

RF Staples School Council Meeting
Google Meet – Tuesday April 13, 2021 – 7pm

Executive: Kerri Wiegand (Chair), Amanda Nelisher (Sec), Shawna Vollema (Treasurer)
Ellen Barrett (Social Media), Jan Hoffart (Community Member)

A. Call to Order / Welcome & Introductions

April 13th, 2021 start at 7:04 p.m.

In attendance: Kerri Wiegand, Margaret LeBlanc, Michelle Rigney, Wayne Rufiange, Perry Kulmatyski, Kari Byvank, Karen Gabel, Wendy Scinski, Amanda Nelisher

B. Adopting of Agenda / Adopting of Minutes from Feb 10, 2021

RF School Council meeting minutes can be found at www.rfstaples.ca under Student/Parent Info then under School Council

Adoption of agenda Kari Byvank

Adoption of the minutes Karen Gabel

C. Trustee's Report & Questions

Board meeting minutes can be found at www.phpschools.ca

If anybody is wanting to run for as a trustee position, please reach out to Wendy.

D. Administrator's Report / Questions for Administration

D1 – Covid protocol updates – recent Covid positive staff member

One staff member has tested positive for covid-19. She is doing well, and her family has not been affected.

37 students, 3 teachers, 3 educational assistants, and a few high school students have all been considered a close contact to the teacher. There is a cumulative time of 15 minutes spent together to indicate whether they are close contact or not. April 22nd, 2021 will be the return date. Wayne has not heard if it is a variant of covid-19 or if there is going to be a need to have two tests done. Wayne found out Friday evening and contacted all close contacts. A general email was sent out to everyone Sunday, to inform everyone of the positive case at the school. Families have been incredibly supportive and were all concerned for the well-being of everyone. Wayne has shut down all sports. As well as the weight room. It had been allowed to have badminton with nine players and one coach, and the weight room was being utilized with a trainer. All covid rules have been relatively followed. There have only been two in school suspensions. The students were asked to put their masks on. As soon as they turned a corner, they would pull it off, so it was just being defiant.

D2 – Grad Convocation updates

A letter has been sent home on April 14th to all grade 12 students, by email. It will be added to the school website and a Facebook page. The final list is still being finalized. Miss Scallion is taking cap and gown pictures and personal pictures for grad. There will also be a message sent out on messenger. All grade 12 students will be getting the email, even if they are not graduating. Please watch the list closely so that you know who is graduating and who is not. The CTS class is putting together a biography for all grads. Plan B? As previously stated at the last meeting, Graduates will possibly be going in the North Door, through the cafeteria, which will be the staging area for staff, and guests will be outside. But it all depends on COVID regulations. And then out the theatre doors. Perry envisions students to walk past each staff member, as a personal interaction. Yard signs will be the same as 2020, out along the street. Kerri asked about using the theatre as a staging area. Wayne and Perry will look into it.

D3 – Have you missed not having the 3rd Administrator this school year?

Wayne says yes. It has been a quiet year, but it is definitely beneficial to have one assistant principal for grades 7-9 in the junior high, and then one for 10-12 in the high school. While Wayne just oversees. It is also beneficial to have the expertise of a third administrator. However, there are no plans for new assistants in the coming year.

D4 - General School updates

The budget is not finalized for 2021.

95% of the high school grades 9 to 11 have their course selection in.

Wayne will be meeting Wednesday with the high school students and Thursdays with the junior high students to go over the survey and they will be meeting three to four times before the end of the year.

D5- The study of the five languages.

Half the book has been done. Googling the five languages has been helpful. At the beginning participants were a bit hesitant. We have learned that some students want private affirmation, while some want in front of class. 'A great job'. Physical touch for example, a pat on the back, shoulder to shoulder touch, or a high five, is greatly beneficial to students. Gifts, for example, are a stamp on the paper, stickers, or even a smartie. The gift of time and bonding with each student is beneficial. April 23rd will be this completion of the second half of the book. Leanne Huppertz's class in junior high have sent letters to the lodges and the feedback is absolutely loved it.

E. Old Business

E1 – Sr High Awards/Scholarships from 2019/20 school year –

The results of were published in Westlock News March 16, 2021, and was a great layout.

Application deadline for this year's scholarships?

The school scholarship society will be available May 3rd and the deadline is June 11th of 2021. Mr. St Denis presents others as they come in. A list of scholarships and awards to be added to the website. Currently, it is in the Handbook.

F. New Business

F1 – Update from Grad Parent Celebration Committee

Parent grad committee have nothing to update. Next Meeting coming up soon.

F2 – Next Parent Council meeting will be held June 2nd of 2021

F3 – School Council Chair Replacement. –

School chair needed for the 2021-2022 school year. Kerri is stepping down as she will no longer have any kids enrolled at RF staples. Please contact Wayne if interested.

G. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM