

# RIVER EAST COLLEGIATE

## Parent Advisory Council Meeting

### Administrative Report

October 2, 2018

1. **School Start-Up:** We have had a very successful start to our school year. We have 1189 students at REC. (Grade 9- 267, Grade 10-266, Grade 11-322, and Grade 12-319). We welcomed the students on the first day with Teacher Advisor activities and a BBQ lunch. We held assemblies where we shared our expectations for the year with students and welcomed them back. School photos took place on Friday, September 7. We held our practice hold and secure drill on September 17; practice lockdown drill took place on September 21.
2. **Camp Cedarwood:** Camp Cedarwood exchange trip took place September 12 – 14.
3. **Meet the Teacher:** We held our meet the teacher evening on September 11. We very much appreciated the parents who joined us for the evening and thank them for taking the time to meet with us.
4. **Honour Roll:** We celebrated our students who achieved honour roll status for the 2017-2018 school year on September 20. We presented students with a certificate and a snack to celebrate their achievements. We had one of our counsellors join us to talk about future planning and scholarship opportunities as well. Student names are posted on our honor roll board outside of the office.
5. **Support Staff Recognition:** The government proclaimed September 17-21 as School Support Staff Recognition Week. We provided our staff with snacks and coffee on the 19 to celebrate.
6. **PD October 5, 2018:** October 5 is a division wide in-service where all RETSD staff participate in a wide variety of Professional Development opportunities. We will be meeting with John Pritchard and Robert Andrews staff members to focus on Inquiry and Project based learning at River East Collegiate.
7. **Student Leadership** - We spent a full day with 75 Leadership students and 8 staff leaders on September 25, 2018. We had representatives from our Students without Borders group, Key Club, Athletic Leadership team and our Student Ambassadors. The students spent the morning doing a variety of team building activities and the afternoon planning for the year. There are some awesome plans from each of the groups.
8. **Safe Work Presentation:** Grade 9 students participated in a Safe Work presentation throughout the day on Wednesday, September 26.
9. **Extra-curricular** opportunities are well underway in a variety of areas. We encourage our students to get involved and take part in an activity that they are passionate about. An assembly was held for grade 9 students regarding extra-curricular opportunities available.

10. **Communication** – Parents have multiple ways to access information about their child or gain information about River East Collegiate. I would encourage you to check the following regularly:
- a. REC and the divisional websites
  - b. Parent Portal
  - c. Dialer and email messages
  - d. Teacher email/websites/Remind app/etc.
  - e. Calendar of Events
11. **Run for the Cure** – River East won top school performance with the most money (over \$2,200.00) raised and the highest number of student participants.
12. **Front Entrance Renovations and Elevator Installation:** We are very excited that the new elevator, the front entrance and a new accessible washroom on the second floor are almost complete.
13. **RECMAPA:** Our RECMAPA team has been able to secure grant money and many donations from our community to support a new sound system for our theatre and some new sound gear for the band to go on the road. We will be able to utilize the new sound system for multiple events that occur in the theatre daily.
14. **New Staff:** We welcomed the following new staff members to River East this fall:
- Angie Cieszecki- Vice-principal
  - Sandra Resendes-Unger- Resource-High Step
  - Les Chalmers- Music Production
  - Crystal Drzewiec- Dance, ELA and Business
  - Lisa Hallick (replacement for Lorraine Marsland effective September 25)
  - Lindsay McBean (replacement for Janet Lodewyks effective September 7)
  - Lexie Smart (replacement for Bobbi Jo Wepruk)
  - Tanner Paskowski- Educational Assistant, Jets Program
  - Cheryl DeGraeve – Educational Assistant, Science
13. **Homecoming Game Varsity Football:** game was well attended.
14. **Junior Varsity Football:** had the Grey Cup come to one of their games. The parents and students heard the story/history of the Cup and were able to take pictures with the cup.
15. **Reading Apprenticeship Training** – Literacy Focus: Staff participated in a 3-day training PD.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

October 3 – Orange Shirt Day; October 4 – Bus Evacuation Drills; October 5 – Coordinated Day – no classes; October 10 – Early Dismissal @ 2:20; October 18 – Jostens Ring Sales; October 19 – MTS PD – no classes; October 30 – Vision Screening; November 14 – Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day; November 14 RETSD/WSO Concert; November 16 – Q1 Report Cards posted to Portal; November 20 – Winter Chamber Concert; November 21 – Early Dismissal @ 2:20 and Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3:00 – 4:30 and 5:30 – 8:30 pm; November 23 – Grade 11 Theatre Production; November 28 – Winter Concert – NKMB Church