

Rimbey Elementary School Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 20, 2009

Attendance: Wayne Clark, Laura Baker, Arna Schatschneider, Trudy Bratland, Keri Hove-Steiner, Jay Cottell, Sue Pankiw, Holly Trenson, Rae Ann Rallison, Christine Makofka, Donna Kercher, Karen Skeels, Betty Clark, Connie Clough, Lisa Adam, Walt Johnson.

- (1) Call to Order by Chairman Wayne Clark at 7:04p.m.
- (2) Agenda Approval & Additions. No additions were made. Laura Baker moved that the agenda be approved. Carried.
- (3) Approval of the regular meeting minutes. Holly Trenson moved the minutes of the September 22, 2009 regular meeting be approved. Carried.
- (4) Treasurer's Report. Holly Trenson presented her report indicating that the closing balance on September 22 was \$9312.04. Holly moved that her report be adopted as presented. Carried.

(5) Business Arising From The Minutes:

5.1 Election of a RES Council Vice-Chair – A please for a Vice Chair for the RES Council. This item is again tabled until the November meeting.

5.2 Gord Bamford Fundraising opportunity – Upon contacting Gord Bamford's foundation, Wayne Clark was told that this venture has been put on hold for at least a year.

(6) New Business:

6.1 Read & Write Gold presentation by Jay Cottell. Bluffton teacher Jay Cottell made a presentation on an assistive literacy software for children primarily in the Division II or grades 4-6 area. This software is designed to give children struggling with reading and writing. The division is supporting the software and Mr. Cottell will be implementing training for teachers in schools who purchase the software. Mr. Cottell proposed that RES purchase 12 copies at a bulk purchase price, this would also give access to 12 home-use copies for students in need.

After a demonstration of the software, RES council discussed the benefits of the software to RES students and how the RES Council could cover the cost of the software. A committee will be struck to obtain donations for this software purchase. Christine Makofka made the first donation of \$100.00 towards the software. Rae Ann Rallison moved that the council purchase the twelve licenses of Read and Write Gold being offered to Rimbey Elementary. Seconded by Holly Trenson. Carried.

(7) Reports:

7.1 Principal's Report by Mrs. Jodi Bramfield's stand in, Mr. Walter Johnson.

- There will be a focus on the grades 3 and 6 writing achievement in the school.
- This year students and staff will be working on Steven Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Successful People.
- The Christmas concert will be held on Wednesday, December 16th at the Rimbey Community Centre. The format will be similar to the concert last year. Watch the December school newsletter for more details.

7.2 Wolf Creek School Trustee's Report by Mrs. Trudy Bratland

- There was a presentation to the school board at their latest meeting regarding the H1N1 influenza situation and what to expect. Wolf Creek's influenza plan has been posted on the website.
- The school board is currently touring schools in the region.
- The board is reviewing a number of policies at each of their meetings to ensure they are not obsolete.

(8) Correspondence & Events

- The RES Council Foundation's Society Annual Return is due. Wayne Clark and Holly Trenson will look into it. Holly indicated that we need the financial records audited and will approach someone to do it for us.

(9) Date of the Next Regular Meeting is Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the RES staffroom. Everyone is welcome.

(10) Adjournment was moved by Laura Baker at 8:37 p.m.