

Robert Service School Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 11th, 2021, 6:30 pm
Zoom

Attendance: Rhea L., Donna M., Kylie V.E., Brian L., Suzanne C., Angela E., Lisa F., Andria O., Brent M.

1. Call to Order (Co-Chairs) Rhea (Chair) 6:32 pm

Introductions: Angela Edmunds, Vice Principal this year in place of Helen McCullough

2. Review and Approval of Agenda (additions or deletions)

FNESB - tabled for a separate meeting
List F - Moved, Andria O. - 2nd

3. Review and Approval of Minutes (errors or omissions)

a. Review and approval of July 7th Minutes - Andrea O. - Moved, Donna M. - 2nd

4. Delegations (limit of 15 minutes) -none and noted Angela J. and Alexa M. would still like to attend a meeting.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes (5-7 minutes)

a. FNSB - tabled

b. September AGM - set a date

Suggested the Open Evening at the school on September 16th. It was determined that the format for parent attendance would not fit with having a meeting with attendance.

c. Parent engagement - set up a working group - Donna, Rhea and Andria volunteered to form a group

d. Teacher appreciation -

Recognize it's called Staff Appreciation Day and is the first week of May.

e. Grad survey

Suzanne went over some of the results with the Admin in attendance. Math, accountability & time management, not being prepared for University and discipline were a few of the concerns found in the survey. Also, teachers having to manage difficult students that leave no room to help other students. Tours to various employers and ideas for careers is needed.

Brian L. suggested that these are all in line with the date and school growth plan and that we should be seeing improvement in these areas soon.

-Preparedness to careers, University and traders.

-Student performance and behaviour.

Action Item- To send our surveys to Grad students continually in the future, at the end of the first year they graduate. Noted to include students who finish mid-year.

f. Recycling/composting at school - update

Conservation Klondike Society has no funding, the building is falling apart, no infrastructure. CKS will send out their letter by the end of August. Katie is resigning as admin for CKS as well.

The school will have to internally deal with waste. Perhaps the School council can write a letter to the City and YG about waste beyond landfills. There are huge concerns at school, as there is 200% more waste with no compost or recycling. The school could take compost to the one by Rec Center and/or suggest a compost bin by the School.

Action Item - Write a letter to YG and City regarding funding as CKS no longer has the ability & infrastructure to continue. Composting is under City mandate. Funding dropped by Dept of Ed to CKS. New food program adds to waste.

Action Item - What can we do with funding to take over the program?

g. Our school survey

The survey is to expose the staff to issues, student outcomes date and homework. Andria brought concerns and speaks for the council on this. Gr. 7,8 & 9. The student comments were concerning. The school council wonders, if this information can be shared with parents?

Brian L. informed that the data is confidential, the data is used to identify the positives and to collectively use for improvement, it's important for staff and draws to collective action.

Action Item - School council wishes to receive this information every year.

6. New Business (5-7 minutes)

a. Vaping in the bathrooms

A regular occurrence in the bathrooms and changes rooms. Brian L. informed us that Ange Jobin stated that vaping was down from the previous year. Incidents are down.

Action Item - Have Angela and Alexa attend a future meeting. Accommodate with the date.

b. Summary - connecting with school councils

There was no one in attendance from RSS Council this time.

7. Reports (5 minutes per report)

a. Principal's Report

Three teacher positions - Erin Paslowski - Gr. 11 & 12, and ILC and Kel role, a low number of students are enrolled this year in those classrooms. Paula Chrisholm resigned, and Angela Trembley was hired as the school teacher counsellor. All teacher requirements filled. A humanities position needs to be filled (temp position). Tr'ondek Hwech'in has hired a councillor for First Nation students. Erin Peacock was hired.

The physical plant development – a school council member on the committee for modular development, basketball court and Education Center.
Lisa and Brent will sit on the committee.

The School calendar is on the [website](#).

Year Priorities

School Growth Plan - 3 priorities

- 1 - Weekly communication home to parents.
- 2 - Make sure clear evidence of teacher assessment.
- 3 - Develop a new school growth plan.

Living in a good way & expectations.

Staff professional growth plans and formal evaluations.

Target areas for professional growth plan.

Nianne Brophy

Aug 17th - 5-6 pm orientation teacher meeting for Gr. 5 & Gr. 8 for parents and students.

COVID updates - measure in School not relaxed. Students will be asked to give space; masks are worn by K - 12 - low-density areas not required.

New action at the School. The office will not give out masks at School. Non-compliance is linked with those getting masks at the office.

All bus students must wear masks on the bus.

Soft starts this year on Thursday, August 19th and Friday, August 20th.

Open Evening – a regulated event.

Parents enter and leave promptly—formal attendance. Families to meet the teachers and make learning intensions/expectations. Provisions for assemblies but community & parents not ready.

There will be a Child Advocacy meeting where they will present what they do.

Gr. 6 - Craig Hunter

High School - Angela E (first semester). 2nd semester, not sure yet, it depends on hire.

b. TH Report - None

Rhea mentioned that TH101 was available for School Council members to take. Dates will be emailed out by Donna. Ashley can be contacted if would like to take it. PD funding is available through School Council.

c. Chair's Report - None

d. Financial Report - None

8. Community Concerns (limit of 5 minutes or set as an agenda item at next meeting)

9. Correspondence - None

10. Upcoming Dates

a. Next School Council meeting – Wednesday, September 15th, 2021

12. Adjournment: 7:59 pm

13. Roundtable (limit of 5 minutes)