

Suggestions for actions to address enrollment and student success at Rideau HS. compiled by Chris Ellis.

This document is meant as a starting point for discussion. There are other items I'm sure which should be on the list and some of the items listed are for the longer term if ever.

1 Communication

- 1.1 Strategy for school communication with parents
- 1.2 Use of MLOs
- 1.3 School web site
 - 1.3.1 Student Content about student activities in a more dynamic presentation
 - 1.3.1.1 More detail on Student life section. Pictures would be helpful
 - 1.3.1.2 Rideau HS has had success in sports. Would be helpful to highlight this including pictures and interviews with student participants
 - 1.3.1.3 There are many talented students as evidenced by the Dec. assembly. Should get some of these performances onto the web site
 - 1.3.1.4 The Adobe program has produced some exceptional projects. These should be on the web site.
 - 1.3.2 School Council section
 - 1.3.2.1 Minutes
 - 1.3.2.2 Agendas
 - 1.3.2.3 Meeting information
- 1.4 School Council
 - 1.4.1 engage more parents with a focus on having the School Council reflect the diversity of Rideau
 - 1.4.2 School Council web site
 - 1.4.2.1 Allow for communication
 - 1.4.2.1.1 email list
 - 1.4.2.2 Track and respond to media stories regarding Rideau HS
- 1.5 Liaise with Gloucester HS
- 1.6 Liaise with Lisgar HS
- 1.7 Liaise with Ridgemont HS
- 1.8 Create connection with all feeder schools
 - 1.8.1 Have Rideau students help at feeder schools
 - 1.8.2 Have students from feeder schools come to Rideau

2 Community Outreach

- 2.1 Representations to/on area community associations including ethnic associations
Ideally a Rideau school council member would belong and attend association meetings but at the least a monthly report should be sent to all associations. These reports should also go to Trustees, area municipal councilors, area MPPs, and area MPs.
- 2.2 Expand relations and opportunities with service providers.
 - 2.2.1 Identify all service providers
 - 2.2.2 OCISO is about to launch its own ambitious curriculum on leadership and diversity. Developed with area school boards, the new curriculum -- aimed at high school students of all backgrounds -- will include a credit course, peer mentoring and discussion groups for parents.
 - 2.2.3 OCISO and its partners in the LASI coalition (Local Agencies Serving Immigrants) will see the launch of an initiative Mohamed and several others have worked hard to create: the new Local Immigration Partnership. Funded by

Citizenship and Immigration Canada and led by the City of Ottawa and LASI, the partnership plans to gather people from across the city -- including newcomers and service providers, businesses and the public sector -- to brainstorm about improving the integration of immigrants into schools, neighbourhoods and the local economy.

- 2.3 Put together a package for Real Estate agents
- 2.4 Possibilities for Rideau students to have a higher profile when volunteering in the community as well as seeking more opportunities that put them in direct contact with residents. Highlight on the web site such initiatives.
- 2.5 Identify and recruit residents to Rideau Supporters

3 Resources

- 3.1 Applications for grants - Identify possible grants and apply. Pro grants an obvious

4 Student Success

- 4.1 Discuss with students what extra curricular programs they would be engaged with and/or which current ones need beefing up
- 4.2 Discuss with students what program offerings they find most engaging and which ones if any they think should be added to the options currently at Rideau HS
- 4.3 Reporting to school council and trustees
 - 4.3.1 What type of information to track?
 - 4.3.1.1 Abstentions/Lates
 - 4.3.1.2 Suspensions/Expulsions
 - 4.3.1.3 Transfers in and out of Rideau HS
 - 4.3.1.3.1 Exit interviews
 - 4.3.2 How and who to report what to
 - 4.3.3 Support/resources needed
- 4.4 How Abstentions/lates dealt with
- 4.5 Set up program to get computers and internet access to students who need them -
Computers for Schools