

Ecole Regent Park – Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Attendance:

Corinne Wyatt – Chair	Lucia Grande - Principal
Heather Fleming - Vice Chair	Chris Coppinger – Vice Principal
Michelle Ritsema – Treasurer	Tracey Ginter
Gisele Cox – Secretary	Xenia Oze
Samantha Kuzyk	Coral Dance
Becky Clarke	Kelly Hebert
Carlynn Bryga	

1. Call to order/Welcome: Call to order by Corinne at 6:31pm
2. Approval of Agenda: Gisele Cox
3. Review and adoption of minutes:
 - Motion to adopt minutes: Michelle Ritsema
 - Seconded by: Gisele Cox
 - MOTION CARRIED
4. Chair Report: given by Corinne Wyatt
 - nothing to report
5. Vice Chair Report: given by Heather Fleming
 - nothing to report

6. Principal Report: given by Lucia Grande

School population- 520 students

Highlights

- Grade 6 students currently being transported by a RETSD school bus will not be eligible for free busing in Grade 7. According to the Manitoba Education Public Schools Act Regulation (M.R. 259/2006) Grade 7 to Grade 12 students living within the city limits are not eligible for school bus transportation. Fee-for-Service may be available. If you are considering this option, please submit a Transportation Application – Fee-For-Service 2023-24 form. Forms are available from the school office or on the Transportation icon located on divisional home page at www.retsd.mb.ca.

- Fee-For-Service applications must be submitted to the Transportation Department by June 30th of each school year. Applications received after June 30th will be reviewed on an individual basis.

- First WELLNESS Day for students on March 1st was a success. 100% of students who responded on the post surveys stated they enjoyed an afternoon of cross grade learning and down time. We may try again in May!

- We will be hosting our ERP EXPO celebration of learning on March 22nd (5:00-7:00 p.m.). It is a school wide event, and students will be demonstrating their learning not only to their own families, but to the whole ERP family. A detailed letter has been sent home.

- Spirit Week (March 20th to March 24th). Student leaders are looking at having another dance for grades 6-8 (with other options) plus an outdoor scavenger hunt and outdoor adventures for the grade 4-5 students. More information to follow.

- Grade 8 (some grade 7 students) Brandon Band trip a huge success.

- Badminton grades 6-8 has begun.

- Grade 5 students have been working with Artists in the Schools residency-(Leanne Kehler) on story telling through Music. They will be performing on May 18th at ERP.

- Grade 4 students will be singing in the Choir for the EC- EMU grades 2, 3 and 4 transition tour on May 1st at 10:00 a.m. Families- Parents welcome.

- Grade 6-8 Performing Arts concert on May 15th at CPET- More information to follow.

- Grade 8 Farewell on June 29th (looking at ways to engage families in authentic ways).

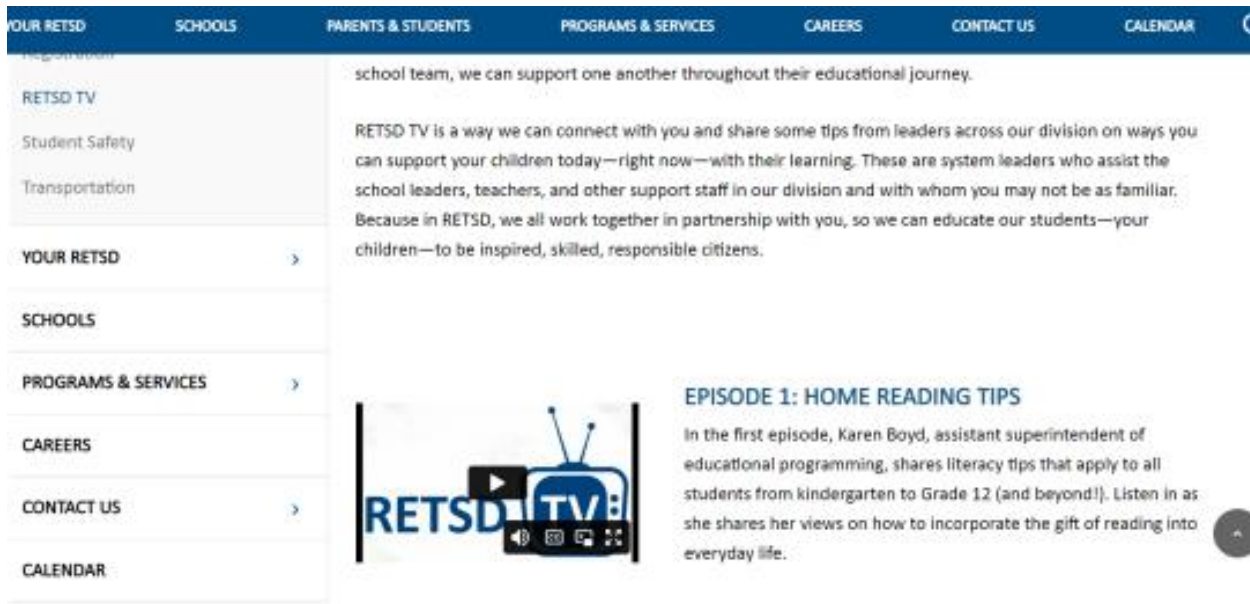
- Grade 8 Quebec Trip- May 4th to May 9th. Students who remain will enjoy experiential field trips to focus in on French Culture around Winnipeg.

