

**R.C.E.S. School Council Meeting**  
**June 1, 2010**

Call to order, 7:09 pm  
Approval of Agenda as amended.

Katia Sioufi was introduced as the new principal for Roch Carrier, starting in September. She kindly joined us for the meeting.

**Grade 6 Legacy Project**

Student from Ms Carew's Grade 6 class, Anya Aissaoui and Thao Dao, made a presentation regarding the Grade 6 Legacy Project. The students proposed to assist the efforts of the primary students to raise funds to help build a school in Africa. The project goal was to raise \$5000 and the primary students have raised \$3000 towards the objective. The Grade 6 students have proposed to raise money through a sale of donated items and have asked School Council to match the funds they raise.

A motion was made to match funds up to \$1500.00 including funds previously set aside for the Legacy Project. The motion was proposed by Cynthia, seconded by Chris and passed.

**Reports:**  
**Principal's Report**

#1- You Roch ! Volunteerism is alive and well at Roch Carrier E.S. This year's BCA award was presented to Cynthia Menary at our volunteer breakfast.

As a result of parents and staff working together we have defined ....

What do we want students to know...to be able to do?

- to be independent/collaborative problem solvers who communicate effectively
- to become successful members of a global society
- to be effective users of tools and current technology
- to be proud of their individuality ( to know they are special, to be their best, to have confidence, to have self respect )
- to be risk takers (to be curious, to know how to ask good questions)
- to be engaged learners
- to master and enjoy the curriculum

What methods will we use to help students achieve these goals?

- ongoing/inclusive communication
- authentic experiences/feedback

- engaged learning (helping them construct their learning, encouraging active involvement, hands on learning, making learning fun)
- cooperative learning and shared decision making
- child centered exploration in a rich learning environment
- balanced literacy
- learning experiences that reflect multiple intelligences

How we act with /treat each other?

- as a supportive/caring family
- with trust and respect
- with patience and encouragement
- with empathy
- with fairness

#2- 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
- we have 81 new JK registrations
- we have completed our staffing process for teaching staff and EA allocations

#3-

Back in October 2009, OCDSB staff met with representatives and principals of all Kanata schools to talk about overcrowding at schools in the Kanata North area, residential developments in Kanata, new Ministry of Education initiatives and best use of existing facilities. As a result of that discussion, it was determined that a “Kanata-wide” review was needed.

As such staff is proposing an Accommodation Review for the Kanata area (elementary schools) to commence in September 2010. Any recommendations approved by board would likely be implemented in September 2012; however, it is anticipated that smaller, interim changes in the form of smaller boundary adjustments or program changes may have to be implemented in September 2011, in the context of the larger, ongoing ARC discussions.

The ARC shall include membership drawn from the school community and the broader community. As such, staff will be looking for representation from each of the schools identified in the study.

Additional information will be posted on the website ([www.ocdsb.ca](http://www.ocdsb.ca)) as the process unfolds.

#4- Staff survey... Important things to know about us....

- this staff likes to eat
- we love what we do
- we are caring

- we have amazing School Council who work and support staff on so many ways
- we like to have fun...we laugh a lot
- we work hard
- we are flexible
- we love learning new things...willing to learn and grow and improve...we love feedback

June 4            "Rochin"Family Fun Fair  
 June 17          Grade 6 orientations at WOM and BCES  
 June 24          Grade 6 School leaving ceremony

## **Staff Report**

### Staff report

- Mrs. Lindquist and the junior students have been busy preparing for an upcoming track and field meet on June 8th. The goal of this meet is to include as many student athletes as possible. There are 60 students participating in the meet.
- Mme Desforges is organizing a primary play day on June 23rd (no rain date) for grades 1 to 3. She is looking for parent volunteers. If you can volunteer, please let me know.
- The grade 6 leaving ceremony is June 24th.
- June 25th is the last day for children.
- Special Thanks to School Council for funds for class books and classroom supplies. You make a huge difference in our classrooms each day.

This month we are...

### Kindergarten

- Trip to Valleyview Farm June 3rd
- Bus Buddy Thank You Pizza Lunch set for June 14th
- The ducklings are hatching on June 19th
- Special Thanks to School Council and Parents involved in the hot dog sale for funds to assist with field trips. This helps with payment for the large number of Parent Volunteers we take on trips to allow 2 , 3, and 4 to 1 adult to child ratios on our outings. This enhances safety and makes a huge difference in the success of our field trips.

