

## **Riverside Elementary School Council Meeting Minutes**

### **Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 24, 2017**

Meeting was called to order 7:00 pm at Riverside Elementary.

#### **Attendees Present:**

**Chair:** Jodene Jefford

Peter Hackett – School Administration

Gillian Penney – Community Representative

Eileen Johnson – Community Representative

Tanya Bennett – Parent Representative

Aaron Butler – Parent Representative

Jill Monk – Teacher Representative

Courtney Prince – Teacher Representatives

Tula Reid – Teacher Representative

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

- Motion to approve minutes from Jodene Jefford and seconded by Tanya Bennett.

#### **Welcome/Introductions:** Mr. Hackett

##### Fundraisers:

- Approximately \$6000-\$7000 raised during the Fall Fundraiser at Riverside (this will be the only fundraiser during the 2017-2018 school year). Money will go towards purchasing benches for the playground area. The approximate price of each bench is \$1500. The intention is that all students would avail of purchased materials from the fundraisers.

##### Past Parent Concerns:

- In the fall of 2017 a needle was reported to be found on the playground. The school now has a protocol put in place in the event that another is found.
- There is a need for LGBTQ resources in the classroom at a primary/elementary level.

##### New Business:

- There has been no new concerns brought forth from parents.
- Term 1 Results
  - o Report card template review
  - o Goal of the report card is to focus on where a child is independently.
  - o During teacher professional development days data was reviewed.
- Facilities Update
  - o Gym flooring is complete
  - o Two new glass backboards for the basketball nets in the gymnasium
  - o Decals coming to be placed around Riverside to support school spirit
  - o Basketball nets now placed on the wall in the cafeteria
  - o New sound system for the gymnasium
  - o New signs added in the back of the school for traffic control
  - o New AED added to the building (two in total, one upstairs and one down).
  - o New water fountain to be added to the grade 6 portables.
- School incentives
  - o After school activities grade 2-6 (male and female activities)
  - o Adventure race (looking into having a local ski/snowshoe race)
  - o Promoting snow shoe classes ( a new trail has been develop next to the school with the permission from the Town of Clarendville)
  - o Wish tree campaign (some changes were made, limit was reduced to \$50.00 per student). Filled approximately 80 wishes. Children who received wishes also received cafeteria bucks.
  - o In December the student council held a candy gram fundraisers and raised approximately \$1500.00. The students then presented money from the fundraisers to The Salvation Army, and the SPCA.
  - o There are students at Riverside who could avail of healthy and nutritious lunches. With this in mind, Riverside has joined with Canadian Tire to provide these lunches for those in need. Canadian Tire Clarendville has generously donated \$5000.00 to this initiative.
  - o Riverside has two Little Green Thumb gardens again this year in Kindergarten and grade two. This year a vermicompost was also added to the garden.
  - o Technology – applications have been sent for 23 tablets for students with a diagnosed exceptionality.
  - o Robotic programs for grade 3 and 6. There is also a female only robotics group. There has been initiatives put in place to get more females interested in technology.
  - o Education week is in February. Will be combined with the winter carnival later in March.
  - o February is teacher appreciation week.
  - o After school staff fitness group has started.
  - o A new phone system is coming to Riverside – more information will be available at a later date.
  - o Kinderstart will begin February 9<sup>th</sup> and will include four sessions. Approximately 90 kinderstart students.
- Next scheduled meetings: February 28<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, and June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.
- New chair of the school council is Jodene Jefford.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.