

Rimbey Elementary School Parent Council Meeting Agenda

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

ATTENDANCE: Lana Leonhardt, Jodi Bramfield, Jean Oram, Michelle Service, Kathleen Terry, Marilyn Weatherald, Lori Danser, Michelle Service, Trudy Bratland, Stephanie Armstrong, Matilda Kleinsasser, Aimee Heilemann, Angela Bennik.

1. **Call to Order:** 5:37 PM by chairperson Lana Leonhardt.

2. Agenda

2.1 Additions: None.

2.2 Adoption of Agenda: Motion moved to adopt the agenda made by Michelle Service. Seconded by Lori Danser. Carried.

3. Minutes from May 8, 2018

3.1 Adoption of minutes: Motion moved to adopt the minutes made by Lori Danser. Seconded by Michelle Service. Carried.

4. Tree Project – Kathleen Hull-Beagle & Bronwen Ibbottson

From approximately 5:00 – 5:25 the council was treated to a special presentation on the RES (grade six) Legacy Tree Project. The RES school playground area has very few trees and little landscaping and virtually no shade on a hot day. Grade 6's (current and future as this is an ongoing project) will fundraise (and apply for grants) to add somewhat mature trees to the RES school grounds. Their teachers will help them run the project. The first trees (a larch and elm which have been donated) will be planted this month, but it is expected that typically the trees will be planted the fall after the school year the funds are raised, and that former Grade 6 students from the year prior will be invited back to participate in the planting, care or celebration of the newly planted trees.

National Arbour Day is Sept 27th (approximately one week after the two trees are planted) and the school may have a small ceremony to

celebrate the two newly planted trees. The focus will be to show that trees are a sign of hope, newness and growth which will tie in with Orange Shirt Day and Terry Fox Day which are also on the same day.

This project will fit into the Grade 6 curriculum as trees and forests are studied in science. As well, students will vote on what type of trees are to be planted which will fit into their social studies democracy unit.

Trees will be planted not only for shade and ornamental reasons, but also for berries to feed birds, create windbreaks, a place for more imaginative play, etc.

In the past, smaller trees have been planted unsuccessfully. Thus, hardy, larger trees that are native to the area will be planted so they can become more easily established as well as less prone to vandalism (broken branches). They will be planted in the autumn so they don't dry out over the summer and are more likely to survive. The group will be working with Parkland Nursery for the first few years to supply trees.

Apex will plant the trees as they will be quite large--up to 1000lbs each. Each tree costs approximately \$350 and planting is approximately \$500 per tree (due to machinery costs, etc.).

The group is asking the school council treasurer to help them keep track of raised funds.

Action resulting from the presentation:

Jodi Bramfield will create a document outlining the intent and guiding principles of the project. It will also outline how to access the funds that have been donated or raised by the RES Legacy Tree Project.

Aimee Heilemann made a motion for the RES School Council Foundation to hold the RES Legacy Tree Project's funds in the council's bank account at Servus Credit Union. The disbursement of the funds would be at the request of that current school year's grade six students and teachers as this is an ongoing project. The council will not determine how the funds are used or dispersed, and the grade six students and teachers will attend a council meeting to outline how the money is to be spent and submit all receipts to the council treasurer for record keeping. Seconded by Angela Bennik. Carried.

5. School Council Code of Ethics Review: Reviewed—document on file with the secretary. No questions or discussion was required.

6. Treasurer's Report: Balance as of August 31 is \$22610.30. Treasurer Michelle Service made a motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Aimee Heilemann. Carried.

7. Business Arising from Minutes

a. Chili Cook-Off: Trophies, Volunteers, etc.

The cook-off is this Thursday, September 13th. Lana L. looked into a wooden spoon and silver spoon prize for honourable mentions. Aimee H. suggested using a spoon made by a local artisan and will round two up as runner-up prizes.

b. Movie Night Outcome: May 10—Showed the movie *Ferdinand*. 107 bags of popcorn were sold. (Sold out.) We also sold 87 candy bags, 16 Gatorade, 64 chocolate bars. There was \$76 in cash donations. Deposited \$697.65. The expenses were \$213.10. Profit \$484.55.

8. New Business

a. New Volunteer Policy:

Volunteers can get the required forms from the school office or download them from the [school website](#).

If a Vulnerable Sector Check (formally called, Criminal Record Check) is not currently on file with the school then volunteers need to fill out a: Volunteer Application Form, Criminal Declaration Form and a Vulnerable Sector Check Application. The principal looks over all forms before approving/denying. If approved, volunteers take the Vulnerable Sector Check Application from the school to their local RCMP detachment to have a Vulnerable Sector check done. Volunteers bring these completed forms back to the school. The Vulnerable Sector Check that is completed by the RCMP is good for 3 years.

