

**R.C.E.S. School Council Meeting**  
**May 4, 2010**

Call to order, 7:06 pm

Approval of Agenda, Dave and Kristin

**Reports:**

**Principal's Report**

#1- Thank you lunch today was amazing!

#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 currently have 81 new JK registrations
- We have completed our staffing process for teaching staff

#3- Student- Led Conferences:

The feedback was excellent! We had a great turn out...parents, grandparents and even a few older brothers...

The feedback about the format...using the gym was excellent

Some parent comments:

- It really gives a parent a great sense of what the student has learned...and what has improved over the term
- It is fantastic that the kids are reflecting on their work and seeing the change in their work from the beginning of the year
- I am very proud of ....'s work and his enthusiasm showing it off. He is clear on his understanding of where he needs to improve. I am stunned at the improvement in the clarity of his writing...
- Thank you for the wonderful opportunity to come into the school...I love the opportunity to see the final product...
- It is really wonderful to see how the work has progressed this year, and to see what they have learned by going through this process...

- I am impressed by how much work they do in class. Some of the work I have seen at home and some of the work is new and very impressive...
- ....did a great job showing me her progress and accomplishments to date...she certainly is improving and is enjoying her year. The portfolio was fantastic...

May 5           Open house primary 8:30 to 9:30  
 May 5           Open house junior 9:30 to 10:30  
 May 7           Open house Kindergarten 10:30 to 11:00 and 2:30 to 3:00  
 June 8          Junior Track meet  
 June 17         Grade 6 orientations at WOM and BCES  
 June 24         Grade 6 School leaving ceremony

## **Staff Report**

Junior Kindergarten  
 Bannerman J.K.

Thursday, May 20th is "Opposite Day" in our class. The children are welcome to wear their clothes inside out or backwards, say Goodbye for Hello, sing O Canada at the end of the day and the Goodbye song at the beginning. We will also play "The Opposite Game" where they get to.....do the opposite of what I tell them to do.

Miss Kathy's JK students are learning about life cycles and what hatches from eggs. The baby chicks are expected to hatch in the class incubator on May 10, 11 and 12th. We are also discussing mammals born alive

In Ms Jo-Anne's class we are learning about oviparous animals and are very good at classifying animals now! We are watching the chick eggs in Miss Kathy's class...  
 We have also been doing science experiments with eggs and vinegar!

Mrs. Kerwin

We've been working hard all year on a wonderful mother's day craft, using our reading skills to identify the months of the year; our science skills to identify seasons with pictures, and our fine motor skills where every child has painted either fingerprints, handprints or footprints for each calendar month. We have bound them into a calendar for mom!!! It was a humongous effort and tickly fun (painting with our hands and feet), but could not have been done without the generous support of parent volunteers! You must see them, they are gorgeous!!!!

In SKEFI with Mme Pearson and Mme Hole, we have been studying eggs and which animals hatch from eggs. At the water table, the children have been predicting whether eggs will float or sink

All the Kindergarten classes enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Museum of Civilization last Friday, April 23rd. The IMAX 3D film Sharks was spectacular and the Children's Museum was amazing.

All the Kindergarten classes will go to Valleyview Farm on Thursday, June 3rd.

Kindergarten Information Night for Parents is Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00 PM in the School Gym.

#### Grade 1

Mme Vezina reminds us that All the Grades 1 French Immersion will go to the museum of Agriculture for the sheep shearing in May...

Mme Scott and Mlle Backstrom We are learning about different folk tales (e.g., Little Red Ridding Hood) and will be working on folk tale plays later in the month.

Mrs. Wood's Grade One class have been measuring many items in their classroom- their desks, pencils, books- even themselves. Their plants are growing and they are excited to measure how tall they will get.

#### Grade 2

Mme Galuban's Grade 2 class had a lot of fun studying the world of animals! You can stop at our class at any time and see the beautiful Animal projects on display outside of the classroom.

Toye- Gr. 2 EFI- have just started learning about simple machines in Science (such as a lever, inclined plane, etc) and will be going to the Science & Tech. museum on Friday, May 21st to attend the workshop "Seesaw and Simple Machines".

The children in Mrs. Levy Rick's gr. 3 class and Mrs. Paunins' grade 2/3 class will be hosting an Invention Convention Wednesday, May 5th. The children will be creating a toy factory and sharing all of the toys they invented that incorporate either simple machines or different forces. Please drop by to see some of their fabulous inventions.

The grade three students in Mme Macdonald's Mme Poirier et Mme Pinard's classes recently enjoyed a wonderful field trip back in time to learn about Pioneer Life at the MacSkimming Outdoor centre.

