Minutes

Robert Service School Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 2015
START TIME – 6:30 p.m.
Dawson City Community Hospital – Room 2164

Present: Sue Lancaster, Frances Aitken, Cecille Fage, Ann Moore, Helen McCullough, Donna Michon. Mindy Potoroka, Lisa Favron
Regrets: Janice Cliff, Simon Nagano

1. Call to order: 6:35 pm

2. Acceptance of Agenda: Moved: Frances Aitken; Seconded: Donna Michon

3. Correspondence: Official letter sent from City of Dawson regarding approved signage for reducing speed around school; Letter from Volleyball team.

4. Delegations/ Presentations: None

5. Review and Acceptance of Minutes:

   5.1. April 8, 2015: Moved: Donna Michon; Seconded: Cecille Fage

6. Business arising from Minutes

   6.1. Electronics Policy: Approved: All in favour.
   6.2. Safety Measures for School Street: Letter from City (see above)
   6.3. Options as a gift to graduating class from Council: Graduating class wishes to continue with photographer at Graduation; advertisement for photographer on Facebook; there are fifteen applicants/interested parties.
   6.4. Prioritizing School "Wish List": Met with Greg Storey, Superintendent, to create a committee to plan for Cultural Centre in RSS and discuss other items on 'wish list'; Need to be prepared for 2016-17/2017-18 budgets. Tara might be interested in sitting on committee as teacher representative.
   Committee should be made up of: Admin person, Members of Council, TH representative(s), elementary and high school teacher representatives, and community representation.

7. New Business: None

8. Reports

   8.1 Principal's Report:
   - Student evaluations are currently being generated: BCPs, Language proficiency, School Wide Writes, Darts (Reading assessments).
   - Very successful REM last week from both students' and teachers' perspective.
   - Annual activity day after exams-June 3; Awards day on June 5.

- Staffing: Laurie Berglund may not be back for next year; Ann will be sending a letter to parents announcing her resignation. Six positions are posted for next year. Grade 1, (now permanent position); Grade 5 (Intensive French-temporary position); Learning assistance in school and counseling (some English language learning funding) temporary posting; music and intermediate French: grade six and grade 4 and maybe grade 7; (combination of 50% permanent and 30% temporary); LOA for Steve approved for semester 1: Posted phys ed. position; Jennifer is not returning to English class until December.
- Calendar: Some problems with timing around Cultural Orientation due to need for training on new computer system. Council is willing to approve calendar as stated and give Ann authority to decide if things need to change.
- Public Address system: Sue is working on a letter to go to Greg Storey with an emphasis on OHS issues which could incur without a working system. Letter will go forward to Deputy Minister; Greg recommended letter from Council asking what progress is being made on this issue.
- Decking outdoors is being done. Outreach classroom is going into old weight room. Needed space which reflected new focus on children at risk for dropping out of school. Heidi went out for research and visited schools with alternative programs in BC; equipment in weight room will move to a new storage space which will be built in Auxiliary Room; Former weight room will turn into the new Outreach classroom; Room in library; getting rid of some aspects of unused professional library of it and looking at ways to utilize the space; vision is to take that back piece and build a new wall and turn it into two small rooms with a door that comes out near Art room; This creates a small meeting area (visiting consultants; small group work for students etc.)
  8.2 TH Report: Cecille Fage has no report.
  8.3 Financial Report: Treasurer asked to create outline of Lisa Favron's donations and change financial report to include these donations.

9. Community Concerns: None

10. Round Table:
    - Sue: Council Speaks at grad and Sue would like suggestions on what to write as she doesn't know the class very well.
    - Frances: Scaling back on contributions around extra things but will remain on Council. Donna: Smelly playgrounds because of mud; smell goes home on shoes and into school; complaints from parents.
    - Helen: Pointed out that this is Ann's last Council meeting. Ann indicated that she has really enjoyed working with this Council; stands out among all 22 years of councils.
    - Cecille: Spoke briefly about enjoying Conference in Whitehorse as did Donna and Simon.

11. Next Meeting Time and Place: No meeting until August; wish to start a bit earlier this year.

12. Adjournment: 7:35pm