

Minutes
Robert Service School Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2017
START TIME – 6:30 p.m.
RSS Library

Present: Janice Rose, Simon Nagano, Carrie Breneman, Hillary Skilnyk, Cara MacAdam, Helen McCullough, Donna Michon, Ashley Doiron

Regrets: Cecille Fage, Lisa Favron, Joanne Sherrard

1. Call to order: At 6:39pm
2. Acceptance of Agenda: Moved: Cara MacAdam; Seconded: Janice Rose
3. Correspondence:
4. Delegations/ Presentations: Peter Menzies
 - 4.1. Looking for letter of support for metal shop. Focus had shifted to carpentry but now would like to open up the welding side. Looking for about \$100,000. Looking at how applied skills get applied into school curriculum. Working with Welding Association, whose mandate is to integrate this work into schools, they supply gear. The shop needs to be upgraded: electrical and exhaust. There will be a committee, an applied skills working group. Most important is a safe install and money. Hopefully up and running within a year and a half. Welding train the teacher program which Peter would do, introduction to welding. Skills Canada on board for further education. Can start at Grade 7.

Motion for a letter of support for Peter and this metal shop program as soon as possible.

5. Review and Acceptance of Minutes:
 - 5.1. January 11, 2017: Moved: Cara MacAdam; Seconded: Carrie Breneman
6. Business arising from Minutes
 - 6.1. Letters of support – one written with regard to playground safety
7. New Business:
8. Reports
 - 8.1 Principal's Report:
 - Curriculum redesign.
 - Was at First Nations education conference. Have embedded FN content in curriculum. Wants to have 2 PD days set aside for Cultural inclusion. Have one of those days for Cultural Orientation for staff and council. Have to ask school council to release that day for RSS staff.

- Calendar – extra days for curriculum design. Looking at start day for school year. Looking at Aug 21, non student. Friday - day off. Following week, more PD. Do everything that needs to get sorted; Summer Academy days, curriculum design, and instructional days, before you bring the students in to the school. Want to see fewer interruptions for the upcoming school year. Council works with staff to determine the school calendar. Want less disruption during the school year.
- Wanting to roll out the proposal that Peter Menzies spoke about. Hilary thinks the Dept would be willing to put forth up to \$30,000
- Facility issues – faulty sprinkler, shovel off roof
- Health and career sessions; Maria Nyland – sex ed, Blood Ties – Fentanyl, and safe sex, MADD presentation, RCMP - social media and online predators, gr. 7-9 (grade 6 level is suggested for this presentation as well) These sessions are all part of the curriculum.
- Get suggestions from council on how to engage parents in school and help support parents with curriculum redesign. March 14 parent/teacher meetings – maybe have a table set up for people to discuss the upcoming curriculum design
- Last week of March have Whitehorse come up to discuss curriculum design and proposing it to parents

8.2 TH Report:

- FN Education Summit. Wonderful representation from RSS and Dawson. New curriculum – inclusion – sharing from Elders
- Cultural 101 training coming up, train some of the new EAs – would like to get to include Council at some point for this training

8.3 Financial Report:

- Received the grant. Will pay off the Monte Carlo bill. There will not be a lot of funds left over for other disbursements.

8.4 Chair Report:

- Nothing to report
- Start thinking about what the council can actually do

9. Community Concerns:

- Grade 3 student who they didn't have room for this year. Was able to find a spot. Hopefully not a problem next year. Can't put a student in a class that will then be oversized. Grade 3 already a complex class.
- Have the school ready for when Goldcorp starts operations. The size of the school population will grow.

10. Round Table:

- Would like to be able to discuss what the delegate spoke about in the meeting

11. Next Meeting Time and Place: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 6:30pm at the TH Lands office.

12. Adjournment: 8:08pm