The students in Madame Poirier's Grade 3 EFI class are diligently working on their science projects (Report Writing) about Plants.

Mme Macdonald's class is currently studying plants and composing poems for Mother's Day. In English, Mrs Riem is teaching the students how to write persuasive letters.

Mme Jacquie's grade three class is studying soils and plants. In English, they are working on writing diaries of an egghead, and an explanatory journal of how to grow a plant.

Mrs. Westwood's class is planning a Medieval feast. They are wrapping up a 3-D unit and are about to start mapping and coordinate geometry.

Mrs. Harrison's grade four students are continuing work on different environmental projects including the building and planting of the school pumpkin patch with Mr. Miskelly. We are also using an environmental lens to read and view information about amazing places in Canada.

M Prud'homme's grade four students are looking at the different topographical regions of Canada as well we are studying map coordinates. In language arts, we have started our centre work where the students are creating a collage from a variety of articles and pictures from newspaper activities.

Mrs. Riem's grade 4 students are budding geologists as they learn about rocks and minerals. Her Grade 5/6 class is working on the history of dance, studying aboriginal dance. Mrs. Riem's grade 6 class is starting a new science unit called the diversity of living things. They will start with classification, beginning with the classification of her shoes.

The grade 4 Mme Laviolette's and Mrs. Carew's grade 5 students are learning all about Ancient Egypt. Last Thursday, the students went to the Museum of Civilisation. They loved it!

Ms Carew's class won second place in the City of Ottawa's Waste to Gold contest by making traditional Newfoundland musical instruments called "ugly sticks".

#### Grade 6

Mrs. Allingham's grade 5 students are report writing about the Titanic, while the grade 6s are learning about Canada's role globally socially, environmentally and economically.

Students in Mrs. Gasperetti's grade 6 class have been learning about biodiversity. They have been looking at the different perspectives of people who might be impacted when land is developed and habitats need to be maintained. They went on a field trip to Macskimming Outdoor Education Centre where they completed a pond study and classified various living things.

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

G.C.C. – Active & Safe Routes to School

Members discussed the transportation proposal presented at the previous meeting. A motion was made to accepted, in principle, to set a committee and go forward with a proposal subject to

securing staff and administrative (principal/V.P.) support for next year. The motion was forwarded by Ken, 2<sup>nd</sup> Susan and passed with three abstentions, Chris, Debbie and Wendy.

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

This item was postponed to next meeting.

### **Creating Email Newsletter**

Cynthia discussed the possibility of sending Council Newsletters by email instead of paper distribution and informed us that there are companies that will manage distribution lists. Another option might be to post the newsletters on the website and use the Synervoice messaging to notify parents that a newsletter has been posted. The Synervoice system should be available next year to RCES.

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

The following information was presented.

#### **Roch Carrier E.S. - Roch'in Family Fun Fair**

**Date: Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> (rain date June 18<sup>th</sup>)**

**Time: 4:30-8:30pm**

**Location: 401 Stonehaven Drive, Kanata, Ontario, K2M 3B5**

- Roch Carrier School Council would like to invite all families to participate in our FREE family fun fair - an event that will be appealing to ALL students and families at the school. Families are invited to bring a picnic along with them and we will have some refreshments available at a reasonable cost – while supplies last.
- Crowd expectation – we have app. 750 students and staff who will be invited, along with their families (could be 1000 in attendance).

**Community involvement: booths to be set up outside or demonstrations in the back field**

- Kanata
- Firefighters ? 5-6pm?
- Police – two confirmed volunteers who are enthusiastic to attend and help with this event. I am still recruiting 2 more, so that we can provide Child Print, a bicycle safety, with "Bike Checks", and possibly hand out some information regarding the Pace Car program as well.
- BCA – what is the BCA about, who can become involved, True Sport movement.
- School Council Table – what is school council about, fundraising plan for next year.

The Works "Shake Station" – Contact : Angela Swan (613) 232-8335

They are available from 5-7pm, need a table and an outlet. They will be arriving late so we will need to reserve parking for them. Will offer sample size shakes for **FREE** – app. 125 shakes/hour.

Demonstrations in Gym: 20 minute demonstrations, 10 minutes set up time – run them at 30 minute intervals starting at 5:00pm, ending at 6:30pm

- Zumba? : 5:00-5:30pm
- Karate (Sensei Jason) : 5:30-6pm
- Cheerleaders : 6-6:30pm

Dance in Gym: 6:45-8:30pm

**FREE** Outdoor Activities: 4:30-7:30pm

- Balloon splash (pitch burst) – 5 teacher volunteers willing to be “splashed”
- Carousel Bouncer

- Gladiator Joust
- Tug of war – two ropes to be set up (allow older and younger children to participate)
  
- Egg race
- Three legged race/potato sack races
- Hula Hoops
- Skipping Ropes
- Parachute Play
- Hockey Shoot
- Access to play structures

RunAMok will be selling cotton candy and popcorn at \$2/item

Items for Sale INSIDE school (fundraising to offset costs of event) :

Bake sale – set up near conference room and servery to block off front entranceway – items ranging from \$0.25 to \$2?

