

Minutes
Robert Service School Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2017
START TIME – 6:30 p.m.
Robert Service School Library

Present: Donna Michon, Carrie Breneman, Hillary Skilnyk, Simon Nagano, Ashley Doiron, Cara MacAdam, Joanne Sherrard

Regrets: Janice Rose, Cecille Fage, Lisa Favron, Helen McCullough

1. Call to order: 6:35 pm
2. Acceptance of Agenda: Moved: Cara MacAdam; Seconded: Joanne Sherrard
3. Correspondence: None
4. Delegations/ Presentations: None
5. Review and Acceptance of Minutes:
 - 5.1. September 13, 2017: Moved: Cara MacAdam; Seconded: Joanne Sherrard
6. Business arising from Minutes:
 - 6.1. Cara, Helen and Joanne met as the subcommittee for the AYSCBC funding. They were able to make a shortlist of funding ideas, which require some more research into the feasibility of each. The committee will meet again in the following week to discuss their delegated tasks. This list includes:
 - A funding pot for parents of children with special needs to access additional training and resources
 - Project SucSEED
 - A covered outdoor play area for the school yard
7. New Business
 - 7.1. SucSEED program- Joanne held a conference call with students and staff from Memorial University to discuss the possibility of purchasing some of their garden units. Tara McCauley was unable to make the call but is interested in having some of these in her class and use the produce for the Castle Café program. Joanne will follow up with Tara and MUN and report back to the subcommittee.
8. Reports:

8.1. Principal's Report:

- There are staff resources going toward the transitioning of our new student. They are currently working out of the art room, but that will have to change. Hilary will likely have to request a structural change for the sensory room, in order to add a second entrance to the room and will be calling on council to provide a letter of support.
- There is a new HAN Teacher/Speaker position, which will be a 0.55 FTE.
- There has been no funding advanced to the school, or any indication of amounts being allotted. These funds typically support the tutoring program, the Innovation Learning grant, Elders in the School and Cultural Inclusion. Hilary has requested some assistance from Council to help move this along. Donna will contact the other school councils to determine if they have had any insight into their funding. Carrie will draft a letter that will be sent to the Minister, DM and ADM.
- Clive Betts is retiring on Friday. There will be a party at 3 and council members are invited to attend. Wear your tie dyed attire.

8.2. TH Report:

- First Hunt is October 19-22nd at Cache Creek.
- Simon would like to request better communication between the school and TH. There is a multi-day event happening at Land of Plenty immediately before First Hunt. Many of the students will be picked up from the camp on the way to Cache Creek. He feels this is a hygiene concern and wishes these were not planned back to back.
- There is a new Director of Education and Training at Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in. Her name is Melanie Bennett and was formerly the principal of Elijah Smith. There is also a new position entitled Education Support Worker. Alexa Mitchell will be filling this position and Clare Devenish will backfill the high school CELC maternity leave that Alexa was originally slotted to fill.

8.3. Financial Report: Donna presented current Financial Statement for RSS School Council.

- We have received our funding for the year.

8.4. Chair's Report: None presented.

9. Community Concerns: None presented.

10. Round Table:

- Carrie has offered to find more sources for funding. She will bring more application sources to the next meeting. Some suggestions were Best Buy, Victoria Gold, Gold Corp.
- Hilary: DIVT pep rally is October 26th in the afternoon. Please join! Student Led Conferences are November 21st. Christmas Concert is December 14th. Last day of school before holidays is December 19th.

11. Next Meeting Date and Place: Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm TH Lands Room

12. Adjournment: 8:30