

**EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
EASTON, MA**

**RICHARDSON OLMSTED SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, September 27, 2022**

**Minutes of the Richardson Olmsted School Council Virtual Meeting, September 27, 2022,** Meeting convened at 6:00pm. Present by roll call: Chris Getchell (principal), Kristen Maffeo (grade 5), Rita Pastore (grade 4), Amy Cormier (grade 3), Monica Lawson (community member), Jennifer Gilabert (parent), Meredith Lamb (parent), Joanna Silverman (parent), Lauren Loomis (parent)

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Chris Getchell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m..

**Vote to Approve Minutes of last meeting - to be done at next meeting:**

Chris will share the meeting minutes that were approved at the last School Committee meeting at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

**Introduce new parent and staff volunteers for 2022-2023 RO School Council:**

Chris discussed the necessity of having 4 school representatives (three classroom teachers at each grade level), an equal number of parent members and a community member on the Council - which we currently have on the committee.

**Review Voting Process to Occur at RO PTA Meeting:**

Chris discussed how voting would take place this year.

**Review School Improvement Plan 2022-2023:**

Chris went through the Improvement Plan - highlighting the new WIN block time scheduled into the school day this year - really focusing on tiered support for students to “get what they need”. Joanna Silverman asked about teacher planning time during the day, wondering if it was just 40 minutes per day. Meredith Lamb contributed that as a teacher, she also faces the challenges of scheduling for not only the classroom curriculum, but also identifying the “What I Need” areas for each individual student. Intervention groups at the school are still being assessed and the schedule is really just being solidified. There is a hope that even during the WIN block time that social emotional needs will be addressed by the school adjustment counselor. Lauren Loomis questioned if all students would be receiving WIN time - the response was “yes”, but it will look different for each student. The teachers on the committee discussed a little bit of what it has looked like so far in their classrooms. Meredith Lamb asked how best as parent reps, they can help support the teachers in these discussions to best meet the needs of their learners. This is something we will continue to look at.

Discussed goal 2 - about the PBS model at RO- Spirit committee was established last year, students from OA will be coming over to the school this week to create a mural with our school

logo - that aligns with the one mascot for the entire district. Creating a new spirit wear store online to help people in our community to wear clothing with our school logo on it. Also creating data on behavioral data for students at school. School is continuing to work on an expectation of student behavior that follows our school constitution, and when not meeting the expectations - that appropriate consequences are instituted. Finally, a lot of PTA efforts this year are going to fund the school playground project. Lauren Loomis asked what the parents/community could do to help support this effort. Chris said they are still waiting for the cost analysis from an outside company, then he will know better what is needed to fund the playground.

Goal 3 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - We have literature boxes in every classroom. The Raising Multicultural Kids group in town had a lot of input in this. We have a Diverse Mentoring Program where minority students are coming into classrooms and working with students. Chris wants to establish an equity team with parents, staff, and possibly students to reach out to families who we do not always hear from to listen to their perspective and feel heard. This is something as a council we'd like to discuss further. Chris would like to hear from the group more about how we can best reach and hear different perspectives. Monica mentioned a survey and having informal meetings like a "coffee talk". Chris also mentioned sending home information in home languages to help engage more in the entire school community.

**Discuss Purpose and Work Ahead for the RO School Council:**

Some of this was mentioned above in discussion of the current plan and the areas we'd like to focus on this year. Please see above.

**Adjournment:**

Lauren Loomis motioned to adjourn, Monica Lawson seconded the motion, with a roll call vote of 8-0 the meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Minutes Recorded by,

Kristen Maffeo