

RCES Council Meeting  
Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Annual General Meeting

Meeting called to order by Kristin Kyle at 7:04 p.m.

Motion to approve agenda by Kristin with minor change – move Treasurer's Report after school council elections. 1<sup>st</sup> by Susan Wehrmann., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Miskelly. All in favour.

**1) Staff Report – Colleen Scott**

- ✎ For sports, the Cross Country team of 135 students strong from grades 3-6 will be running rain or shine at the KRC on October 16th.
- ✎ The junior students have been playing soccer the past two weeks and we've registered for a tournament on October 20th.
- ✎ The students absolutely love the painted tarmac games. The four squares are especially popular.

**Kindergarten**

SK Pearson & Hole - We have just finished a unit on the three bears. We are just starting our fall theme. We are continuing patterning and counting activities with vocabulary from the new theme.

JK Miss Kathy - We are learning about apples, pumpkins, the Four healthy food groups in the Canada Food Guide, Thanksgiving, and being helpful, kind, polite friends.

JK Pulley – This week we started talking about Thanksgiving and all of the things we are thankful for! We will end our week with some beautiful turkey handprints and a beautiful turkey hat!!!

JK Bannerman - The J.K.'s are settling nicely into the routines of school. We signed out our very first library book and we are looking forward to our first trip to the computer lab. We are also counting down the days to Hallowe'en!

SK Kerwin – We are learning songs and working on turkey related activities.

**Grade 1**

1 EFI Scott & Backstrom - This month, we are continuing to do a lot of writing, such as our "Merci pour" (Thank you for) books and writing about spiders. We will be making soup to share as a class this week.

1 EFI Vézina and Desforges – We had a visit from the Japanese embassy and learned about the differences between Japan and Canada.

1 Ridgeway - The children of room 222 are wrapping up their Living Things Unit, before moving into a study of the local community. Their bean plant in their window garden has climbed to within 5 centimeters of the ceiling.

1 Wood – We have been learning about warm and cool colours. We made 3-D trees to illustrate our learning.

**Grade 2**

2 - Mr. Saschenbrecker's class went on a field trip last week to Bill Mason Centre to learn about wetland habitats. The grade threes are learning about diversity of plants and Grade 4s are learning about different habitats.

2 - Mrs. Paunins' & Mrs. Levy-Rick's students will be engaged in a year-long project focused on empathy and community involvement. The students will be organizing and running several small fundraisers throughout the year and all proceeds will be donated to the Free the Children Foundation.

2 EFI Bercy – Mme Bercy’s grade 2s are working on a cornucopia art project and related literacy activity for Thanksgiving.

2EFI Toye & Greenland’s grade 2s are working on plasticine and papier mâché globes. They are going on a field trip to the Museum of Science and Technology for wind and water workshops,

### **Grade 3**

3– Levy – Rick

The students have been studying plants and their importance to life on Earth. As well, students successfully raised 10 Monarch caterpillars to adulthood. The butterflies are now winging their way to Mexico!

3 EFI - Mme Macdonald's grade 3 class have been writing biographical poems about each other and made accompanying self-portraits in art.

3 EFI – Mme Poirier’s class has been learning about and building structures.

3 EFI – Mme Pinard’s class has just begun their pioneer unit.

### **Grades 4, 5 & 6**

4,5 - Mr. Harrod's class have been learning about how the organ systems of our body work (grade 5's), and building and studying habitats (grade 4's).

4 EFI Prud’homme - In the grade 4 EFI Social Studies, the students have studied the decline of the Roman Empire as an underlying cause of the beginning of the Middle Ages.

4EFI Harrison – They are learning about vermi (worm) composting and how it can reduce waste in our school

5 & 6 EFI – Laviolette As part of their “*Qui suis-je?*” unit of study, students have been learning about SCUBA diving. We had a diving instructor come to the classroom to give us a brief introduction to this sport.

We have begun a unit on First Nation and Inuit peoples in North America. Students will take part in a pow-wow on Victoria Island on October 19.

6 Allingham - Grade 6's are going to visit the Aviation Museum for their Flight Science unit. Grade 5's will soon spend at day at Parliament and the Supreme Court for their Social Studies Canadian Government Unit.

