

**Roch Carrier E. School
School Council Meeting
November 3, 2009**

Call to order, 7:05 p.m.

Accommodations in Kanata Schools, Cathy Curry, OCDSB Trustee

Cathy Curry provided information on accommodation issues within the Kanata area. There are currently a number of schools experiencing over crowding issues within Kanata. Kanata North seems to have more immediate needs than Kanata South.

Kanata South also is likely to have increasing issues with overcrowding. Choice of programs offered at various schools affects the numbers in each school (e.g. addition of middle french immersion at Bridlewood last year) and future provincial indicatives - mainly the introduction of all day program for kindergarten - will affect the number of classrooms required within each school. The OCDSB favours having a choice of all available programs in each community. Our community now has this configuration with options including regular program, gifted, EFI, MFI offered at various public schools within the community. Council was asked to provide an opinion on how best to look at these accommodation issues. Options include either a whole Kanata approach, a separate approach for North and South Kanata or a separate process for North and South followed by integration of the two areas.

Any changes for next September would need to be completed by February for 2010 implementation. It would be at least two years to build the addition to RCES sighting of which was included in the original building plan. Support from our MPP, Norm Sterling would likely be needed to move ahead.

A brief discussion of was held. It was noted that it may be difficult for Council to reach a single position as to changes within the community to address accommodation issues.

ACTION REQUIRED: Council to provide recommendation of preferred approach to consultation process and within that context determine if RCES, through council, can provide recommendations to over crowding issues. Recommendations to be provided to the board by December.

Principal's Report:



Roch Carrier Elementary School
401 Stonehaven Drive, Kanata K2M 3B5 254-8400
Principal's Report
School Council
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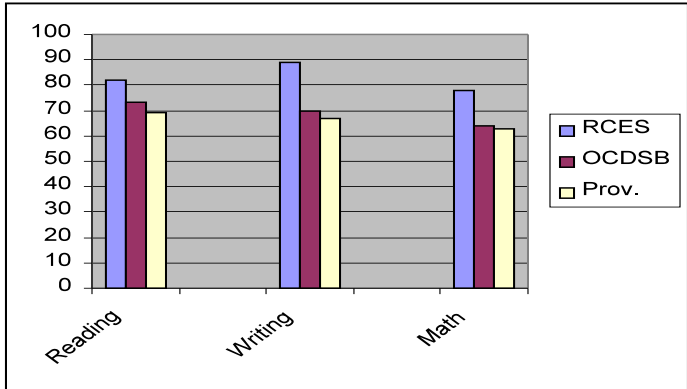
#1- School Improvement Planning

We are currently working at the development of a plan that will focus on:

...helping students extend their understanding of the author's **big idea(s)** when they read by Making **inferences, connections, judgments and or drawing conclusions**...students will be Able to communicate their **deep understanding** orally, visually and/or in writing.

Staff have been working with support from our curriculum services...they are working in grade level teams.

- grade 6 EQAO



#2- Our Professional Development Day Nov. 16th

- we will join the staff from Farley Mowat on Monday...the focus is Assistive Technology and Effective teaching strategies for ELL learners in the morning
- the PM focus will be our school improvement planning

#3- Our current numbers

	2008	2009
- JK/SK	201	210
- Reg. Program	183	186
- EFI Program	263	302
TOT:	647	698

This year's #s = homerooms 2009

These #s aged = homerooms for Sept. 2010

JK	2.5	2.5
SK R	1.0	1.0
SK EFI	2.0	2.0
Prim.R	4.0	4.0
Prim.EFI	9.0	10.0 +1
Jr	4.0	4.0
Jr EFI	5.0	6.0 +1

- **This means 2 extra rooms...we would take over the remaining 2 portables. We currently have 27.5 homerooms and will have 29.5 homerooms next year**

Dates to remember:

Nov.12 photo retake day
Nov. 13 PD Day

Nov. 16 PD Day

Staff Report:

- The students in Kathy Paunins grade 2/3 and Sue Levy-Rick's grade 3 classes will be having a special Science exhibition of their mammal and plant projects on November 20. Parents and students from the school community will be invited to view the research and talk with the young scientists.
- The students and staff are preparing for a Remembrance Day assembly on the 11th. Classes are each preparing postcards to veterans or for soldiers serving overseas

In math we are...

Kindergarten

SK Pearson & Hole - continuing to work on patterns, counting and simple graphs. We used yarn (non-standard measuring device) to estimate then measure how big around a pumpkin is, then put our yarn pieces under the headings trop long, trop court, juste bien.

