



Roy Bickell Public School Council

Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Meeting is called to order at 6:00pm

In attendance: Tracey Mark, Shawna Holman, Gerry- Lynn McCann, Andre Ouellette, Ashley Sylvester, Danielle Lemieux, Nikki Lessard, Nicole Sherk, Jared Cleland, Abbey Cleland

In attendance via Zoom: Danielle Charlton, Kelsey Hope

Welcome and Introductions

1. Land Acknowledgement: Roy Bickell Public School sits on Treaty 8 Traditional Territory, ancestral home of the Cree, Beaver, Dene, and Metis people. We would like to acknowledge and honor all the First Nations, Metis and Inuit People who have lived, travelled, and gathered on these lands for thousands of years.
2. Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

1. Review minutes of previous meetings
2. Approval of September 20, 2023 minutes

Motion approved by Nicole Sherk Motion seconded by Ashley Sylvester. Motion carried

Reports

Chair Report – Jared Cleland

- School Council By-Laws / Review Mission & Objectives- Reviewed Bylaws
- Academic focus for students on 3 main goals:
 - 1. Writing (Practice from home, keeping a journal)
 - 2. Reading/Comprehension (encourage reading / reading with your kids / skill testing questions after reading books helps comprehension & Retention)
 - 3. Math (basic numbers, counting, practice at home, online math games to make things fun and board games that require math) – Resources such as Sylvan Learning Center, Kumon, The GP Public Library etc. to help kids who are struggling or need extra support.
- World Teachers Day - Thank you to all the parent volunteers (20) who helped make it a success and thank you to the staff
- Community Engagement
 - More Facebook presence including events, fundraisers, goals etc.
 - What's APP,
 - School Webpage
 - Handouts to Students going home
 - Emails from teachers
- ASCA Training – \$500 Grant can be spent on Training Workshops for Councils and Parents – Contact Jared Cleland for more information and interest.
- Ice Cleats for winter readiness have been supplied to RBPS Staff (20) provided by Wajax Power Systems
- Fundraising Letters to Businesses have been sent out and can also be picked up at the office for money towards playground. Contact the council team for a list of businesses already solicited.

Trustee Report – Andre Ouellette

- Superintendent welcome back meeting at the comp 1000 staff members joined
- Minister of Youth Council was chosen Daisy Nellis Grade 11 named to council
- Transit passes handed out by City of GP to all kids up to grade 12
- Old Composite high school demo is coming along but not complete
- City looking at different plans for the area of the old Composite School will be built into a Sports dome
- Board Social was held Oct 14th this recognized teachers, retirees & award winners. 560 people were in attendance
- Education Foundation awards & student awards 600 people in attendance
- Indigenous Family Circle started at Hillside School Oct 16th will circulate through other schools in the division
- Friends of ASBA Zone 1 Sean Sargent named
- Student enrollment increase of 4.88% from last year, currently 8741 students in the division
- Minister of education opened St. Patrick's School and toured Composite High School
- Discussed the need for more busses and drivers for next year

Principals Report – Tracey Mark

See Attached Report

Business

Unfinished Business for Decisions and Action

New Business

- Light outside Grade 4 entrance door to be put onto Maintenance plan.
- Shale will be put down by the Grade 2/3 entrance in the Spring.

Next Meeting Date, Adjournment

1. Meeting is adjourned at 7:00PM
2. Next Meeting Date is December 6, 2023 6:00pm