

Robert Service School Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes -DRAFT

Monday April 15, 5:30 pm

Location: RSS Art Room

Attendees: Lisa Perry, John Macdonald, Molly MacDonald, Ashley Bower-Bramadat, Jody Beaumont, Helen McCullough, Dave Vanwerkhoven, and Brenda Butterworth-Carr

1. Call to Order (Co-Chairs) by Jody @ 5:40 pm
2. Review and Approval of Agenda (additions or deletions)

Adding 7.3 Spending Council Money

Move to approve by Molly, seconded by John.

3. Review and Approval of Feb 2024 and March 26/24 Minutes (errors or omissions)

Move to approve by Jody, seconded by Molly.

4. Delegations (limit of 15 minutes)

N/A

5. Reports (5 minutes per report)

5.1. Robert Service School Update: Helen McCullough, RSS Principal

- spring melt/leak; dept health was here so there will be more follow-through w/ regards to roof, mold potential, building shifting, and heaved boardwalk
- Wildstone here for the heating system, boiler etc, dealing w/ building shift
- many staff have been away for school trip, illness, family illness- most coverage is internal bc of lack of subs (issue with system that displays subs- RSS has not been able to see subs on their list)
- technical issue w/ staff pay lately.
- REM 8-12 next week; grade 4 going camping; Good News Assembly April 16/24
- 2024 staffing/hiring; 7 positions closed today (candidates for all the positions, though only 1 applicant for two of the positions). Screening this week, then interviews. 4+ houses needed for those positions, so letter of support would be helpful now.

5.2. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Education Update: Ashley Bower-Bramadat, TH Education Manager

- O&M at YG- to do walk around regarding physical plant and grounds, new shelter outside, and new storage shed
- Staffing- hs education support worker position interviews happened today
- Mini REM – drum making workshop
- YG curriculum and YFNed for curriculum

- Gr 4 camp at Land of Plenty – some TH reps coming out to do a mock council
- Erin Peacock up late April to support camp and blanket activity (Council can take part April 29th morning)
- Ready to Learn symposium upcoming in WH
- May 3rd PD day
- CLECs doing day doing +++ day trips; trip for 12 youth to Old Crow for Caribou Days upcoming
- Zoom session on autism and adhd (for staff)

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

6.1 Yukon Housing Concerns (update- Jody)

- Jody got contact through housing, so will send email now re upcoming hires and needs for secure accomodation

ACTION 1: Jody to write a letter on behalf of council advocating that housing be made available for new hires.

6.2 RSS Council Financials and Reporting (update- John)

- no changes; we have \$19 000

6.3 RSS Council Recruitment (update- Molly)

- Molly sent poster and email, resulting in some interest

ACTION 2: Molly will send another email to parents re school council elections, before nomination closes.

6.4 Dispute Resolution Policy review (update)

- Brent made some electronic comments on Molly's draft.
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ACTION 3: Molly will pull together a working draft Dispute Resolution Policy to present at next meeting.

6.5 Principal Review (update/discussion)

- performance review meeting with Linda Lamers tomorrow (Jody + Molly)
- Council can meet to fill in the form collectively after that if we wish

7. New Business

7.1. REM \$\$ from Yukon Education/Transfer Payment Agreement with School Council

- Council agreed that we can accept YG cheque and write cheque for school for mini REM, and/or front the money

7.2. Food Allergy Policy

- RSS is a "no nut" school, but some WH schools have moved away from that

- Food program, there are medical plans in place for several students, signed off on by people named in each plan
- Brent not present to speak to why he added this to the agenda. Carry fwd.

7.3. Spending Council money

- Members briefly brainstormed ideas for spending council money
 - o maybe a meet-up/workshop with Klondike Outreach, re how to apply to be substitute teacher
 - o end of school bbq
 - o hiring someone to help create policy
 - o supplies for teachers- esp book resources (like leveled books) and art supplies
 - o maybe think about an area that school council would like to support financially w/ supplies
 - o school shirts for everyone
 - o items to augment the new outdoor classroom
 - o maybe work around a theme "community building" etc
 - o after school tutoring program

8. Correspondence

8.1. Sonja Stephenson "March 2024 Report" (April 3r, 2024)

8.2. Lori Choquette "School Council Elections" (Apr 9th, 2024)

8.3. AYSCBC "E-News AGM Registration Reminder" (Apr 14th, 2024)

9. Upcoming Dates

9.1 Next RSS Council Meeting: May 13th (tentative, depending on new membership)

12. Adjournment

6:45 pm

13. Roundtable

- discussion of tutoring program
- discussion continuity bw early childhood education, and RSS- Lisa Perry would like to see more overlap there