JK Miss Kathy - counting, sorting, patterns, printing numbers to 5

JK Pulley – making basic patterns using our daily calendar activity and using Halloween foam shapes. We made beautiful Halloween headbands to show off our "spooktacular" patterns.

JK Bannerman - printing our numbers properly from 1-5 and we will be graphing how many people we have in our families during our "All About Me" unit.

SK Kerwin – counting by 10s

Grade 1

1 EFI Scott & Backstrom – learning to tell time to the hour.

1 EFI Vézina and Desforbes – beginning a unit on geometry.

1 Ridgeway - beginning a unit on time, temperature and money. They also welcome student teacher Darci Byrne from U of O.

1 Wood – estimating how many pumpkin seeds were in their pumpkin. They are learning to tell time to the hour and count pennies.

Grade 2

2 - Saschenbrecker - beginning a unit on geometry.

2 - Paunins' & Levy-Rick's concluding a unit on addition, subtraction and problem solving.

2 EFI Bercy – learning about repetitive and growing number patterns.

2EFI Toye, Greenland - learning about geometric solids and their attributes.

Grade 3

3 EFI – MacDonald - starting a unit on data management.

3 EFI – Poirier - learning to add and subtract three-digit numbers by playing a variety of card games with a partner.

3 EFI – Pinard – learning about geometry.

Grade 4, 5, 6

4,5 - Harrod - beginning our study of Two-dimensional Geometry; identifying and sorting 2D shapes, and measuring and drawing angles.

4EFI Harrison/ Prud'homme –exploring patterns that grow, shrink, and repeat in numeric and geometric sequences. We are noticing patterns are everywhere! We are also practicing how to write all of our thinking down when we answer Math questions.

5 & 6 EFI – Laviolette/Carew – **finishing a unit n geometry and beginning a unit on decimals.**

6 Allingham - In math we are using play money to make change and work out money word problems. Next we will be working with clocks to work out problems regarding elapsed time.

New Business: School Council Website

Cynthia suggested, first through email, that a website be set up to share information concerning school council and to inform parents be set up by council. There was interest shown through email. Volunteers have indicated a willingness to maintain the site and additional parents offered to assist at the meeting.

A motion was passed to create a separate web site for parent council which is to cost no more that \$150.00. Forwarded by C. Menary, 2nd D. Miskelly, passed unanimously.

Pace Car Program

S. Wehrmann provided an update on the Pace car program. Essentially drivers who agree drive the speed limit by taking a "Pace car pledge" are provided a sticker to put on their car indicating they are a neighbourhood pace car. The pace car then acts as a moving speed bump to help reduce speeding problems. This program was started as a pilot with St. Anne's a few years ago and the current initiative is to simplify the process of becoming a "pace car" and expand to additional schools.

See

<http://www.safekidscanada.ca/SKCFForParents/section.asp?s=Safety+Information+by+Topic&slD=10774&ss=Pedestrian+Safety&ssID=11332&sss=Pace+Car+Program+Overview&sssID=26988> for more details.

Susan has ordered more stickers.

Committee Reports:

OCASC: no report

Treasurer: As pre approved budget, funds for the fall library books and filed trips were released.

Food/Fundraising: Entertainment books sold well raising \$7 per student for a field trip.

Subs are selling as expected.

Some parents have noted that Lunch Lady prices are different from other schools. This is because each Council determines the profit levy to include. It was decided to have 50 cent profit in keeping with the profit set for Mazzola lunches and other RCES lunch programs. Other schools may use a different formula.

While not a school council initiative, the school raised over \$1025 through the Pumpkins walk. Half is for play ground improvement and half was donated to the United Way. Thank you to the Superstore for the donated pumpkins.

November campaign, MacMillan's and Fundscript, has started; forms were sent home.

Future fundraising:

J. Tackabury offered to hold a Zumba fitness class to let people try this new fitness class as a fundraising opportunity. Tickets would be sold for likely \$ 20 and the class held in the gym. Proceeds could be earmarked for environmental programs at RCES. M. McLellen will look for possible dates that the school gym is available in the evening.

While fundraising went well for Entertainment books another approach for next year could be to sell the smaller version at \$7/ coupon booklet. The coupons would be more Kanata based. However, to raise the same amount of money families would have to sell about 5 pamphlets. Cynthia will look at options.

Round Table

- Snow removal concerns from last year will be addressed.
- The locks on back doors of portables are checked regularly.
- Character education classes added during additional time preparation time provided to teachers under new collective agreement (all schools). Follows character wheel posted at school.
- Schools are reporting absence of 10% or greater to public health as part of flu monitoring. Enhanced cleaning is provided when absences rise.
- movie night - Up - soon.

Close & Adjournment, 9:30.

Next meeting is on
December 1st, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.