

**ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
**April 5, 2016**  
**School Library**

**Present:**

<b>Council Members:</b> Jeff Hunston: Chair Sue Stokes Nash Linda Moen Sean Smith Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	<b>Administration:</b> Melanie Bennett: Principal Jim Snider: Vice Principal
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**Regrets:** Jessie Dawson: Council Member  
Ranj Pillai: Council Member

**Guest:** Edward Gordon

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Sue, second by Linda, THAT the agenda be adopted. CARRIED
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Sue, second by Sean, THAT the Minutes of Regular meeting, March 1, 2016 be adopted. CARRIED
4. **Parent Concerns:** No report
5. **School Administration Report:**
  - Enrolment 311
  - March 24 – Family breakfast, great success.  
Great support from Superstore, preparing, etc.
  - School Calendar accepted by Dept. of Ed.
  - April 14 – celebration – hunt. Students processed meat with the help of Stacy’s Butcher who donated his time.
  - Spring/summer field trip: 4 days to Kluane Lake, Sheep Mountain working with the Kluane School, part of Experiential program
  - HEAD (Hunter Education Ethics) to be done in May
  - Gr. 7 – Carcross/Tagish hike/bike on Montana Mountain
  - Discussions for fall fishing trip
  - COW lab has been approved for 2016-17 school year
  - Change of computer lab will provide space and become a classroom  
Working on arranging renovation to start in May

- Working on having a FN crafts, foods, as well band option or a chosen instrument for students
- Skills options for Gr. 6/ 7
- there are 26 FTE for next year
- Summer Literacy Camp – waiting for response
- FOB system on front door to be used by user groups – operated by security
- School would like the FOB system as well – has been put under Capital budget for 2017 – 18
- Fence in the back of the school has helped, would like to complete by soccer field in the future – under Capital budget
- Student Support Services – obtained a new speaker system in the gym
- Child and Youth Advocate can come and speak with council in May. To discuss as to what their role is. Children Services to attend as well Edward attended this meeting to follow up and is glad to hear they are coming. Feels the Children’s Act which is up for renewal is a very important document and it is very important that there is First Nations input as well.
- Portable: to be used for other things such as storage, or a small “Skills” class, or for the Weekday Warriors Program (after school program). Melanie to meet with Duncan from the program to discuss their policy, etc.

**6. CELC:** Cynthia provided a brief report: (March)

- Is feeling more part of the school and community
- Assisted in Recreational Program and KD over Spring Break, went to the Hot Springs, Wildlife Preserve, Mt. Sima with students
- Attended Education Summit
- Attended with Therese @KD, CYFN Literacy Coalition
- Provided a handbook to get parents more engaged
- 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Course
- Cultural Week at Elijah Smith
- Took students to Muktuk Kennels where students went on dog rides and helped with the care of the dogs
- Storytelling at campfire
- Personality dimension training at KD – colour training
- Ice Fishing at Fish Lake Pump House

**7. Reports: Committees:**

- 7.1 Transportation Advisory (Busing) Meeting has been cancelled. Issue with bus company not always being consistent. Some bus drivers have to be consistent and support the school (bus 31)

**ACTION:** Jeff will bring issue up at the School Council Conference this weekend

- 7.2 Staff Allocation: No meeting held  
 7.3 School Diversity: No report

- 7.4 EA Allocation: Will be on a needs basis, meeting to be held with Principals on April 20
- 7.5 School Growth Plan: No meeting held

**8. AYSCBC:**

**9. Treasurer's Report:** Balance in account at end of March, \$3,118.95.

**10. Old Business and Correspondence:**

- 10.1 School Council Conference: April 7 – 9, 2016 at Yukon Inn  
Jeff to attend

**11. New Business and Correspondence:**

**12. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM  
Next regular meeting, May 3, 2016

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Jeff Hunston:  
Chair

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Jerry Zahora:  
Secretary Treasurer