

Roch Carrier School Council Meeting Minutes
April 2010

Call to order, 7:06

Approval of Agenda: motion by S.Wehrmann, seconded by K. Gourlay, passed.

Presentation: Green Communities of Canada, W. Beaton

Council listened to a presentation about a pilot project called School Travel Planning with the objective of promoting active transportation to and from school, including walking or biking to school. The presentation was made on behalf of Green Communities Canada. See attached information sheet.

Principal's Report

#1- Thank you to the many parent volunteers who make a huge difference at school.

#2- We currently have 6 student teachers on placements here from the University of Ottawa at the school. As you know, we have amazing staff that has a great deal of skill and talent to share.

#3- Term 2 Report cards will go home on April 9

Student- Led Conferences

We will invite parents to attend student-led conferences as a culminating activity for term 2. The student-led conferences will take place during the day on April 16th.

In order to manage the logistics for such a day, we have block scheduled the conferences and your child's class will have their conferences at a specific time on Friday the 16th.

Please note that if you cannot attend during the day on the 16th, that your child will conference with one of our staff members and that he/she will bring his/her portfolio home for the weekend.

To avoid having parents with more than 1 child attending Roch Carrier E.S. come multiple times during the day we will make arrangements for you to conference with siblings. All you

will have to do is let the office know when you arrive and we will call siblings down so that they can review their portfolio with you.

Parent-teacher interviews:

The P.A. day set aside for parent-teacher interviews is no longer part of the school-year calendar. Parents will be given the option as always of requesting a parent teacher interview.

#4- Our current numbers ...694

Our projected enrollment is 303 students in the regular program and 450 in the EFI program....a projected total of 753

Principals will be given draft school organizations on the afternoon of April 7th...this starts the process for Sept. 2010

April 9	Report cards go home
April 16	Student Portfolio Day
April 20	Cake Walk
April 22	Earth Day assembly
April 28	Primary/Junior Talent show

Staff report

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Kinders

- All the Kindergartens enjoyed a concert in the gym with children's performer Yaki.
- The Kindergartens also attended a presentation by the "Milk Lady" from the Milk Marketing Board on the importance of dairy products and eating a healthy diet from the Canada Food Guide.
- The Kindergarten Teachers are taking all the Kindergartens to the Museum of Civilization in Hull on April 23rd to see the IMAX film, Sharks, and for a visit to The Children's Museum. This will be a 4 1/2 hour day trip and parents have committed to driving their children to and from school that day. The Roch Carrier Daycare is delighted to accommodate our altered schedule for the day. Thanks to the abundance of parents offering to volunteer!

In writing we are...

Kindergarten

- In Ms. Jo-Anne's JK class, we are working on printing letters and numbers. We just started our

"Chalk and Sock" activity where we practice writing our names, letters and numbers each morning.

- The Kindergarten Immersion classes are composing sentences to tell what they know about the new season, "le printemps".
- Mrs. Kerwin's senior kinders have been talking about colours! Experimenting like scientists, painting like artists, using paint swatches like designers and reading and writing like scholars! Take a look at our beautiful colour palette books, designed to promote pattern reading and writing, using familiar sight words and colour words! We're getting ready for grade 1!
- The J.K.'s are writing alphabet books where they print one word for every letter of the alphabet and then draw a picture to go with it. When we get to the letter our name starts with, we glue our photo in and write our name. We feel very grown-up and are very proud of our books!

Grade 1

- We read about rabbits and created a graphic organizer using information that we read. Students then chose to write either a fictional story or a non-fiction report. (Backstrom)
- In Mme Scott's class, we also read rabbit books, created a graphic organizer and wrote a "rabbit report".
- The Grade One's in Mrs. Wood have been doing many different writing exercises. Last week, after reading a book about Favourite Things, they wrote about their favourites.
- The writers of room 222 have just completed a major piece of procedural writing entitled "How to Make a Castle". It incorporated geometry, positional language, strength and stability, knowledge of castles and a little bit of castle lore (just for fun). The children described how to build a castle out of cardboard boxes with step by step precision. (Ridgeway)

Grade 2

- The grade 2/3 and grade 3 classes performed their musical 'It's A Jungle Out There' for the residents at Stonehaven Manor on Tuesday, March 30th. They put on 2 performances in the school gym for primary students and parents. (Paunins & Levy-Rick)

- The children worked so very hard memorizing lines and learning the songs for the musical. We are very proud of all of them. Many thanks to the parents who helped with supervision, costume making, practicing lines and supporting this endeavor. We had lots of fun preparing and presenting this musical. (Paunins)
- Mme Bercy and Mme Galuban's classes are working on writing sentences with verbs in the past, present and future tenses.

Grade 3

- In March, Mme Macdonald's grade 3 writers composed some creative personal letters to Vincent Van Gogh. Currently, we are making a class picture/art book about how we would change the world. It is based upon the wonderful picture book: Je ferai des miracles. By: Susie Morgenstern.
- We have begun studying procedural writing and the students are drawing blueprints and writing the procedure they followed when they built their model-- strong and stable bridge. (Levy-Rick)

Grade 4

- We (English Grade 4/5, Westwood) are just finishing up a poetry unit that the students did amazingly with, and about to start a big newspaper unit (Dear Abby for Health and Survey for Data Management are the first pieces).
- Did you know that wolves are really lovable and reliable creatures and Little Red Riding Hoodie is definitely not a girl to mess with? In English, the grade four EFI students are writing really clever "alternative" versions of classic fairy tales. They are telling the original story using a different point of view. (Harrison)

Grade 6

- In Mrs. Gasperetti's grade 6, students are busy researching an early explorer who ventured to Canada. They will then be writing a series of journal entries or a letter, from that explorer's perspectives about the hardships involved, what they discovered and the outcomes of their adventures!

New Business/Follow Up:

True Sport:

A motion was made for RCES to become a TrueSport school, forwarded by C. Cross, all in favour. A request was made to consider participate in the Play Day hosted by the Bridlewood Community Association. For additional TrueSport information see <http://www.truesportpur.ca/>

Supplier for School Supplies - C. Menary is looking into it.

Spring Dance- Now Rochin' Family Fun Fair

The date is set for June 4, 2010 with a rain date of June 18, 2010. There is expected to be a number of activities including booths, demonstrations, community police representatives, school safety information, Bridlewood Community Association information, bake sale, refreshments (while they last) and more. Volunteers were requested.

Committee Reports:

OCASC

A report on monthly Ottawa Carleton Assemble of School Councils meeting was provided. See <http://ocasc.ca> for minutes.

Treasurer

Report provided at meeting. Funds were released for the beacon school gift and cultural presentations as per the budget.

Food

No report.

Fundraising

Planning has started for next year's fundraising activities. Entertainment books will be sold again. C. Menary requested volunteers to help plan activities.

Round Table

C. Menary - Suggested Council consider creating a parent resource section in the library for parent to borrow. Looking for further interest.

Terry Fox run should go ahead in the spring.

D. Miskelly provide an update on the landscaping work and informed council that he is ready to proceed with playground repainting at RCES and painting at Bayshore Public School (Beacon School Project). In addition, more mulch will go in around Roch Carrier and the scout troupe will install posted for birdhouses in the garden during Education Week May 4-9. Also, volunteers are requested to assist with these projects.

A thank you was sent to the teacher's who supplied children's writing samples as part of the staff report.

C. Cross requested Council endorse a Community Traffic Issue Report respecting Bridlepark traffic that would be sent the City. She will send a draft version by email to members for future approval.

Reminder of the up-coming teacher appreciation lunch.

Request to all parents to keep an eye on the school during off hours and report any vandalism including children on the roof.

Close & Adjournment, 9:15

Next meeting is on May 4, 2010 at 7:00 pm