

**ROTHESAY PARK SCHOOL
PARENT SCHOOL SUPPORT COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

MEETING DATE: October 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Chair: Mary Ann Mackay

Present: Tammy Doherty, Julie Matthews, Sherry-Ann Soodan, Twila Williams,
Laura Henry, Robyn McMullen, Lisa Tran, Mary Ann Mackay

Regrets: Linda Sherbo, Lauren Anderson, Robin LeRoy

1. Welcome
2. Review and approval of the agenda - **APPROVED**
3. Review and approval of September 18th meeting minutes - **APPROVED**
4. Business arising from the minutes:

Action: Updated School Improvement Plan (SIP) to be broken into sections and sent out by Tammy.

5. New Business:

A. Principal's Report:

1. Positive learning and working environment – school a positive place to be, Way To Go cards and monthly assembly, added Way To Go ballots
2. Chili Dinner – students enjoyed themselves and was a great family, leftover went to Romero House.
3. Mental fitness – **Action:** let the school know if you have any suggestions for guest speakers.
4. Lockers - \$1255 raised by the chili dinner, classes are doing baskets to be raffled off. Each class has a theme for their basket. Parent letter and email communication to follow.
5. Wellness Week – lots of activities such as comfy clothes day, jersey day, fruit for snack, teacher treats.
6. Policy 711 and cafeteria – food is good and there are many options that would appeal to students. Must be ordered online. Discussion around greater awareness and promotion to the students and families. **Actions:** school will use the announcements to promote the meal for the current day and the next day. Lisa will post on the Facebook page.

7. 4R training – Mr. D. Butler has the training along with Mr. Shea and Ms Hussey. Other teachers will be trained to deliver this programming on healthy relationships.
8. Legalization of marijuana – has been discussed in PDCP classes.
9. Grade 6 Math benchmarks – the district sets the outcomes to be covered and the benchmark has been shifted slightly. This is a teaching tool and not something that is sent home. Students use Dreambox to practice math skills and this program differentiates for each student's ability.
10. Grade 8 literacy boot camp – Mrs. Horgan and Mrs. Dumas are offering this afterschool session to help improve comprehension and writing. Important to encourage all kids to read.
11. Report cards – teachers have a day to work on these. **Action:** Tammy will send home a reminder of the 1,2,3,4 scale., Parents will be called if there are some potential 1s and 2s. Comments in the report card provide additional information for parents.
12. Encourage parents to contact teachers first if there is a concern, rather than skipping right to Tammy.

6. Once around the table:

1. Laura had a question regarding the Grade 8 Quebec trip fundraising. Michelle London is organizing some events: gift card basket, some other ideas. **Action:** Tammy to provide Michelle with the parent emails so that they can be contacted about participating in these fundraising events. Some events will support all of the students going on the trip and other events will be targeted. Currently, 55 students are going on the trip. Parents will be emailed by the company in charge of the trip.
2. Tammy asked if member wanted their phone number as well as their names posted on the school website. Members declined. **Action:** Members' names only will be posted on the RPS website.

7. Next meeting: **November 27, 2018 @ 7:00 pm**

8. Adjournment