

Rimbey Elementary School Council Meeting

May 9, 2023

Minutes by Kelly LeBlanc

Called to Order: Ashley Fowler at 5:02 PM

Attendees: Allison Goodwin, Trudy Bratland, TJ Orange, Ashley Fowler, Matilda Kleinsasser, Jodi Bramfield and Kelly LeBlanc

2. Approval of Agenda: TJ approves. Matilda seconds.

3. Approval of Minutes: Matilda approves. Allison seconds.

4. Reports

4.1 Treasurer Report

- presented by Matilda.

- \$37,153.35 current total account balance

- Moved by Matilda and seconded by Allison

4.2 Principal's Report

- presented by Jodi

- Mini hoops is going well, tournament will be May 17th. Trailhead climbing opportunities have been well received. The popcorn machine has arrived. Swimming will start soon. Parents to sign consents. Jodi reviewed the funding for the school, where funds are lacking is with classroom support and EAs

4.3 Trustee's Report

- Delivered by Trudy Bratland

5. Business from the Minutes

5.1 Hot Lunch Update

- had a pizza day on May 9

- taco in a bag coming up on May 31

- have had a donut/milk day and a dilly bar day

- dilly bar day on June 1st and freezie day on June 23 coming up

Hot Lunch committee will meet over the summer to develop the hot lunch and treat day plans for the year. Plan to post all hot lunch & treat days in September (will include September-January) and then

again in January (will include February-June), this way parents can order all at once or have the option of ordering one at a time.

5.2 Structure to cover the Sand boxes

Jodi has emailed central office, they have suggested that we take the drawings to the town to obtain a permit and take direction from the town on what needs to be done in order to proceed. Jodi will take the drawings to the town to inquire about the permit and requirements to proceed with this project.

Allison provided the quote from the contractor & supplies estimate from Coop. There was discussion about potentially using Rimbey Castle Builders for materials, no written quote was provided from Castle builders. There was discussion about the importance of supporting the Coop with the purchase of materials for this project as they donated a large amount towards the recent rink project and regularly support our school.

We will have to defer further decisions and discussions of the covered sandboxes to our September meeting. Kelly & Allison will be organizing a ticket sales raffle over the summer to help raise the funds for this project. There is an email out to the AGLC to find out what they will need from the foundation to provide us a lottery licence. We are hopeful to start this project in October 2023, but will need to see the costs, requirements and financial status of the RES Foundation in September.

5.3 Chili Cook Off Up-Date

September 21st is the date that the Chili Cook Off will be held. The pavilion at Paskapoo Park has been booked. Council has written cheques that Kelly will drop off to the Rimbey Historical Society to secure the date and another for the historical society to hold as a damage deposit. Both cheques are for \$150. Kelly and Owen will continue to work on plans for the chili cook off and will be reaching out for volunteers in September. Letters to local businesses will be ready for distribution the last week of August and 1st week of September, will need assistance with that as well.

5.4 Year End BBQ for Staff and Students Update

There will be a free hot dog and juice box lunch provided to all RES students and staff on June 16, 2023. Hot dogs and juice boxes will be served by parents. This will be paid for by RES school council, up to a maximum of \$1000, as previously decided. There has been a request for "veggie dogs", these will be available along with gluten free hot dogs and buns. There will be a facebook post put out to obtain volunteers for this. June 16th is a T/Th kindergarten day so the M/W kindergarten kids will have their hot dogs & juice boxes on June 14th.

5.5 Mural Project

There were quotes obtained to do a full wall mural on the South Side of the Elementary School. The quotes ranged in between \$2100 and \$4500. There was some discussion on the value of a mural. Discussion that the money could be better spent on the covered sandboxes. There was discussion on the value and gift of art. The pride that is created for students when their space looks beautiful. Concern was expressed regarding risk of vandalism. Discussed this project happening this late spring/summer.

Allison made a motion that we authorize Kelly to investigate and engage a painter to put a mural on the south side of our school, up to a maximum budget of up to \$3000. Matilda second. Carried.

6.0- New Business

6.1 Requests from RES School to council

No current requests. Recommendation at this point to leave this topic to the AGM in September. Will discuss the Rimbey Elementary School Foundation goals and plans at the AGM in September 12, 2023.

6.2 Ice Cream

Last year school council paid for the grade 6s to go to Cone Zone for a “farewell ice cream”. This was a nice gesture and farewell. Had discussion about continuing to do this for grade 6 classes at the end of the year.

Allison makes a motion that parent council spends up to \$600 to treat all of the grade 6s and the teachers to a single scoop ice cream or slush at the Cone Zone to honor their departure from Rimbey Elementary School. Seconded by Matilda. Unanimously supported.

TJ Orange left the meeting and there is no longer quorum.

6.3 School Council Annual Report

- filled out survey on goals and accomplishments of school council

6.4 School Council Wishlist for September

Discussion about creating a wishlist for next year. Trudy reminded council that school councils are not to be discussing fundraising or making plans to spend money. Suggested that we defer this to the AGM and that two different meetings need to happen one meeting for school council and one meeting for the RES Foundation where money and spending can be discussed. The foundation needs to have a board and make financial decisions and bring their ideas to the council but monetary decisions need to be made outside of council meetings.

6.5 Operational Mission Statement

Ashley makes a motion that Rimbey Elementary School council adopts and supports the mission statement of Wolf Creek Public Schools which is “Inspiring success, confidence and resilience in every student”. Kelly seconds. There was no quorum but everyone present was in favor. Will need to be ratified.

6.6 School Council/Foundation Email Address

Maltida presented that the Rimbey Junior/Senior High School has an email address for their School Council Foundation. Jody is going to look into what other school councils do regarding an email for our council. If we had an email address for the foundation we could accept etransfers.

6.7 Honorarium for Guest Presenter

Leeann Cross has been providing fitness and wellness presentations to classes. Kelly puts a motion forward that we pay an honorarium for the amount of \$150 for the fitness and motivation of our students. Allison seconds. No quorum but will ratify in September.

7.0 Announcements

7.1 Honourable Mention

Allison was nominated for a friend of Wolf Creek Award. Did not win but name was put forward.

7.2 The provincial election on May 29, 2023. Ashley provided a link in the meeting agenda. There will be a candidate question and answer period, hosted by the library, on May 17 @ the community center.

7.3 Next Meeting is September 12, 2023 at 5:00PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm