

Minutes

Robert Service School Minutes

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

START TIME – 6:00 p.m.

Robert Service School Community Library

Present: Joanne Sherrard, Suzanne Crocker, Pat Berrel, Carrie Breneman, Cara MacAdam, Lisa Favron and Simon Nagano

Regrets: Coralee Rudachyk and Cecile Fage

1. Call to order: 6:36
2. Acceptance of Agenda: Simon and Joanne

Motion to make Student Council an ex-officiato to School Council

3. Correspondence:
4. Delegations/Presentations

4.1 Student Council

Kate Crocker from Student Council presented to School Council about the newly formed Student Council. The main goals of Student Council are to advocate for their peers and showcase student accomplishments. Currently, in addition to Student Council members there are 2 student representatives per grade from Grade 7 to 12. They meet twice a week at lunch.

Student Council has been busy organizing event; they have organized a Spirit Week Dance, participated in Remembrance Day events and have organized intramurals.

In the future, Student Council plans to organize a Christmas Dance, they plan to start a Yearbook Club and an Awards Club and are looking for opportunities to work with Elementary Students.

Student Council noted that one of their objectives is for High School students to have a proper cafeteria or area to eat lunch. Currently, students in High School eat lunch in the hallway. Unfortunately, it is difficult to add tables in the hallways due to fire code regulations.

Thank you to Kate Crocker and Student Council for presenting to School Council!

4.2 Professional Development Presentation

Pat Berrel spoke to School Council about introducing Guided Reading in Grades 2 & 3 in Robert Service School. The two Learning Assistance Teachers and Melissa will rotate a half-hour per day. Children from Grades 2 and 3 will be broken into reading groups and read as a group. Children will be assessed for their reading levels periodically and the groups will be reformed based on the level of reading.

Once students are in Grade 4, students should be starting chapter books.

Guided reading in Grades 2 & 3 should significantly increase reading levels.

5. Review and Acceptance of Minutes:

October 10, 2018: Moved: Joanne Sherrard; Seconded: Simon Nagano

AGM – September 12, 2018: Moved: Joanne; Seconded: Carrie.

6. Business arising from Minutes

5.1 Funding for tutoring – Status update – Tabled until Helen Returns

7. New Business:

7.1 RSS School Council's meeting with Minister McPhee and GoldCorp

RSS School Council met with Minister McPhee and GoldCorp to discuss issues with school facilities and future growth of the school.

Minister McPhee indicated that the Department hasn't been doing any facilities planning for schools for the last twenty years and that the Department doesn't have any money.

Nicole Morgan (DM) mentioned that they are prioritizing future infrastructure spending for schools base on 3 criteria:

- Age/State of the infrastructure
- Seismic considerations
- Enrollment Pressures

YG will be looking at short-term, mid-term and long-term planning for schools.

Meeting with GoldCorp:

The Coffee Gold Project has a 10 year mine life and 11 year closure period.

There will be 320-360 people employed during operations with a schedule of 2 weeks on and 2 weeks off.

GoldCorp is projecting to bring 37 new people in Dawson with up to 22 new elementary students and 7 new secondary students. In GoldCorp's submission to YESAB, they indicated that the maximum capacity of the school is 348 students. Pat Berrel indicated to School Council that the actually capacity of the school is around 270 students (unless the art room and the music room are used as classrooms).

GoldCorp's indicated that they expect 3 more students per classroom in the elementary school due to the opening of the mine. However, these estimates are guesses.

RSS or school council can apply for GoldCorp for funds – they did mention that donations to the governments can be tricky for facilities. But they are open to funding proposals from the school. And they have spoken with Peter Menzies in the past and they loved him.

7.2 Treasurer – Cabin Fever Office Service. A motion was passed to hire Joanne Rice to do the financials for School Council. Moved: Joanne; Seconded: Lisa.

8. Correspondence: None

9. Reports

9.1 Principal's Report:

- DIV-T was a huge success
- New staff – a full-time EA will be working with the grade 1 class.
- Report cards for High School went home on November 9 and elementary report cards went home on November 22.
- Collab afternoons – so that high school classroom teacher can get together and work on interim report cards.
- Mining Matters took place on November 5 & 6.
- FOXY and SMASH will be coming to the school on December 3.

7.2 TH Report:

- No TH report

7.3. Chair's Report:

School Council met with Minister McPhee, GoldCorp representatives and Pat Berrel.

8. Community Concerns:

School Photos

Pat agreed to look into School Photos for the school and hiring a photographer.

11. Next Meeting Time and Place: November 14, 2018, 6:30 Dawson Library

12. Adjournment: 8:30