

McCrosson Tovell School Council Committee Agenda
April 18, 2023 at 3:30 pm
McCrosson Tovell School

1. Welcome and Introductions:
 - i. Call to order – time: 3:40 pm
 - ii. Welcome and introduction of guests

Present: Present: Brittney Gillies (teacher) brittney.gillies@rrdsb.com, Karen Kemp (community representative) akita2@hotmail.com, Karen Sepers (community representative) karensepers@gmail.com, Donna Osadchuk (Vice Principal) donna.osadchuk@rrdsb.com

Regrets: David Nussbaumer (teacher) david.nussbaumer@rrdsb.com, Meagan and Andrew Saarela (parent) saarelas@outlook.com, Megan Jewett, megan_jewett@hotmail.com Jennifer Newman (Education Director, Big Island) education@naongashiing.ca,

1. Review and Approval of Agenda (Karen S. made a motion, Brittney seconded)
2. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes (Karen K. made a motion, Karen S. seconded)
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest: n/a
4. Business Arising from the Minutes: n/a [Council Members]
 - a. School Clothing
 - i. Get a price list and send order form home for T-shirts only
 - b. Fundraising Initiatives-- Need to have a Fundraising Plan—will submit in September 2023 (playground equipment, school clothing, graduation, etc.)

5. News and Reports

- **Budget Consultation *ThoughtExchange***

The *ThoughtExchange* will remain open until Friday, April 28. The more voices we hear, the better! Join the exchange at: <https://tejoin.com/scroll/731858841>

- Donna completed the Exchange and encourages others to do so

- PD Day Agenda [RRDSB Learning Centre](#)

PD Day – April 21, 2023

*Requirement of Regulation 304/90: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900304>

Motion: Karen S made a motion, Karen K seconded: Use funds available in School Council account for Attendance Incentive Prizes, Act of Kindness (at Assemblies), and for Social and Academic Incentives

- School Initiatives (Parents Reaching Out Grant—April 25 @ 5:00 p.m. providing learning resources for parents)

- Think about opening the Library one night a month next year
- **Parent Reaching Out Grant**
 - OPEN HOUSE: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 @ 5:00
 - Supper: Taco in a bag—ordered/pick up groceries for Taco in a bag (volunteers may come to the school on Monday, April 24, 2023, after school to prepare for supper)
 - Flyers completed (attached)—on school website, Facebook page, given to Jennifer to post in Big Island, Donna will post in Rainy River
 - Bus arranged to pick up parents in Big Island to attend Open House
 - Ordered tables and chairs from RRDSB—will arrive Monday—will set up tables Monday evening
 - Very happy at the number of presenters coming—positive response
- OPEN HOUSE:**
 - Parent Night showcasing community and school based resources for parents—informal presentations/parents will be mingling between tables
 - Presenters: Weechi-it-te-win Family Services (Behavioural Intervention Lead, Developmental Therapist, Family Navigator), RRDSB (Mental Health Lead, Attendance Counsellor, Principal—Kari-lynn Beckett)
 - Kenora-Rainy River Districts Child and Family Services (Child & Youth Mental Health Clinician), Big Island First Nations Anishinaabeg Naongashiing (Education Co-Ordinator), Ontario Provincial Police, Gishkaandago'lkwe Health Services (formerly Fort Frances Tribal Area Health Services (Case Manager/Family Navigator) Grand Council Treaty #3 Anokaadamang Gakendaasowin Projects Co-Ordinator and a Colleague)

6. Parent Involvement Committee Minutes: n/a [Council Members]
7. Student Report: n/a [Student Rep]
8. Teacher Report [Teacher Rep]
 - Gr SK-5 Swimming Lessons in Baudette, Minn. April 17-20 at 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 - Connected North Sessions continue
 - Kari-lynn lead Assembly on April 12, 2023 Theme: Respect
 - David brought baby goat to school last week and also hatching goslings and baby chicks
 - Students looking forward to attending Baseball and Track and Field Events coming up
 - Miss Slight is planting seeds with K-3 classes (Pumpkins watermelon, carrots---to plant in garden beds in front of school—also planning a possible garden plot on school grounds)
9. Principal's Report
 - **Monthly Assembly:** will take place in May and June. Parents will continue to be invited
 - Assembly Themes: Oct. Truth, Nov. – Courage/Humility, Jan. –Wisdom, Feb.- Love, April-Respect, May-Honesty/Integrity, June - Bravery
 - Smudging taking place on Mondays. Lily and Cassidy have volunteered to lead the smudging.
 - Sonya and Amanda have agreed to lead a life-skills program (kitchen skills/crafts, etc.) for Grades 4-8 and Behaviour Support Teacher will lead Social Skills groups

- Donna is leading a Book Study: Distressed or Deliberately Defiant? Dr. Judith A. Howard with staff at staff meetings and EAs at EA Meetings
- Parent Reaching Out Grant Open House – April 25, 2023 at 5:00 pm
- Grade 8 Day at RRHS April 27, 2023
- Education Week – May 1-5 --Activities
- EQAO: Wed May 10 – Wed June 14, 2023—training is underway for Principals (Donna attended Webinar April 18, 2023, and training for Teachers at PD Day and soon to be online webinars available for teachers as well
- Education Week: May 1-5 (Activities planned which will coincide with Riverview School)
- Graduation June 22

10. Community Partnership Report: n/a [Community Rep]

11. Other Correspondence: n/a [Chair]

12. New Business:

- EQAO sessions are being regularly held to assist in navigating the PowerBI reporting tool, understanding the changes in the assessments, etc. These sessions are for principals, staff, and in some cases, there are webinars available for school council members (parents/guardians). Somebody on Council may want to attend a session—for feedback into school improvement plans.

13. Next Meeting Date: September, 2023[Chair]

14. Agenda Items for Next Meeting [Council Members]

15. Adjournment: 5:30 p.m. (____ made a motion, ____ seconded)