## **2) Principal's Report & Traffic Report - Mr. McLellan**

**#1- Our start-up has been excellent!**

**#2- Our current numbers ....**

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

**#3- The staffing process is complete for this year.**

- we have had to re-group and cut 1 EFI homeroom at the junior level

#### #4- Our Professional Development Day



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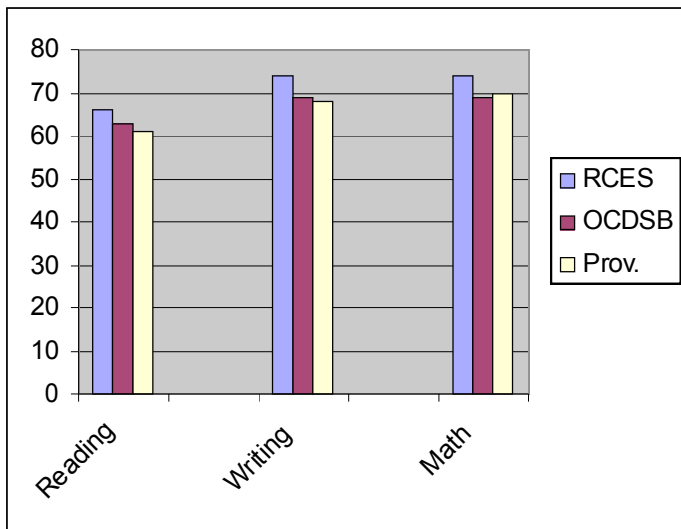


- we will be joined by the staff from Farley Mowat on Friday...the focus is “questioning” and “higher order thinking” as it relates to helping students develop a deeper level of understanding when they read

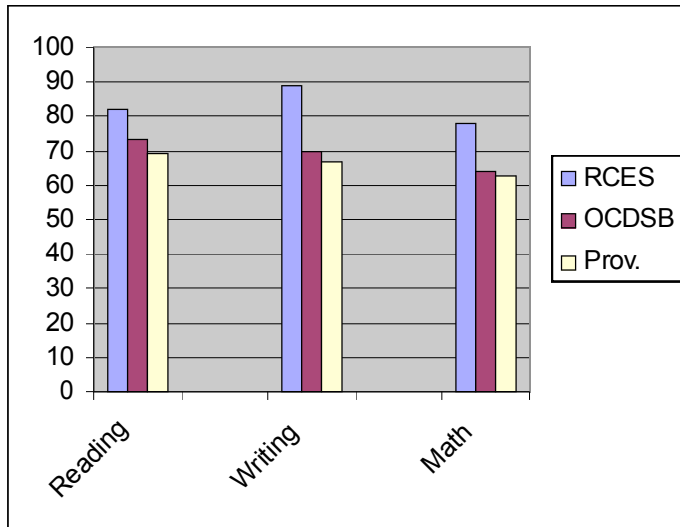
#### # 5- EQAO:

\*\*\* Our target for improvement in 2008-2009 was Writing...we have seen a 9% gain in our grade 3 score in writing and a 4% gain in our grade 6 writing score...our focused efforts have translated into positive results. This year we will still focus on writing but may add reading. We want to help students to deepen their understanding when reading.

#### - grade 3



## - grade 6



## #6- Traffic flow

- we have had changes made to our traffic plan....changes that will be highlighted in our next newsletter. Parking spots have been added to the kiss and ride area (although one may be removed), a line has been drawn down the centre of the bus lane. The far side is for use by parents, eventually, so as to alleviate the congestion leaving the school in the morning.
- Caroline Cross would still like to see a crossing guard. She has arranged to have the speed sign put up on Bridle Park as well as getting a petition signed for the crossing guard. She will continue to send emails to the city. She has the support of both Elizabeth Bruyere and St. Anne's. It was suggested that she write to Hugh Adami at the Ottawa Citizen. We have until March 31<sup>st</sup> to identify spots for a crossing guard to be included in the next years budget. It would be beneficial to have car counts done at these locations. She will look into getting police involvement on Bridle Park.

## 3) 2009-2010 School Council Elections

All positions were filled by acclamation. The following is your council for this year:

Co-Chairs: Cynthia Menary, Caroline Cross

Treasurer: Christina Huppé

Secretary: Anne Bowes (back up Susan Wehrmann)

Community Rep: Lois Allen

OCASC Rep: Lisa Young

Executive Members: Vandana Brar, Brett Wilson, Cindy Dummitt, Chantal McEvoy, Miguel Santini, Debbie Brown, Susan Wehrmann, Dave Miskelly, Jennifer Tackabury, Kathy Warnholtz, Ken Gourlay, Kristin Kyle, Chris Ward and Wendy Clee (also Newsletter co-ordinator).

## 4) Committe Reports

### TREASURER'S REPORT

See financial reports that are attached with the minutes. Two changes were made to the budget: a) the full year amount budgeted for Fundsript was changed from \$600 to \$300; b) teacher allocations for fall and spring was changed from \$3,850 to \$3,800.

