

Rocky Lane School  
Council Meeting Minutes  
September , 2016

**Attendance:** Liane Mercredi (Chair), Natalie Morris (Principal), Pamela Kipling, Barb Adekat, Paulet Auger, Danielle Mercredi, Connie Francis, Emily Archibald (Vice Principal), Delaine Morris, Jody Lizotte

**Recorder:** Elsie Croy

- 1.0 Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM
- 2.0 Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** No agenda present, will use regular format of previous minutes with the additions to Old Business 5.1 School Council Bylaws and under New Business 6.1 Annual Report, 6.2 Trustee Report and 6.3 School Council AGM
- 3.0 Acceptance of Last Meeting Minutes:** Tabled till next meeting.
- 4.0 Principal's Report:** August long weekend the kitchen flooded which needed to be repaired, insurance covered for the repairs and does not come out of the School's operating budget.

Student enrollment is currently at 182, may still have students enroll, the final student enrollment is done as of September 30, 2016.

This year we have 4 educational assistants and 2 new teachers, Janielle Lizotte – Grade 4 and Emily Wilson – Grade 6.

Held a Grade 6 meeting tonight to discuss the Grade 6 field trip as Ms. Wilson is in her first year of teaching and wanted to ensure that she was not overwhelmed with extra fundraising events for the field trip.

Kindergarten is full time this year; hoping that with having the students attending full time will increase the literacy rates at the school.

Rocky Lane will be hosting the Cross Country Divisional on September 28, 2016 will have approximately 600 students attending.

Rocky Acres Farm celebration on September 30, 2016 from 10:00 - 2:00; other schools from High Level and Fort Vermilion will be attending the celebrations.

Question was asked about how many Beaver First Nation Students are enrolled in the school. Do not have the current number for the upcoming year, last year approximately 87-88% were first nations including FMNI, will have a final count at the next parent

council meeting as student enrollment is final on September 30, 2016. Last year the school received \$4,000.00 in FMNI funding which went to purchasing books that were written by aboriginals, the school also brought in Beverly Lambert twice last year once at Christmas and the other in May. Informed parents the in August the school designates teachers to several committees, Lynda Dyck is leading the Cultural Awareness Club. Suggestion was made to have Lynda Dyck attend the next parent council meeting to discuss opportunities for the students. Cultural does not focus on one culture, and is driven by the student body's needs.

How is the TRC94 implemented into our school? The School purchased two reference text on Aboriginal Studies 30, not all students will take as this is an optional course for all students.

## **5.0 Old Business:**

**5.1 School Council Bylaws:** Explained that with the current School Council Bylaws we are not able to change them throughout the school year, but if the School Council went with School Council Operating Procedures we would be able to change the Operating Procedures with the announcement of a Special meeting to change the School Council Operating Procedures. School Council Bylaws and an example of School Council Operating Procedures handed out for everyone to review and will schedule a special meeting on October 11, 2016 @ 7:00 PM to vote which model of Bylaws/Operating Procedures that the Rocky Lane Parent Council will adopt.

## **6.0 New Business:**

**6.1 Annual Report:** The previous School Council Chair has to submit an annual report of activities that occurred for the previous school year, report is due in October to the School Board.

**6.2 Trustee Report:** Asked the parent council if they would like to have a trustee report from our School Trustee, all parents were in agreeance that they would like to have the trustee attending the parent council meeting in order to report what is happening within the school board. Chair will connect with School Trustee to invite to all parent council meetings.

**6.3 School Council AGM:** Reviewed the role of the Chair prior to accepting nominations on Chair position. Connie Frances nominated Leeann Mercredi, Pamela Kipling seconded. Leeann accepted nomination. Leeann accumulated into the Chair position. Reviewed Vice Chair role; Jody Lizotte nominated Barb Adekat ??? seconder. Barb Adekat nominated Pamela Kipling seconded by Leeann. Pamela accepted nomination. Barb Adekat declined Vice Chair position; Pamela Vice Chair. Reviewed Secretary role, no nominations for secretary position, Elsie Croy will continue as the parent council secretary. Treasurer position will continue to be completed by Bev Patmore – School Secretary.

**7.0 Date/Time of Next Meeting:** October 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM

**8.0 Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM by Chair.

