

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 6, 2016
School Library

Present: **Council Members:** **Administration:**
 Jeff Hunston: Chair Melanie Bennett: Principal
 Ranj Pillai Jim Snider: Vice Principal
 Sue Stokes-Nash
 Sean Smith
 Rachel Sutherland
 Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer

Regrets: Linda Moen: Council Member
 Lisa Ann Smith: Council Member

Guests: Judy Arnold: Deputy Minister, Department of Education
 Penny Prysnuik: Superintendent of Schools, Department of Education
 Bob Walker: School Council Liaison, Department of Education
 Carol Coote: AYSCBC
 Cynthia James: CELC

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 8:16PM.

2. **Deputy Minister of Education: Judy Arnold:** Report provided under AGM.
 2.1 Hamilton Blvd. Extension – Deferred

3. **Adoption of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.

4. **Adoption of Minutes:** Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 7, 2016, were deferred to next meeting.

5. **Parent Concerns:**

6. **School Administration Report:**
 - enrolment: 308
 - great start to year
 - Activity bus has been booked for once/month
 - Field Trip: Canoe trip on September 13, 2016 Gr. 4.

EMOTION: **Moved by Sue, second by Sean THAT the Elijah Smith School Council approves the canoe trip by the Gr. 4 Class on September 13, 2016.**

All necessary documents have been forwarded to the Dept. of Ed.

CARRIED

- Gr. 6/7 Experiential model used – 4 block system
Teach subjects: Math, LA, Science and Socials in 1 hour blocks
A letter to parents to advise this will be ongoing for the first term which ends in November.
LA and Math will be ALL year, “linear”
- Band Program – Gr. 7 – is being worked on.
- Breakfast program: volunteers are needed: Monday – Friday AM
- Open House September 22, at ES at 5:00 PM, followed by Feast at 6:00 PM
All council members invited to attend

7. CELC:

Cynthia provided a report.
Has moved to the House of Learning at KD
There was a small literacy camp on Tuesday/Thursdays over the summer
Participated in Moose-hide
Will participate in Culture Week (in 2 weeks)
Luke Campbell from CAFN is sharing office with Cynthia
Cynthia’s children attend ES
Is working on starting Hand Games

8. Reports:

- 8.1 Transportation Advisory (Busing): No report
- 8.2 School Diversity: No report
- 8.3 School Growth Plan: No report

9. AYSCBC:

Council reviewed the August 2016 Newsletter
The YTA is holding a conference.
There will be a number of key speakers which may interest council members.
If members are interested they are to contact Carol by Sept. 12. Sue would like to attend and will advise.

10. Treasurer’s Report:

Balance in account at end of August, \$1,863.45.
Contribution agreement has been completed and signed. Forwarded to Dept. of Education for processing.

11. Old Business and Correspondence:

11.1 School Supplies:
School supplies have been purchased and distributed accordingly. School Council has issued a chq. In the amount of \$30,400. to ES this date.

12. New Business and Correspondence:

- 12.1 Appointment of Chair: Deferred to next regular meeting in Oct.
- 12.2 Confirmation of Dates and times of meetings: Deferred to meeting in Oct.
- 12.3 YTA 2016 – Territory Wide Conference: Discussed under AYSCBC: #9.

13. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.
Next regular meeting October 11, 2016

Jeff Hunston:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer