

Robert Thirsk High School (RTHS) Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 9th, 2023, at 6:30 pm

The intention of the RTHS School Council is to work in collaboration with the principal and school community, to help foster a supportive learning environment and create valuable opportunities for students to meet the standards of education set by the Minister.

Attendance: Rhonda R, Jas J, Jane D, Deb C, Mandy H, Andrew G, Cindy L, Monique

1. Call to Order: 6:39 pm Rhonda R
 - a. Land Acknowledgment: Rhonda R
 - b. Welcome and Introductions – all
2. Approval of May 9, 2023, Agenda: Andrew G, 2nd Deb
3. Approval of meeting minutes April 4, 2023: Jane D, 2nd Deb
4. Reports:
 - a. Principal's Report: Mandy Hambidge
 - i. RTHS is the designated overflow for Winston Churchill
 - ii. Projected numbers for next school year 1450
 - iii. Will be hiring another AP and hiring more teachers to meet the increase in students
 - iv. Hiring an Indigenous Learning Leader
 - v. Hiring a CTS Learning Leader
 - vi. Timetables are ahead of schedule
 - vii. Some changes in AP courses for the following school year.
 - viii. Graduation is coming up soon – teachers and staff are working closely and supporting students with credits and courses.
 - ix. Provincial Slam Poetry Contest: 5 students participated from RTHS; the school came in 1st place.
 - x. Robotics Competition: Place 3rd out of 12 schools.
 - xi. Outdoor pursuits Yukon trip coming up June 1st.
 - xii. Athletics:
 1. Field Hockey – Div 1 – have won all games so far
 2. Boys Soccer – Dev 2 – Are 4 wins, 0 losses
 3. Boys Rugby – have won all games so far
 4. Girls Rugby – 3 wins 1 loss
 - b. Other Reports: NONE
5. School Council Update:
 - a. Staff Appreciation – Jas: will be doing another sign-up genius for June, Jas will work with admin to finalize a date, June 14 or 15th. Well received by both staff and ease of signing up by parents.
 - b. Grad Update: None
6. Ongoing items:
 - a. Use of \$500 grant - Drumming circle confirmed for June 7th , 2023
7. Announcements: None
8. Adjournment: 7:52pm

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Attendees: Principal Hambidge, Jas J, Rhonda R, Andrew G, Jane D, Vicky, Cindy Ly, Monique

1. Call to Order: 7:54 pm
2. Approval of Agenda: Approved: Jane , Second Andrew
3. Approval of last meeting minutes, April 4th, 2023, Approved Jane, Second Vicky
4. Funding Request: Jacquie Connelly, English Department
 - Membean: Online Literacy platform: interactive, personalized, digit and multi-faceted vocabulary building, reading platform to be used in school and at home. Membean will benefit all grade levels and ELA classes. \$9 a student, \$50 for each teacher subscriptions.
 - *Motion: Motion to allocate a maximum of \$15,000 for purchasing vocabulary program Membean from A*
 - *GLC casino funds (Andrew). Second Jane. Opposed: None. Approved.*
5. *Treasurer Report:*
 - Casino: \$88,133.73 (Pending \$9250.00 unpaid)
 - General: \$2633.18 (Pending approved allocations of \$2199.63)
6. Casino Report: Casino Funds are in with a total of \$73,171.84
7. Ongoing items:
 - Vice Chair Vacant
 - Secretary
 - Appointment of one Auditor
 - Casino Chair still needed.
 - Treasurer for next year – Andrew will be leaving and would like to onboard.
 - Notice will go out advising parents of all open positions for the 2023/2024 school year.
8. Announcements:
 - AGM for School Year 2023/2024 set for September 12, 2023.
9. Meeting Adjourned 8:55pm