- Core French working on copy cat books based on the plays they have been working on all year. Science Grade 1 EFI are studying living things and creating a poster presentation based on an animal of their choice.

#### Grade 1

- Mme Scott and Mlle Backstrom's class have been learning about folk tales and will be presenting plays to parents later this month. Mlle Backstrom's plays are June 11th at 2:00 p.m.  
Mme Scott's plays are June 17th at 2:15 p.m.
- MmeDesforges' class is working on plays to present to parents on June 16th.
- Mr. Ridgeway's class is busy preparing songs and props for it's June production of The Fisherman and his Wife. We are looking forward to our upcoming field trip to the Museum of Nature.
- Mme Vezina's students are having class plays in French at the end of June and we are presenting to family members.

#### Grade 2

- Students in Mme Toye's class will be presenting various French plays (eg. Cendrillon) to their parents on Friday, June 18th in the library at 8:45 am.

#### Grade 3

- Students in Sue Levy-Rick's grade 3 class are about to become detectives and forensic scientists as they use their math, science and literacy skills to solve a made-up mystery!!
- Miss Berry's class is working on novel studies in their reading groups and will be writing plays based on the books.
- Madame Poirier's Grade 3 French Immersion class is excited about performing a short play in French for Mrs. Bannerman's JK class in June.
- Mme MacDonald's class will be having a pioneer feast on June 21st.

#### Grade 5

- Miss Westwood's class is busy with experiments exploding and blasting things. Later in the month we'll build solar ovens and cook s'mores. We're also working on Newspapers in literacy, performing plays and looking forward to our end-of-year class auction where we can spend our hard-earned salary.
- Grade 5 EFI Science: presenting structures and the effect on forces. Social Studies: project presentations on an ancient civilization (Mesopotamia, China, Greece and Rome)

#### Grade 6

- Grade 6 EFI Social studies: project presentations on one of Canada's trading partners and the effect of international trade on our lives.
- All grade 6 classes will be participating in leadership activities such as rock climbing and a ropes course at Bonnenfant YMCA center on June 11th.

### **New Business/Follow Up:**

#### **Quick tour of year to show human sundial - Katia and Cathy**

We headed outside in order to surprise Mr. McLellan with a retirement gift.

With Katia Sioufi and our Kanata Trustee (and Chair of the Board) Cathy Curry in attendance, Cynthia, on behalf of School Council, made a presentation to Mr. McLellan dedicating the outdoor classroom to him in honour of his upcoming retirement. A plaque was presented that will be fixed to the site in September and a second version was given to Micheal as gift.

By the way, the sundial project and pumpkin patch was completed as well!

#### **School Supplies Supplier – follow up**

The supplier will be the same as last year. There will be no fund raising involved. Forms should go home next week.

#### **Rochin' Family Fun Fair:**

Volunteers were sought for the School Council Table for the fun fair. Reminder that the cakes for the sale at the fair can be dropped off ahead of time.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **OCASC**

No report was provided, but the minutes are available on the OCASC website.

#### **Treasurer**

The Treasure's report was reviewed. There were some surplus funds. A motion was made to restore the library book allocation to the previous amount of \$3500.00. \$1500 addition was added for gym equipment. Motion was put forward by Christina, seconded by Dawn and passed.

A proposed budget was presented for consideration by next year's council.

### **Food**

There have been issues with the milk fridge that the milk is kept in before distribution to the students. The milk supplier will be contacted to try to obtain a replacement as they supplied the fridge.

### **Fundraising**

No report.

### **Round Table**

A landscaping update was provided by Dave. The bird houses are up, painting at Bayshore Public School was completed and the pumpkins are growing.

Names of parent's to represent Roch Carrier School Council in the upcoming ARC process (see above) designed to review the accommodation issues in the Kanata elementary schools were sought by the principal. There is a significant time commitment required of volunteers for the duration of the approximately 1 and a half year process. Several volunteers expressed interest.

Cynthia and others thanked the Council members for their work this year.

**Close & Adjournment** Closed at 9:00.