

Rocky Lane School
Council Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M.

Attendance: Liane Mercredi (Chair), Pamala Kipling (Vice Chair), Natalie Morris (Principal), Emily Archibald (Vice Principal), Tina Lizotte, Brook Croy, Hayden Mercredi, Keith Lambert, Kirsty Adekat, Susie Adekat, Laurie Aliche

Recorder: Elsie Croy

1.0 Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

2.0 Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Agenda approved with the addition of 7.4 – Truth & Tears Conference, 7.5 – Parent Conference and 7.6 – Advisory Committee – Beaver First Nations.

3.0 Acceptance of Last Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2017: Minutes approved as presented.

4.0 Action Items: No Action Items.

5.0 Reports:

5.1 Principals Report: Family literacy nights are slowly increasing in attendance; would like to keep themes for the event to engage more families in attending. General discussion held regarding the new newsletter format and how convenient it is to be able to access the newsletter electronically. February 22, 2017 Student Lead Conferences are booked; this gives the students the opportunity to talk with their teachers and ask questions on how they can improve their schooling. When parents are engaged in attending school events this shows the students/children creates a better learning experience for our children. Have tried supper's and snacks to bring out more parents for this type of event but found that Literacy night is more successful when activities planned for the evening. This past literacy night we had approximately 60 people attend. All the books that were handed out during the night were donated from an individual within the area.

5.2 Trustee Report: At the last board meeting Scott Leys role has changed to more of a communication between the schools within the area. Trying to get a learning store for the Buffalo Head students to ensure students graduate in the

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community. Dean Wieler started a Northern Learning Centre and has the same school curriculum as the Fort Vermilion School Division; 43% of the student are from outside the school division. 92% of the government funding is spent locally. The new addition to the High Level Public School grand opening will be held June 8, 2017; trying to get the minister of education to come to the area and see the struggles that we experience not that all of the teachers are equal across the province. Alberta Education has revised the PAT for 2017-2017 school year where they will have a window on when the exams can be written. Questions was asked on what is the process on contacting the Trustee? It depending on the situation usually it would be addressed with the teacher; then the Principal, next meet as group, then can be brought to the school board; then the trustee can be brought into the situation is not resolved. General discussion held regarding process.

5.3 Committee Report:

Numeracy Committee – there is a focus this month around the 100th day of school which is February 22, 2017; have several different events planned for the week – will ask kids to list out 100 things that they like about the school; without repeating what has already been documented; students will be encouraged to bring in 100 non-perishable food items which will then be assembled into care packages for the community.

Where does the money come from for each committee? Each committee has a budget and is reported under the school supply budget.

Student council meet once a month where all the students' representatives go to the meetings. Discuss how to make the school better; student council decides on where their fundraising money will be allocated to. The Christmas movie night funds went towards the Turkey Shoot.

Culture committee have started some programming with beading and only very few kids were interested in the committee. Tried to get ideas from the students

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to see what they were interested in. The committee leaders know that they can approach the principal and vice principal to discuss planning/resources.

Questioned on where the FMNI money is allocated to and how is it spent throughout the year. Natalie will bring the school's budget to the next meeting.

ACTION: Natalie will bring the school's budget to the next meeting.

- 5.4 Parent Fundraising Report:** General discussion on looking for other ideas on fundraising and reaching our goal in getting a new playground for the school; which will benefit the students and the community. Discussion was held regarding the Junior ATB program.

6.0 Old Business:

- 6.1 Student Council – Computer Set-up:** Natalie will connect with Liane to receive the computer and video camera from the North Peace Tribal Council and have the students lead the project on what bullying means to them.

ACTION: Natalie will connect with Liane to receive the computer and video camera from North Peace Tribal Council and have the students lead the project on what bullying means to them.

7.0 New Business:

- 7.1 Bullying – Liane:** How are we dealing with bullying; how are we preventing bullying? It's a huge concern within the school. What are the boundaries with the students? Would like to have a better understanding on what bullying means to the students, parents, teachers and as the community as a whole. Tabled till next meeting; asked parents to think about how we can deal with bullying in the school. Think about "restitution; reconciliation and respect". The "Tell Them From Me" survey is underway from Grade 4 – 12. This survey has combined the Accountability survey and the Tell Them From Me survey into 1. The Accountability Survey is from the Alberta Teachers Association; random access codes available for parents to come into the school and complete the survey online.

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ACTION: Parents to think about how we can deal with bullying in the school.

- 7.2 School Handbook – Liane:** As parent council we should be reviewing the student handbook. Encouraged parents to review the student handbook and provide any suggestions to Natalie before the end of June as the books are sent for publishing during the summer. General discussion held on how the communication is between the students, teachers, principal and support staff.
- 7.3 Alberta School Council AGM – Elsie:** Referred to the handouts regarding the upcoming Alberta School Council AGM in Edmonton and how this is a great opportunity for our voice to be heard and make suggestions on what we would like to see be changed within our education system. Requested parents to review resolutions for next meeting.
- 7.4 Truth in Tears – Liane:** North Peace Tribal Council will be hosting their annual Truth in Tears on February 28 – March 2, 2017; anyone can attend this event.
- 7.5 Parent Conference – Liane:** March 31 and April 1, 2017 there is a Parent Conference being held at the Best Western Hotel where it will discuss parental rights/expectations on our education system which is changing quickly.
- 8.0 Advisory Committee – Beaver First Nations – Liane:** An Advisory Committee has been assembled within the First Nations which consists of women, youth, parents, elders and the Education Director of North Peace Tribal Council. The advisory committee met on January 31, 2017. Are looking for advice from the community members/parents. Trying to get a shared journey and their voice count through Treaty 8. General discussion held on aboriginal culture. Government of Alberta recognizes the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).
- 9.0 Date/Time of Next Meeting:** March 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Meeting date has changed to March 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM.
- 10.0 Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.