Dave Miskelly requested funds (amount to be brought to next meeting) for bird house and bat house for our garden. The scout pack that uses our school will dig the holes for the posts and set them in concrete. The cub packs will build the houses – this is where the funds are needed. Lisa Clayton advised council that the school will be hosting a pumpkin walk this year. Half the funds will go to the United Way and the other half is to be used for playground enhancement. They are ok with using these funds for the bird and bat houses.

Dave would also like to build a sunclock (a hardcopy of the document will be available in the library with the council minutes). Since this is our 5<sup>th</sup> year and it will end in 2010 he would also like to have a time capsule put under the sunclock to be opened in 2030. Cost of time capsule is unknown at this time. The project will require approximately 24 patio stones will should cost less than \$500. Michael is also willing to use the GST rebate they get from the council food programs on this project.

Christina put forth a motion to approve the budget with the two changes that were stated above and a \$400 surplus. 1<sup>st</sup> by Kristin Kyle and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caroline Cross. Everyone in favor.

Christina to write a cheque for the fall teacher allocation of \$3,800.

### **FOOD PROGRAMS REPORT**

Although our numbers are down a bit from our projections we are still getting orders trickling in. Currently we have 185 students participating in the milk program, 295 students participating in the pizza program and 115 students participating in the sub program (approximately 105 subs/week).

### **FUNDRAISING REPORT**

Since Cynthia is co-chair this year she is looking for a new volunteer to be fundraiser co-ordinator. Chantal McEvoy said she would help. If anyone else is interested please let Cynthia know.

Entertainment books: our target was to sell 500 books. Unfortunately we only sold just over 300. We get to keep \$14.50/book. So we will make approximately \$4900. Mrs. Gasperetti and Mrs. Bannerman's classes were the high sellers selling 25 and 21 books respectively.

For the November fundraiser we will have a seasonal offering: AMC tickets (Cynthia to check on these), cookie dough and fundscrip. It was put forward last year that we sell Nutfree instead of MacMillians. Nutfree only sells cookie dough, MacMillians sells cookies dough (regular as well as nut free), muffin dough, cakes, pies, gingerbread houses, gingerbread men and other products. It was put to a vote – MacMillian got 12 votes; Nutfree 2 votes with 6 people abstaining. We will go ahead with MacMillians if there is a date available.

A couple of parents who have direct sales businesses requested space in our newsletters offering a percentage of their commission to the school council when someone holds a party indicating they are from Roch Carrier. After some discussion it was decided that we would have this as an agenda item in November and we can come up with some parameters for the type of businesses we are willing to include, if any.

Starbucks has agreed to do a book drive for us. They have also indicated they will provide coffee for events, Caroline to check into this more.

Mabels labels has brought in \$260.

Ongoing fundraisers are collection of Campbell soup labels, Canadian Tire money, Farmboy receipts (ONLY from the Hazeldean location) and Boomerang Kids (bring your used clothing and toys to Boomerang kids and put it under the schools account. We get the money when sold). Last school year the school was able to purchase gym equipment with the Campbell Soup labels. We hope to do the same this year as well as use the Canadian Tire money for gym and playground equipment, and the funds raised from the Farmboy receipts and the Boomerang Kid campaign for school council functions such as a family dance or the staff appreciation lunch.

### **OCASC REPORT**

Anne was unable to attend the first OCASC Meeting of this school year. Meeting minutes can be found on their website at [www.ocasc.ca](http://www.ocasc.ca).

OCASC or the Ottawa Carleton Assembly of School Councils is a body that represents all councils of the board. Schools who wish to participate pay a yearly fee and have a voice in the meetings. OCASC representatives are on committees that take issues to the board. Basically it gives parents a voice before the board.

The meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and are held at Fisher Park School, 250 Holland Ave. Lisa Young has offered to attend but she cannot go every month. Cynthia will attend the other months.

## **5) Other**

There was some discussion regarding the number of portables we currently have. Some parents are concerned about our size and what will happen if /when the board goes to all day kindergarten. According to the other Pascal report 1/3 of OCDSB schools have the space to handle all day kindergarten upon implementation, 1/3 could handle it with some adjustments and 1/3 could not handle it. RCES is in the last group. Parents would like to know if there were any plans to expand Roch Carrier and for a boundary review. It was decided that we need to get some information ready to take to our trustee Cathy Curry so as to ensure a boundary review is done.

Mr. McLellan will provide a possible picture of what RCES will look like next year.

Motion put forward to adjourn meeting at 9:02 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> by Caroline and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan. All in favour. Meeting was adjourned.