

ROUND HILL SCHOOL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES: 16th January 2018

Members Present: Carlene Wetthuhn, Leah Rasmuson, Karen Belich, Suzie Ellik, Nicola Irving, Michelle Bjorgum, Ms. Koleba, Carie Carr, Nola Sherbaniuk, Robin Maccan, Candace Perry.

1. Called to order: 6:30 pm

2. Round Hill School respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Metis people.

3. Positive Shout outs: Christmas concert was well done (Carlene)

4. Acceptance of Minutes from November 22nd, 2017: accepted by Candace, 2nd by Carie.

5. Welcome to Community Rep - Nola Sherbaniuk.

6. Trustee Report – Karen Belich

1200 people employed in BRSD (full and part time), one of the largest in our geographical region.

Funding comes from Alberta education. Education is going to have reduced spending going forward, so encourage all school boards to reduce spending also.

Mental Health Support – lobbying govt for extra resources for staff and students

Emergency Preparedness – more focus on this given world and extreme weather events.

Attended meeting of Canadian Parents for French Language

Looking into Logos program in the division

7. Old business

- a. **Operating Procedures** – reviewed and updated by Leah, Bharb and Nicola on 15 January 2018. Carlene makes a motion to accept the Operating Procedures as written. 2nd by Candace. AIF.
- b. **Post it note ‘parking lot’.** – a reminder that items to be discussed at the meeting must be submitted in advance for consideration.
- c. **Ski Trip / Grade 1-2 Field Trip** – Grade 3-9 are going on ski trip on February 9th. Grade 3 is included so the grade 3-4 homeroom can be together. Mr Lowe is planning the ski trip and more information will be issued soon. The grade 1-2 will remain at Round Hill, but ideas for events are still under discussion, and may be weather dependent.

8. New business

- a. **BRSD planning day** – Will be held on Feb 8th This is a collaborative day when school board chairs, trustees and administrators work together on planning, guest speakers, information sessions. Robin has volunteered to go.
- b. **Cornerstone / BRSD relationship: implications for Round Hill** – Karen (Trustee) mentioned that BRSD lawyers have advised the board not to have discussions. We must focus on the positive things happening in BRSD. Ms. Koleba advised there is always lots of misinformation circulated, and that our focus must always be that kids are always first.
- c. **Pink Shirt Day** – we can possibly order t-shirts for approx \$7.75 per shirt in time for 28 February. Ms. Koleba will put out a note, parents will buy their own shirts.
- d. **3-year plan (Ms. Koleba)** – The 3-year plan creates focus on what Round Hill School is doing. It is updated annually. The annual results review has been combined with the 3-year plan. There are 6 areas of focus: **1. Welcoming and caring:** the goal is to ensure every student is successful. In RHS due to the numbers, there is opportunity for individual student focus, and a plan can be set for each student to achieve this goal. **2. Inclusion** is also part of ensuring every student is successful. This is linked with the REAL program. As a school we have moved away from giving prizes and focused instead on encouraging authentic REAL behavior. Example: Jr. High students will be rewarded with indoor recess if their classroom behavior is appropriate. **3. Literacy:** every

student will undergo benchmark testing. Each child will read to their teacher, and the teacher will take notes to assess the reading level. The outcome will determine the response. Michelle is doing LLI (Language Learning Intervention) course next week to learn how to integrate in our school. **4. Numeracy:** MIPI is a math benchmark testing that has recently been introduced. It will show trends to target support. **5. 21st Century learning:** We currently have 1 classroom that is paper free. This is the way of the future; however, the school does recognize that there are some tasks that still need paper. Teachers are getting training on google docs, and technology. School has received funding on 'Maker Space' items e.g. 3D printer, full desktop computer. The staff room has been changed to house this equipment. Some furniture has been ordered for the room. It is recognized there will be individual learning rates and styles. **6. First Nations Metis Inuit:** the staff have a collaboration morning booked with division rep to experience a blanket exercise. There is also a live binder – a resource to bring that culture into our schools. This will be included in the new curriculum. If anyone needs more information Ms. Koleba is open for discussion.

- e. **Collaborative Response Model** - targeted supports: already discussed in 3-year plan
- f. **Upcoming events (Ms. Koleba)**– swimming and skating will be happening. **Speaker, Edward Snowden**, living in exile due to political choices, can be accessed via Skype, and a forum for discussion on the situation. Mr. Jensen is investigating this. Maybe just for Gr. 9 and possible Gr.8. **Rocks and Rings** – demo on curling. Come to gym and every student level will participate. **Farm Safety** – coming in for presentation. There was an off-road presentation before Christmas.
Constable Ted Turgeon RCMP came in to introduce himself and went into every classroom to introduce himself. We asked him to come and do a **career presentation day** in the future. We are going to connect with the **DARE program** with Mike Kuzio.
- g. **School Photo Feedback** – it was commented that they seem late, but we can order them to come earlier in the school year. We will review the current contract and then decide about future years. Consensus is that parents would like to see the photos before ordering.
- h. **Eagles School Clothing** – can we do an order for this year? Ms. Koleba doesn't want to ask Mr Lowe to do it all on his own, or can we help to do the ordering. Robin and Carlene have volunteered to help.
- i. **Clothing swap** – it has been suggested by a Kindergarten parent that we could do a clothing swap. Karla thinks it isn't part of the school mandate, other than providing the space for it to happen. This could be organized by the Kindergarten, but there must be a plan on what to do with leftover items. Michelle mentioned that she could use some spare ski pants and jackets, and sweatpants and t-shirts. Lost and Found has been moved to washer/dryer room – it is less available for misuse.
- j. Community Rep (Nola) - shared that from her experience, that one on one support for kids can really create success stories.

9. Next Meeting: Tuesday 27 February 2018 at 6:30 pm

10. Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm