

Robert Service School Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes -DRAFT
Tues September 24, 5:30 pm
Location: TH Rm 211

In attendance: Jody Beaumont, Lisa Perry, Shirly Paraluman, Molly MacDonald, Brent McDonald, Angela Edmunds (VP RSS), Martin Turpin (Director of Schools, YG)

Regrets: John Macdonald, Brenda Butterworth-Carr, Ashley Bower-Bramadat, Helen McCullough

1. Call to Order (Co-Chairs)
2. Review and Approval of Agenda (additions or deletions)

Molly moved to approve w/ additions of 6.4 , 7.1 and 7.2. Seconded by Shirley.

3. Review and Approval of Sept 3/24 Minutes (errors or omissions)

Shirley moved to approve minutes. Seconded by Molly.

4. Delegations

4.1 Superintendent's Report: Martin Turpin

- Richard Poirier is the new school cancel liasion, our "go-to" person
- presented superintendent report, attached (Program Confluence in Dawson was missing from report, and will be added)

5. Reports

5.1. Robert Service School Update: Angela Edmunds, RSS VP

- Staffing: hiring EAs, one EA/teacher split (phy ed 8-9) now moving to WH; 2 EAs starting next week; post for Foods teacher will be going out for 2nd semester; no gr 5 teacher 1st semester, resulting in a 4/5 split until gr 5 teacher returns from mat leave, Jan 2025
- Housing: 1 teacher placed in YG housing, only. Can't save a house till the hiring is done. 2 houses went to French school hires because their recruitment was done earlier.
 - o Brent added that Yukon Housing told him that the school can hold Yukon housing for 6 mos by special request. Unclear if such a request was made.
- KEEP program: will be a series of 4 multi-day workshops, not a full semester (focus on food security and climate change)
- Post-secondary trips: to Yukon U, and Calgary

5.2. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Education Update: Jody Beaumont

- Staffing: fully staffed, but one position open for education advocate; another advocate leaving in coming months - advocates are like EAs, but for TH/indigenous kids (5 total

positions); student support coordinator leaving for parental leave (ideally will hire someone w/ clinical/counselling bkground)

- Nutrition Program: breakfast program, but no lunch programs

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 RSS Council Financials and Reporting Update

6.1.1 Financial Statement Report, July 1st

No one present for update. Will action John to f/u on this.

6.1.2 Receipt of REM funding

No one present for update. Will action John to provide update at next meeting.

6.2 Orange Shirt Day t-shirts for staff and students: update

- Couldn't achieve for 2024 T&R day; preference to have meaningful design, reflecting school and TH culture, on class shirt sets for next year. Maybe "every child matters" in Han- keep it simple. Work on this will be ongoing and Lisa has identified potential supplier.

6.3 Teachers on Call Recruitment and Orientation Evening Workshop: update

- TOC recruitment event: Oct 8th 2pm is preferred time by proponents. School Council will provide refreshments (and for the evening if an evening session happens)
- Supporting TOCs: Could new hires be mentored by a teacher or former teacher? Shadow a teacher for the day, w/ stipend provided by YG or School Council?
 - o Molly will email Richard Poirier @ YG to inquire re funding for this through Student Support Service funding program
 - o Molly will check in w/ Andrea at RCMP re process for RCMP vulnerable sector check, and whether this could be expedited in any way by Andrea's attendance at event. Unable to connect thus far.

6.4 RSS School Council letter of introduction to parents (John)

- This did not happen yet to the knowledge of those present. Will request f/u.

7. New Business

7.1. RSS SC Roles

- Not officially voted on, but tentatively: co-chairs Molly and Brent; Lisa maybe secretary; John not present to discuss treasury position.
- Discussed desirability of hiring someone to do admin, including minutes and financial reporting.
 - o Molly will contact Rian Loughed-Smith re this
 - o Brent raised idea of multiple councils hiring one admin to attend meetings via ZOOM, and support councils remotely

- Shirley agreed to inquire within Chief Isaac re someone to do the bookkeeping for us

7.2. Appointment paper work

-Brent and Shirley are appointed council members, and as such they require special letters of permission to be officially on council. Molly will email Richard Poirier to inquire about this process.

8. Correspondence

Nil

9. Upcoming Dates

Next RSS Council Meeting: Oct 29th

10. Adjournment – 7 pm

11. Roundtable -Nil