

School Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 10th, 2017 - 6:00pm

Meeting 1 of the 2017-2018 school year

New Updates

- 680 + population
- Support staff has increased
- Movement of transportation in the beginning of the year went well.
- Playground equipment installed (funds from fall fundraisers)
- 3 lunches remain in effect
- Full Day Kindergarten - good transition for year two
- New gym flooring is being installed. Physical education classes will go ahead outside when weather permits.
- Town approved a trail near the school for student snow shoe classes.

Premier's Task Force

- 100 plus recommendations to improve quality of schools - these changes are being enforced now. I.e. provincial assessments cancelled this year (CRT's)
- Grade 1 and 2 provincial reading assessments are cancelled for this year.
- Mr. Hackett will send out a copy of the task force report to the school council members
- Positive initiatives to make school system a better place.
- Report discussed importance of coding in the curriculum, (PD days coming to Riverside for coding practices)
- Riverside currently has two after school tech groups (grade 6 and 3). School has ordered 25 lap tops for tech/coding.
- Grade 4's at Riverside have time throughout their schedule for coding as well.

Fundraising

- In the past for fundraisers the school did a fee in lieu of fundraising. Now Riverside has a fall fundraiser where families are asked to sell tickets. Last year, \$10,000 was raised and went towards the playground equipment. Funds will always support the school as a whole. Letters have gone home regarding this.

Parent Concerns

- Needle found on the school playground. Teacher handled the situation and safely disposed of the needle. Another needle was found on a Clareville playground. The school board has reported the incident to the public. A protocol will be put in place for the any future incidents.

- An awareness poster about what to do in the event of a child finding a needle around the school.
- The resource center at Riverside has future plans to be updated.

School Development Plan

- Plan for literacy in the classroom
- BAS (reading) kits in all classrooms
- At least 3 reading assessments done throughout the year.
- Tech. awareness day coming to Riverside.

Mr. Hackett will email school council to discuss future dates for school council meetings. Next meeting is in November.

Minutes/Meeting Agenda will be available on the school webpage for public viewing.