**Riverview Central School**

**School Council Minutes**

**September 19, 2016 5:30 p.m.**

Present: Lillian Rota, Greer Macdonell, Jessica Wood, Lisa VanderVeeken, Heather Arnold, Travis Hooper, Anne Hazzard, Elizabeth Lester.

Minutes: Jessica Wood

Additions / Corrections;

None at this time.

1. Welcome

Motion of business accepted and passed by School Council Representatives.

1. Elections -
   * Elections - Greer has agreed to continue her chairperson responsibilities, Jessica has agreed to continue her secretary duties, Lillian will be the administrative role, Carol Flanagan will continue the Best Start representative, Anne Hazzard has agreed to continue her teacher representative role. Council will continue to encourage a representative from the community to join. Jessica will contact Kevin McGlade, Pastor for the Port Lambton Baptist Church as a possible community representative.
2. Correspondence -

* Greer will continue to e-mail out the People for Education newsletter as well as any other relevant information that may be of interest to parent council.

1. Principles Report
   * September communication: newsletter went out the first day of school and it was also put on Facebook
   * milk sales begin on Sept 20th
   * Kids Plus Student Accident Insurance forms went home in early September, parents to fill out forms and mail them to the company directly
   * Planners: method of communicating with parents for students in grades 2 to 8
   * Life Touch photos: Sept 23 Gym setting for group photos
   * Safe Schools: practice drills in Sept/Oct
   * Principal’s Profile – to be updated at next meeting
   * Class organization: 160 students - We have a FDK class, Gr. 1/2, Gr. 2/3, Gr. 3/4, Gr. 4/5, Gr. 6/7, Gr. 7/8
   * Snack program –start-up date September 19th
   * Raider Rally: monthly assemblies: The first one will be on September 29th at approximately 8:20 a.m.
   * Spirit Days: to promote school spirit, community involvement and awareness (Possibly one or two Spirit Days a month)
   * Our first Spirit Day is **Orange Shirt Day.** It is celebrated on September 30th which is a PA Day. As a result, our school will commemorate this day on September 29th. On this day we honour the survivors of residential schools as well as those children and young people who never returned home.by encouraging our students to wear orange. We will use this day as a catalyst to encourage the learning and understanding about the residential school system and the impacts that system has had on First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people.

If you would like to learn more about Orange Shirt Day and its origins you can visit the following link:

[http://www.orangeshirtday.org](https://webmail.lkdsb.net/owa/redir.aspx?C=gfqzDbcSoEmSXYwuLdsuECnt-NLB5NMIGBQ5Tm5sGP4DoyPhh1ghYKqsHkjs24g9LOMulRY4ICU.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.orangeshirtday.org%2f)

* + Book Fair: - There will be a Book Fair held this school year but the date of it is yet to be determined, perhaps in November
  + Fundraising community: Terry Fox (Sept); Food Bank/St Vincent DePaul (Dec); Heart & Stroke (May)

1. Best Start Update

* Roots of Empathy will be happening in the grade 1/2 room.  Our Roots Family this year will be Beth & Briar.
* We still have availability in our Preschool Rooms including the PELP funding.
* Also, we have a few spaces available for Afterschool.
* Our OEYC drop is operating Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9:00-11:30
* Best Start and Riverview Central usually share their Fund Raising plans with each other so there is no duplication:
* Little Caesar’s (Fall and Winter)
* JD Sweid (meat) – spring

1. New Business

* Spring Carnival final review was discussed showing a total profit of $663.02 which will be used in part for the purchase of a water bottle refill station, furniture for the library (commons area) and/or cost of bussing students to field trips. Monies from the Ford Test Drive which generated $4,740 will also be used for the above. The approx. cost of a water bottle refill station can range from $3000.00 - $5000.00 with taxes and installation costs. Installation costs vary depending on the water and electrical supply location.
* PRO Grant application has been submitted by Greer on Riverview council's behalf. This year's event may include a science nights to showcase Riverview's increase in technology or Mad Science from London. Greer to send out an e-mail as we get closer to education week regarding a committee and meeting dates.
* Fundraiser ideas from council included subway/pita pit, hot dog days, apple sales, geranium flowers and possible pie in the face as these fundraisers have consistently provided a beneficial profit.
* Volunteer packages were sent home with the youngest student from each family.

1. Other Business

* Anne stated Bus prices have increased significantly. Anne is in the process of contacting several local bus companies for the upcoming Brigden fair field trip for cost effective transportation of the students.
* Poison Ivy was found on school property. Area to be sprayed.
* On October 25th, Lambton Public Health will be holding a vaccine clinic at Riverview for the Gr 7 boys and girls for the HPV vaccine (protection from the Human Papillomavirus) & Hepatitis B (liver disease spread by blood and bodily fluids). As well the Gr 8 girls can receive the HPV vaccine for free and Public Health can also "catch up" any missed Hepatitis B vaccine from any gr 7's that were absent last year. In December Lambton Public Health will be back offering grade 7 student's the menactra vaccine (protects students from meingittis bacteria).

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting scheduled for November 21/2016, 2016 at 5:30pm.

Future meeting dates include;

January 16/16

March 20/17

May 15/17