

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
EASTON, MA

RICHARDSON OLMSTED SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Minutes of the RICHARDSON OLMSTED School Council Meeting, November 15, 2022, Meeting convened at 6:00pm. Present by roll call: Chris Getchell (principal), Meredith Lamb, Rita Pastore, Jennifer Gilabert, Joanna Silverman

Call Meeting to Order: Chris Getchell officially called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Vote to Approve Minutes of October 18, 2022 - Vote was called to order to approve both sets of minutes, seconded, and approved by all members in attendance.

1. Plan to Welcome EL Families -
 - a. Chris shared that he will work with Beth Riquinha, our new EL teacher, to create a welcoming night for our EL (English Learner). Families that will include interpreters. The goal is to provide our EL Families with a welcoming school culture and answer any questions they may have about their child's experience at RO. This is aligned with the third goal of the RO School Improvement Plan.
2. Field Trip Costs and Plan -
 - a. Field trip costs, especially bus costs, have increased considerably. RO is using PTA Funds to fund field trips for all three grade levels. The cost per family is between \$20 - \$25. The council provided positive feedback about field trips and the value of providing cultural experiences, like theater and museums, to all students.
3. WIN Block Successes and Challenges -
 - a. Feedback from students has been positive. It is valuable to provide students with time to catch up or get extra help in areas they might be struggling with. Chris shared that the music department has been very cooperative with us in planning instrument lessons during this time. It is important that all students receive full ELA and Math instruction, at grade level, everyday. No student should be pulled from that time.
4. Parent-Teacher Conference Feedback
 - a. The school council agreed that providing parents with the option of a virtual conference should continue. Most parents are selecting in-person conferences. But it is best to continue to provide parents with the option.
 - b. The council discussed the idea of making a mid-term progress report a possibility for all classes in the future. This way parents could have an idea of how their student is doing mid-way through the first term.

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5. RO Playground Update

- a. Chris shared that we are awaiting the cost analysis of the playground. Staff, parents and other stakeholders have submitted design feedback.

6. Other

- a. There were no additional questions or concerns raised.
- The idea was brought forward to have equity and equal access for all. We need to figure out a way to connect with families that the school typically doesn't hear from. Chris Getchell wants to hear the perspectives from everybody, but particularly those families.

Adjournment:

Rita Pastore motioned to adjourn, Meredith Lamb seconded the motion, with a roll call vote of 5-0 the meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Minutes Recorded by,

Chris Getchell