

Robert Service School Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes -DRAFT

Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 5:30 pm

Location: Rm 211 TH

Present: Molly MacDonald, Jody Beaumont, Brent McDonald (Zoom), John Macdonald (Zoom), Ashley Bower-Bramadat, Patrik Pikalik, Helen McCullough (Zoom)

1. Call to Order (Co-Chairs) 5:40 pm
2. Review and Approval of Agenda (additions or deletions)
 - 2.1. Add 7.1 Principal Evaluation discussion
3. Review and Approval of Feb 13/24 Minutes (errors or omissions)

No quorum to at the time of review.
4. Delegations (limit of 15 minutes)
 - 4.1. Patrik Pikalik (Returning Officer for School Council Elections)

Elections are coming. Patrick has brought in nomination papers. Nomination closes Thurs April 25th. Between 10 am and noon he will be at the school to receive the nomination papers. Otherwise you can get copies from from RSS reception, or can contact Patrik. Return nominations to Patrik, not to school. The two TH spots are gauranteed, so six spots open for election. We can do meeting with Patrik about elections, along with a liaison to inform people about role of school council. Contact for Patrik : 867 993-2421; robertservice.election@gmail.com May 6th would be polling day.
5. Reports (5 minutes per report)
 - 5.1. Robert Service School Update: Helen McCullough, RSS Principal
 - 189 students enrolled end of Feb; + 5 now
 - Japan trip is underway; REM upcoming (Rural Experiential Model) April 22nd; Student led conferences this week; HS Ski day was rescheduled to first week of April
 - Calendar update: calendar was approved with the 10 min extra/day (just for this year)
 - 7 positions posted (5 full time; 2 part time). They close April 11th. Interviews end of April. Helen msgd Linda Lamers to check for current YG housing inventory. Will let RSS council know when letters of support/advocacy would be helpful.
 - Jody pointed out the the visiting councillors noted in the principal's monthly report were actually TH contractors, not YFNed. This was noted and will be changed.
 - 5.2. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Education Update: Ashley Bower-Bramadat, TH Education Manager
 - Most TH ed staff attended YFNed conference last week; Dene drum making, hand games and cultural expressions workshop will be included in REM; Gr 4 camp upcoming

at Land of Plenty (April 24-26th); issues have arisen around not approving camps far enough in advance; April 29th blanket activity w/ Grade 10 class (department of Ed and TH ed running it), and RSS councillors could possibly join in- check w/ Bassia; Grade 10 camp April 30-May 2; TH support staff going to Ready to Learn symposium; CELCs trying to connect to teachers for camps and field trips to take advantage of spring weather; Erin Peacock will be coming up during blanket exercise and following residential camp; May 31st YFN grad; RSS Grad June 8th (six RSS grads- 3 are TH); maybe partner with school council and TH to have end of year bbq; Jordan's Principle funding for 4 million pays K-12 staff salary and programs and has been approved for 2 more years

6. Business Arising from the Minutes (Jan 16 and Feb 13)

6.1 Secretarial Services Recruitment

- no progress on this; Molly has been doing the agenda and minutes

6.2 Yukon Housing Concerns (update)

- closes April 11th, so hiring around the April 22-26th, we would want school to be able to offer housing.
- Council to draft a letter. Helen will look into who to send the letter. Jody to draft the letter to send from Rss council email.

6.3 RSS Council Financials and Reporting (update)

- \$18 723 dollars in bank; John thinks we should come up with plan on how to spend money (for next agenda). Council has given honararia for speakers, or scholarship for graduation, or maybe end of year bbq.
- Reporting; John to reach out to Lori. He thought he had done all the requisite reporting.

6.4 RSS Council Recruitment (update)

- Molly sent some content and Ashley made a poster; Molly will now get poster and forward through RSS email list (w/ notice re upcoming elections); invite parents to our meeting – maybe have at library, and maybe have refreshments and literature on hand

6.5 Dispute Resolution Policy review (update)

- Molly will resend draft around for comment; this can be worked on via email

6.6 Town Hall Event

- 6.6.1 Council decided to make an effort to invite public to next meeting, which will be the last one before council elections. See 6.4. The meeting will be April 16/24

7. New Business

7.1. Principal Evaluation

- Linda Lamers sent an email regarding principal evaluation and how RSS council would like to submit our feedback.
- We decided to request copy of evaluation as a group. Consider, give input, then find a date when Linda is here in April to sit down with her, before completing final evaluation. Ideal would be April 16h before council meeting. Molly will email Linda Lamers re this decision.

8. Correspondence

8.1. Discuss how to share general email correspondence (forward, attach to agenda etc)

- Decided that anything urgent would be forwarded by Molly, who will try to check account weekly. Non-urgent emails will be listed under this section on agenda. All councillors have access to gmail and can review listed correspondence.

9. Upcoming Dates

9.1 Next RSS Council Meeting: April 16th @ location to be announced, but will be at school.

12. Adjournment: 6:42

13. Roundtable

N/A

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Action Items:

1. **Jody** to draft a letter regarding need for housing inventory prior to teacher interview at the end of April 2024. Talk to Helen to find out who to send email to. Send from RSS Council gmail.
2. **John** to reach out to Lori Choquette to ensure all requisite financial reporting complete prior to March 31st 2024.
3. **Molly** will get recruitment poster and forward through RSS email list (w/ notice re upcoming elections and invitation for parents to attend April 16th meeting, find out more about council.
4. **Molly** resend draft Conflict Resolution Policy to councillors for comment
5. **Molly** write back to Linda Lamers re principal evaluation and invite her to meet April 16/24