Cake Walk – set up in U shape to block off Kindergarten wing

- we will pre-sell tickets \$0.25 each or 10/\$2 and sell on site.

**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS/ORGANIZATION:**

- borrow orange sashes from the school so that volunteers will be more recognizable
  
- set up pylons blocking the Kiss ‘n ride to set up parking for “dignitaries” and to allow access to the yard for our “vendors”
  
- ensure that we have volunteers with sashes “patrolling” the dance

**Committee Reports:**

**OCASC**

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

## **Treasurer**

Not able to prepare report, it will be sent by email.

## **Food**

No update.

## **Fundraising – Discuss 2010/11 Plan**

This year's donation to the Education Foundation from the Cake Walk will be made in memory of Cathy Nevins, former superintendent OCDSB.

## **RCSC Fundraising Plan 2010-11 School Year**

The fundraising Committee has decided to run three Campaigns and three Cake Walks through the 2010-11 school year.

### **Fall Campaign (September 21st- October 5th)**

- Entertainment Books: Fund Raising goal is to sell 500 books (essentially 1 book per family) for a profit of \$8750 – estimated income (reality check) is \$5000. Profit will go towards subsidizing a field trip for every student in the school (we will round down to the nearest dollar – any additional money raised to go towards a parent resource section in the library?)
- Kick Off on Tuesday September 21, 2010 – assembly at 2pm in the gym, books will be brought to the school on Monday the 20th and left in the staff room for staff to bring to their classrooms/portables
- Need to create letter to parents with explanation of campaign and what our fundraising goal is
- Will require class lists for envelope labels and record keeping
- NO PRIZES for selling, only prizes (stuffed frog or bookmarks) to 1st class(es) that returns orders and/or books that aren't sold. Incentive (Star Bucks gift cards) for teachers who gather everything back quickly
- Offer 2 for 1 to staff – staff can pair up to purchase books or buy them as gifts

#### Winter Campaign (exact dates tbd)

- Holiday Package to be put together and sold in November for early-mid December delivery – multiple offerings appeal to the larger population
- Offers to include – MacMillan’s Cookie Dough, FundScrip gift cards, Fair Trade Coffee (\$5 profit/bag), Community Cookbook (compilation of up to 300 recipes from our school community – sells for \$20/book. Section for traditional holiday recipes from different cultural groups in our school) or Poinsettias from Richmond Nursery
- Estimated profit is: \$3000 to go towards Legacy Project, Furniture Restoration, Earth Care and any other school/student programs. Any surplus is to go towards budget.

#### Spring Campaign (exact dates tbd - Campaign to run in March/April for April/May delivery)

- Spring/Earth Day Package or Mother’s Day Package
- Offers to include a return of the Fair Trade Coffee (biodegradable bags), FundScrip, and Enchanted Garden or Cookbooks.
- Estimated Profit is \$1500-2000 - can be put towards Cultural presentations for the school and the family based event (another Rochin’ Family Fun Fair?)

#### Links to information on Fundraisers:

<http://pistolandburnes.com/services/fundraising/tips-for-a-successful-fundraiser>

<http://www.macmillans.on.ca/>

<http://www.entertainment.com/fundraising/>

<http://betterfundraisingideas.com/> - information on Personalized Cookbooks, Enchanted Garden and more

#### Cake Walk Themes:

Holiday Cake Walk – 50 % of profits to go to a Beacon School

Valentine’s Cake Walk – towards school council budget

Spring/Earth Cake Walk – towards school council budget and Education Foundation

The plan was amended to include in the Winter campaign poinsettias, coffee and fundscript but not cookie dough or the cookbook, and the Spring campaign would include fundscript, flowers, and coffee, if successful in the Winter version. Motion to accept plan as amendment was forwarded by Cynthia, seconded by Wendy, passed.

### **Round Table**

Dave provided an update on the landscaping projects. The scout groups are to put in 4 posts for bird houses in the butterfly garden. The Earth Care team is to help construct a pumpkin garden. A motion was made to provide funding of \$175.00 for the birdhouses which was not previously included in the budget. Motion was forwarded by Debbie and passed.

**Close & Adjournment** Motion, Lois. Closed at 9:20.