- Next year, Grade 8 students will have the chance to attend Moose Jaw- Band trip.

- We are looking at bringing back grade 6,7 camp excursions for next year.

- We are looking at bringing back grade 8 Ski Trip (one night away) for next year.

- RETSD division has started a new initiative called RETSD TV (which is on the website)



Construction update: Construction is progressing as planned. During the spring break, the small gym renovations will begin (transforming it into the large band room). Once completed, the existing band room will be renovated into a Home Ec. Room. Roof work is starting this week.

Dates to remember:

- No school on Friday, March 17th (coordinated day off)
- Term 3 begins on Monday, March 20th.
- Expo evening of Celebration on Wednesday, March 22nd (5-7:00p.m.)
- Parent Portal open for report cards on Thursday, March 23rd.
- Spring Break- March 27th- April 2nd
- School resumes on Monday, April 3rd (Day 5)

Requests: Focussing on the Playground Structure this year. Please divert funds there.

Vice Principal Report: given by Chris Coppinger

- Lunch program will be expanding to include Grades 2 & 3 next year

7. Secretary Report: given by Gisele Cox

- Naomi Kruse could only attend at 7:15 tonight so we rescheduled until our next meeting
- Lucia added RETLife will be holding a Backyard Planning session on March 23 from 7-9 in the library

8. Fundraising Report: given by Corrine Wyatt

- no fundraisers at this time

9. Volunteer Coordinator Report:

- still vacant

10. Playground Report: given by Becky Clarke and Heather Fleming

- exciting news this past week; we received a \$40,000 grant from EC Daycare
- we are now able to meet the financial requirements to build the playground
- thank you to everyone for all your fundraising, grant writing and to Lucia and Chris for everything they have done
- not 100% sure of the timeline of all our finances coming together as we are still waiting for Lottos to take their 1.5% from our raffle so we will need to leave some money in the playground account but we will be able to move the majority of the money to the trust fund so we can get to where we need to be

-we need to send a package to the school division to get the final approval and we need to show that we all approve of this playground and the transfer of the funds so we can pay for it

-at one of the previous meetings it was brought up that PAC could possibly transfer \$10,000 to the playground account as Lucia and Chris are not requesting any more money other than what has already been approved at the beginning of the year

BECKY HAS MOTIONED:

For \$10,000 from the PAC account to be transferred to the playground account to go towards the playground.

SECONDER: Gisele Cox

MOTIONED CARRIED

-need to approve the quote of \$123,528.30 from Colcat Enterprise (a Henderson Playground Co)

- playground design has lots of slides, climbing and creates a continuous circuit; promotes lots of movement and activity; accessible steps to allow inclusive play

- Colcat owns their own equipment and has their own crew to do the work; nothing is contracted out; this allows for a better time frame because everything is co-ordinated in house; should be able to have it done by September as long as the paperwork all goes through in time

Questions asked:

Where is the playground going to be built: Northside of the school

What will be on the ground: playground wood chips

Are grants covering the majority of the playground: Up until now approximately \$70,000 has been fundraised, the approval of the \$10,000 from PAC, \$40,000 from EC Daycare

BECKY HAS MOTIONED:

We move forward with the Colcat playground at the cost of \$123,528.30

SECONDER: Heather Fleming

MOTION CARRIED

Lucia and Chris will communicate with families how they see fit on the playground as there are still steps that will need to be done to make this playground happen.

11. Treasurer Report: given by Michelle Ritsema

-Playground account balance is at zero as there was a transfer of funds of \$44,000 (\$4,000 plus the \$40,000 from EC Daycare) to the school trust fund

-already transferred over \$91,000 out of the playground account

-Main account balance is \$14,087.70

-left to come out of the account is up to \$500 for staff appreciation, \$400 for grade 8 farewell and \$600 for band

-motion was approved of \$10,000 to be transferred to the playground account

-will leave just over \$2500 in the account

12. Old Business: nothing to report

13. New Business:

AGM meeting will be held on May 16, 2023

14. Motion to Accept All Reports:

Motion by: Gisele Cox

Seconded by: Michelle Ritsema

MOTION CARRIED

15. Meeting Adjourned at 7:13pm

16. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 @ 6:30pm