

**Minutes**  
**Robert Service School Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 2017**  
**START TIME – 6:30 p.m.**  
**RSS Library**

**Present:** Janice Rose, Simon Nagano, Carrie Breneman, Hillary Skilnyk, Donna Michon, Lisa Favron, Joanne Sherrard, Helen McCullough

**Regrets:** Cecille Fage, Ashley Doiron, Cara MacAdam

1. Call to order: At 6:41pm
2. Acceptance of Agenda: Moved: Joanne Sherrard ; Seconded: Janice Rose
3. Correspondence:
4. Delegations/ Presentations:
5. Review and Acceptance of Minutes:
  - 5.1. April 5, 2017: Moved: Janice Rose ; Seconded: Carrie Breneman
6. Business arising from Minutes
  - 6.1. Spring Conference – Lots of information. Youth panels, talk about their education and how they have succeeded since graduation, main theme of the “one teacher” who helped them. Representation of the LGBTQ clubs and support they have in the schools. Talk about children with special needs. Round table – concerns of the various councils, spoke about additional concerns, Simon concerned that Bill was not there to hear the concerns. Talked about Youth Council, growth, gender equality. Donna wants to look at doing more things for the school, ie. Teacher appreciation, BBQs, wants to develop a 5 year plan. EAs were brought up, the speaker spoke about an EA taking care of the class as the teacher helps the students with problems.  
**Want to forward Carrie’s letter re: EAs to be sent to Sandy Silver.** Each school council will be receiving \$5000 to benefit the students. Survey results showing people’s comments were handed out.
7. New Business:
  - 7.1. One time funding of \$5000 from AYSCBC - Have to apply for it and write out a proposal for the funds. Projects have to be completed by August 2018. Deadline is June 9, 2017. Will require a consult between Council and Hillary and Helen. Possible for money going to volleyball trips. Need to set up a date to discuss the options. Divide elementary and high school, treat as two schools.
  - 7.2. School calendar meeting update – Didn’t make many changes to the calendar. Changed the start date of 18/19 to August 22 student start to June 5. No summer academy in 18/19, but in 19/20. Three year calendar now up for discussion with the Minister. Not for upcoming school year but for the following 3 years.

7.3. IB Program – Helpful way to have kids earning university credits while still in high school. Depends on numbers and interest. Likelihood not high if not enough interested students. Helen said they can make things happen if required. Need special training to deliver the courses. Any info sessions about it? Helen said they have not. Yukon College offers dual credits, on offer for second semester Grade 12s can take. Currently receiving high school credit and college credit for trades programs. **Rosey will give contact info for Liz Woods to Joanne to speak more about this program.**

7.4. Secretary/Treasurer position – Will need to post that position.

## 8. Reports

### 8.1 Principal's Report:

- 254 students in April, staff for 232 – staffing based on last year's numbers
- 3 jobs have closed, finishing up the screening, in to the next stage, posting for permanent Phys Ed teacher went out and closes next week
- In the process of transitioning a student back to RSS, going to need staffing and space, might need support from Council to request more support for the student, might need both a teacher and EA. Brainstorming to find a space for the student and teacher.
- Hillary taught how to use a Naloxone kit, for any person OD on opiates. Available for any community member. Shuts down the effects of the overdose. Can be quite aggressive when they come around. Jen Nunan in to do some presentations.
- Suicide presentation, Grade 7-12. Have been a couple of suicide attempts at the school. Need to let parents know about a show on Netflix that is very disconcerting "13 Reasons Why", about teen suicide.\
- Sent facilities piece to Tracy McPhee
- Last day of school will end 2 hours early, day will end at 12:10 on Friday, June 2.

### 8.2 TH Report:

- Family camp May 27/28 at R22

### 8.3 Financial Report:

- Do we have funds to donate to grads? Usually \$500/Scholarship \$200

### 8.4 Chair Report:

- Conference\
- Signed a couple of field trip forms\
- Wrote letter re: safety issues
- Other school council members want to have contact info to share info with each other

## 9. Community Concerns:

- Concern for child care due to the later start of school next school year. Rec department will try to step up and provide programming until school start. Lice problem in the school, went around a couple of times, maybe get lice kits and send them around, they are free at the clinic.

- 10. Round Table:

- No summer school this year.
- any ID and copies of ID has been pulled and shredded from the files.
- donate something towards the Grad dinner to help pay for the event

11. Next Meeting Time and Place: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 for event planning, regular meeting September 13, 2017 at 6:30pm at the TH Lands office.

12. Adjournment: 8:27pm