

River East Collegiate  
PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008  
6:30 p.m.– Library

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1. **WELCOME**

2. **COMMUNITY REPORT**

- reviewed the 2007-08 Community Report
- this year there are 41 International students, all English speaking – some more fluent than others – course work is done in English
- 1152 students September 2007
- 1156 students September 2008
- REC is one of the largest schools for Advanced Placement
- offering exchange programs to Germany, Spain, Mexico
- Run for the Cure raised \$2,700.00
- explanation of CIP program given
- athletics and music play a huge school in the school
- jazz band went to New York in May 2008
- approximately 200 students involved in choral
- AAA program continues
- REC is a UNESCO school – J. Pinder is staff coordinator
- Community Report will be on website (will not be sent home – save costs and environmental concerns)

2. **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**3 Priorities:**

**Positive School Wide Behaviour**

- surveys went out to students and staff last year

**Assessment of and Assessment of Learning**

**First Report Card**

- no marks on first report
- comments under headings *Student Engagement* and *Academic Indicators*
- November and February report card will have marks
- same format to follow next semester

**TTT**

- looking at today's technology as it pertains to student learning
- teachers given learning task in PowerPoint and spreadsheets to demonstrate competencies and skills
- concern regarding 1<sup>ST</sup> report card not showing marks – Mr. Beveridge went into more detail as to why this would better reflect how the student is actually doing. This is based on comment codes. All 6 high schools in the division will follow suit with the exception of Pierre Elliot Trudeau.

3. **QUESTION / ANSWER**

**Assignments/Lates/Marks**

- concerns brought forward – a student may not get into a particular faculty at university due to an error regarding late assignments
- REC sends interim marks in April and final marks are sent in June
- REC counselors assist students with post secondary applications, post secondary tours, information sessions, etc.
- Mr. Beveridge explained how teachers normally handle late assignments
- the individual teachers have some leeway as to how they treat late assignments
- no marks are deducted for late assignments
- students should be evaluated for what they know
- there was a question regarding last year's provincial math exam – information was just received at school – Mr. Beveridge will report back at next meeting

**Lockdown**

- a lockdown drill was conducted last week – 2 each year – 1 in each semester
- the drill went well
- next drill will be conducted in February

3. **QUESTION / ANSWER** *(continued)*

**Grade 11/12 Physical Education**

- article in Winnipeg Free Press and The Torch
- huge flexibility in standards
- How can there be such differences? e.g. acceptable criteria, etc.
- schools had no implementation plan regarding change in curriculum
- trustees decided between 100% in school; 75/25 or 50/50
- River East Transcona School Division is 50/50
- some of the high schools allow time to be done before school or at noon hour, but not at REC
- letters sent to the Minister of Education – fell on deaf ears
- no standardization
- “Pass” or “Fail” – no mark given
- concern for band/AP students who just don’t have time in their schedule
- 1<sup>st</sup> year – school will not have phys. ed. during morning or noon – this will be looked at again at the end of the year and revisit as to whether it will be offered at a later date
- won’t get “inactive” going
- now eliminated “option” classes – 31G and 41G
- online curriculum will be available
- parent council can write a letter with concerns
- seasonal sports not applicable if they are not taking phys. ed. during that semester – this is particularly frustrating
- How can we make grade 11 and 12 phys. ed. non-semestered?
- information was received by the school very late last year – We need to make it work for all students

## **NEXT PAC MEETING**

**Monday, November 3**

**6:30 p.m. - Library**