

Minutes
Robert Service School Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
START TIME – 6:30 p.m.
TH Lands Room

Present: Cecille Fage, Carrie Breneman, Hillary Skilnyk, Cara MacAdam, Joanne Sherrard, Helen McCullough, Bill Bennett, Lisa Favron, Stephanie Davidson, Donna Michon

Regrets: Janice Rose, Simon Nagano

1. Call to order: At 6:37pm
2. Acceptance of Agenda: Moved: Lisa Favron; Seconded: Joanne Sherrard
3. Correspondence: School Supply Funding; Youth Investment Fund
4. Delegations/ Presentations: Stephanie Davidson & Bill Bennett
 - 4.1. Stephanie Davidson – Big Brothers, Big Sisters
There are two types of mentoring: in school - during school hours, find a match: community – happens after school and weekends. Currently it is only run during the school year but looking to make it year round. It's been difficult to get male mentors involved. Right now have 4 matches with the goal being 10. There will be a garage sale/flea market in February as a fundraiser for the program.
 - 4.2. Bill Bennett

Spoke to the rumour about the library having to move. This is just a rumour and there will be no changes at this time. The number of students at RSS is increasing and they are expecting almost 250 by the end of the school year. TH has requested that there be a cultural centre moved into the building. There are several concerns about the school: the portables need replacing, the land around the school may have problems and there will be geo thermal testing of the ground, and the stairs to the portables are not in good condition. There has been a request for an industrial kitchen as the food programs need a better facility. The Council can be advocates for all these issues.
5. Review and Acceptance of Minutes:
 - 5.1. November 9, 2017: Moved: Carrie Breneman; Seconded: Cecille Fage
6. Business arising from Minutes
7. New Business:
 - 7.1. Approved by Council to go ahead and destroy old financial records according to Government guidelines.

7.2. It was decided that the funds that were received for surplus school supplies be applied in its entirety to the outstanding Monte Carlo account.

7.3. The Honoraria report for 2016 was accepted.

8. Reports

8.1 Principal's Report:

- Nancy Beamer started. Good fit.
- Marjorie Logue, Educational Psychologist not back at all this year. Held up the referral system. Someone else starting soon to assist.
- 12 students on list that need to get assessed. Hope to have a plan by the end of the week.
- NCI – training day on Monday. School closed. 9 staff will get trained.
- Next year starting the new curriculum for Kindergarten to Gr. 9. Using the school differently now. New special rooms. Focus areas: Formative Assessment; Yukon & Yukon First Nation content and context; Inquiry and project-based learning; Personalized and flexible learning
- Setting goals. Have to get teachers to change their mindset as well. A growth mindset – intelligence can be developed. Students become more resilient. Embracing challenges and setbacks. Being a cheerleader for the kids works better than “fixed” mindset. Walls come down and rooms open up.
- Bill - new options for the calendar – adding PD days – may be able to change start times for high school
- Hilary said that Council can make suggestions to change the start time for the school – early release being investigated for Whitehorse – teachers can spend the time to learn

8.2 TH Report:

- Tabled to next meeting

8.3 Financial Report:

- Grant paperwork has been signed off. Still waiting for grant to be issued to us. There has been an increase this year to \$7125

8.4 Chair Report:

- Signed Grant paperwork
- Meeting with Ashley about the Big Sisters/Big Brothers
- Signed Field trip form for Polar Games

9. Community Concerns:

- Lisa – some of students told their mom that they ran out of pencils at school and parent was unsure who should be providing that – Helen said that some things have to be replenished during the year and the parent should be supplying – Hillary will always provide supplies if they are needed – Lisa said check with the teacher

- Lisa – the BCP programs; Helen – no grade 10 or 11 BCP – Gr. 12 still have BCPs for English and Social; Hillary – will be replacement assessments
- Simon – lighting in the school yard – the playground is a little dark; Hillary suggests a letter from Council asking about the lighting and if it can be improved (facility concern) cc: Bill
- Donna – side door is too heavy for small kids to open – the one by the gym; Helen – students who are late should come in the front – whoever is on duty opens the door – stairs there are also pretty steep
- **Suggestion that there be letters from Council regarding the lighting in the playground, the portables and the gym/kitchen facilities. Council members will take this on.**

10. Round Table: Donna still has printer, has posted it but no one wants it, suggestion to have it at the garage sale that Steph is hosting. Lisa said that Peter Menzies is one of the best teachers; he's doing Skills Canada coursework, enrichment class, with some students. Bill has not had one suspension letter from RSS this year. Helen said there is a good news assembly coming up. Nice to work with this council.

11. Next Meeting Time and Place: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 6:30pm at the TH Lands office.

12. Adjournment: 8:37pm