

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION– Please Read, Sign and Return (if Interested) ASAP!

Thank you to all who were able to come to the meeting April 18; special thanks to Harry Doyle our current District Education Council rep, who agreed to reoffer (acclaimed!). He spoke about his concern that RCS, and other schools can be “triggered” again for closure, perhaps sooner than our 4-year reprieve (expires in 2019). Phyllis Sutherland spoke about the importance of the school on economic growth of our communities from Hopewell Cape to Alma. Without a school, families will not want to settle here, and they are needed as employees as the Fundy Trail Parkway increases tourism to our area, as well as employees for our current employers. This is a BIG picture.

Barb Gebuhr outlined the work that has been done on getting the facility at RCS licensed as a daycare/preschool. We have crossed all bridges and are ready to put the room together and hire the teachers but the commitment to enrollment has not yet happened. There is a provincial curriculum used in all licensed facilities in NB; there is also a subsidy program available for parents (http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/social_development/policy_manual/benefits/content/day_care.html)

BY MAY 1, WE REALLY NEED TO HAVE CONCRETE REGISTRATIONS FOR THE AVAILABLE PROGRAMS.

September-June 2016: The preschool is intended for four year olds, but three year olds may attend, if desired. This is a 3 hour daily program, M-F. Ideally this program would be offered 9-12. (Cost: \$60/wk)

Depending on enrollment of children in the above program, we are able to extend their day with an afternoon daycare program, that would continue up to 5 pm, if required. (12-3=\$60/wk, 12-5=\$100/wk)

If the Preschool program is under-enrolled, we can register 2-3 year olds in daycare, M-F, 9-5, (\$160/wk).

The times are somewhat flexible, but need to be determined with the majority of need. You can understand that with very small numbers of children, we cannot afford to hire staff to cover additional hours with 1-2 children. We will do our best to accommodate your needs. Let us know what is necessary.

May-June and September-October:

After school care for students of RCS, from dismissal to close of daycare/preschool center, possibly 5pm. See note above concerning hours. Let us know what works for you. M-F, 3 hours: \$60/wk.

July/August 2016:

Childcare, ages 5-12: This is for students who will enter Kindergarten in the fall, up to those who just graduated from grade 5. M-F, 9-5 (\$160/wk)

It is also important to note that the facility is not licensed to provide food for children; you must pack lunch and snacks for your children.

As was mentioned at the meeting, we must meet our commitment to teachers to pay them each week. We are not planning to make a profit, but we must meet the payroll and expenses. As the center grows, we can offer more programs, longer hours, etc. But the province has very clear expectations and regulations and we must abide by them or lose the license. And it is the fact that it is a licensed facility that earns the most subsidy for parents. (and also, we couldn't be in the school without being licensed).

Please send this form back, if you are a school parent, to the office.

or email the information to me, barbgebu@nb.sympatico.ca

name _____ phone: _____

child's name _____ age _____

program(s) interested in: _____

What hours do you require in order for this to work for you? _____

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call, or email.