It was mentioned that more parental education is needed in the case of a school's Hold and Secure situation so parents can assist

the school in keeping their kids safe. Example: Do not try to call your kids on their cell phones. Do not tie up the school phone lines by calling the office, or mention the Hold and Secure situation on social media until it is resolved.

- b. **Parent Volunteers for Picture Days:** Mornings of Oct 1, 2, 4. Michael's Studio likes parent volunteers to help collect classes and organize students. Volunteers signed up and everything is set for another round of student smiles!

9. Reports

7.1 Principal's Report: Presented by principal Jodi Bramfield. Attached below:

Principal Report - September 12, 2017

Enrollment

Sept. 2013 = 355 students

Sept. 2014 = 384 students

Sept. 2015 = 416 students

Sept. 2016 = 415 students

Sept. 2017 = 421 students *Bright Futures Play Academy = 39 students*
Bright Futures Play Academy = 38 students (Total students = 459 students)

Sept. 2018 = 408 students *Bright Futures Play Academy = 21 students*

Class sizes, with the exception of grade 5 are smaller. Grade 5 is sitting at 29 & 30 students.

Returning Staff:

Mrs. Bjornson - grade 5

Mrs. Reddekopp - part time grade 4 and covers PE/Health classes for grades K - 6

New Inclusion Coach: Mrs. Weatherald

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, September 13 – Chili Cook Off
- Thursday, September 27
 - Terry Fox Run (12:20 – 1:50) - all donations will be online
 - Orange Shirt day
 - Tree Planting Ceremony
 - Deadline for parents to sign up for P/T Interviews
- October 3 & 4 – Parent/Teacher Interviews – please sign up online by Sept. 27
 - ECS extra P/T Day on Sept. 29th
- Friday, September 14 & 28 Professional Development Days
- Oct. 1 - 4 School Pictures

School's Professional Development Focus

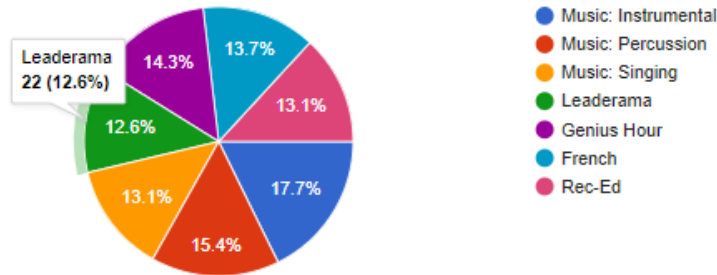
- Continuing to focus on examining best practices in numeracy and what it looks like in the classroom with a range of abilities and learners.
- Continuing to focus on literacy – specifically to supporting struggling readers.
- Focusing on setting individual reading goals.
- Teacher's Professional Learning Teams: Number Sense Routines: Building Numerical Literacy Every Day - book study & application

Div 2 Options well received by students.

QUESTIONS RESPONSES 175

Please choose the class you'd like to take.

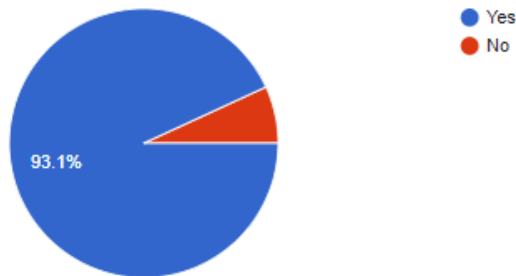
175 responses



Just one more thing....

Did you get to select the class you really wanted?

175 responses



(95% actually received the class they really wanted)

7.2 School Trustee's Report: Presented by Trudy Bratland.

Trudy's report as submitted and presented to the council:

Our organizational meeting is now being held in June so we have a new Board Chairperson - Pam Hansen and Vice Chair - Luci Henry. They will hold those positions until June of 2019. The committees that we are working on are posted on the website.

Over the summer we had two commitments - the Opening/Closing Ceremony for the International Learning Program and a meeting to accept a tender for the Rimbey Jr./Sr. High School. The work on the school has been somewhat delayed as the asbestos in some of the areas had to be taken out.

Our first Board Meeting was held September 6 and the agenda included the International Learning Program update and fee schedule, a staffing update - numbers won't be firm until September 30, setting a date to meet with the Auditor to get that process started, and setting a date for our first School Council/Board meeting which will be held on Monday October 22. It will be a learning experience with our First Nations Success Coordinator and Wisdom and Guidance Committee members in attendance.

Zone 4 will have their meeting at Wolf Creek on September 24th. We will be showcasing the International Learning Program.

10. Adjournment: 6:50 PM by chairperson Lana Leonhardt.

Next meeting will be held October 9, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

/minutes by secretary Jean Oram