue with many dates of fun activities throughout the school year. Spirit days are to promote school spirit, community involvement and awareness.
	* The Book Fair has been extended and will now be available during parent teacher interview times during the recess and evening.
	* Fundraising for charities include; Terry Fox (held in September), Food bank: a Scare Away Hunger was done at the end of October (245 lbs of food were donated) and another food drive will be done near the end of November until December 9th; Heart and Stroke: Jump Rope for Heart Event (last week of April or first week of May)
	* Water bottle Station update; all paper work has been completed and submitted. The plan is to convert a water fountain outside the office into the water bottle refill station.
2. New Business
* PRO Grant STEM night to be arranged for a tentative date of Wednesday May 3/2017, from 6-8pm being held at Riverview. A subcommittee will need to be established, needing volunteers to help organize and run the evening. If interested please e mail Greer at meandzee@hotmail.com
* Fundraiser ideas discussed which continue to help raise funds for school trips etc. L Rota will look into Subway day starting in December, Big Box of Cards discussed and approved by School Council.
* Winter Centre Activities - organized by senior students and staff.
* Turkey Dinner - Dec 21st.
* School skating booked Dec 23rd. All participants who wish to take part; including parents/volunteers, must wear a CSA approved hockey helmet while on the ice.
1. Other Business
* Cross walk update - proposal has been placed into the municipality to incorporate a flashing light and sign indicating a decrease in speed during the school’s arrival and departure times. Approx. initial cost to the municipality is $4000.00 per flashing light and sign. Two flashing lights and signs will be needed making the total cost $8000.00

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for January 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.