

Edward Gordon has raised concerns with the way Family and Children's Services deal with situations. Feels the Children's and Family Act is NOT working. Children are not asked what they need or want.

The Children's and Family Act is about to be reviewed. Edward feels this needs to be looked at carefully to make sure it is done right. The need to sit and talk about it very carefully such as: i.e.: what are peoples roles? What will we do about it?. There is a need to find a better way to do things.

Jane Bates, Manager Family and Children's Services introduced herself and referred to the Children's and Family Act. Under the Act, it is to protect the children and families. The Act has been in effect since May 2010 and is coming up for review. The Act sets out definitions, which was done with the First Nations.

If there is a criminal intent, the RCMP is contacted. Interviews with children are done at schools, etc. The First Nations are contacted right away. There is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Kwanlin Dun First Nations. It took 18 months to prepare, however seems to be working. They are working on other MOU's with other First Nations but it is a long process.

Jeanie Dendys, Director of Justice, KDFN, introduced herself and provided a quick review of the MOU and KD's role. The MOU has helped the KD community to be informed and to help in building a relationship with Family and Children's services.

KD is now involved in all aspects of issues with children and families and YG. They are involved from the beginning to the end until issues are resolved. In 2010, the relationship between KD and YG was very strained. However it has evolved and after lots of hard work it is at this point.

Edward understands what is being said, however, there is still a long way to go. Feels that Family and Children's Services have powers that even the RCMP do not. The Social Worker comes with and RCMP whether it is to the school or a home. Feels this can and should be done in a better way so it is not as intrusive to the child's life. Some of the specifics are

- That it needs to be fair.
- The alienation of caregivers, parents when they show up and interviewing children without parents or caregivers present or a court order. This can be very scary for a child.
- The nature of the safety issue. The Act has guidelines and principles and one is "act in the best interest of the children".
- Children's rights, and the families' rights
- Ed feels it is important that they know some of the history of the family.

Would like to see the First Nations be reminded and advised that the Act is coming up for review.

Sean feels the highest priority is the safety of the children. It will be interesting when the Act is being reviewed. KD is also going to be reviewing the MOU as well.

Ed feels it is very important that Family and Children's Services works closely with KD and First Nations so it not as an intrusive or evasive approach.

The Minister sets out and appoints a 6 person committee for the review. These will include a lawyer, CYFN, and others as set out in the Act.

Linda advised, that usually when Family and Children's Services are involved, there are reasons such as poverty, power of balances to access services etc., which can play a role in what is happening.

Edward hopes that the act is worded better and the review opens the door and as many concerned people "walk through the door".

Jeanie Dendys advised that there is a "Let's Keep Talking" form to the Child Welfare to be provided on May 16, and another one in the summer. The later one will be for Children's services.

Communication is very important and perhaps more discussions could be held in the fall.

Melanie thanked Edward for bringing this meeting and all concerned together. The school wants to have positive in the school and the community. The school knows the challenges and this needs to be done for the children.

Council thanked all guest for attending and contributing to this important discussion.

- 3. Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Linda, second by Sue, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 5, 2016 be adopted. CARRIED

4. Parent Concerns:

Bullying:

Edward spoke about abuse prevention and emotional management.

There needs to be support and maintenance. Some community strategy would be to get the information to the children so they know how to deal with conflict and bullying in a positive way.

There is a need to converse on what also happens on the playground or even in the community.

5. School Administration Report:

- Enrollment: 311
- No word on staffing yet
- the VP position is to be reposted
- EA Allocation: will be on a base allocation and then submissions on as a needs process
- COW (Computers on Wheels) has arrived and will be moving into the computer lab class next week
- K – 5 = will be regular classes as is happening now
Gr. 6 – 7 will be on the term system and options block.
This will include daily physical activities
Math and LA will be all year, 1 hour blocks
Science and Social Studies will be in a term in an hour long session
- June 2, = Feast to be held at KD
- June 3, = Retirement tea for retiring staff, 3:30 – 5:30 PM

MOTION: Moved by Linda, second by Sean, THAT the Elijah Smith School Council make a motion to approve the following Field Trips:

- **Gr. 4 – June 3, 2016 – Canoeing**
- **Gr. 5/6 - May 30, June 4, 5, Canoeing at Chadburn Lake**
- **Gr. 6 - Kluane, Sheep Mountain, June 7 – 10, 2016**
- **K – Heart Bar Ranch Farm – June 3, 2016** **CARRIED**

6. CELC: No report

7. Reports: Committees:

- 7.1 Transportation Advisory (Bussing): No report
- 7.2 Staff Allocation: No report
- 7.3 School Diversity: No report
- 7.4 EA Allocation: No report, (remove from agenda)

8. AYSCBC: Reports on committees are posted on the AYSCBC website

9. Treasurer’s Report: Balance in account at end of April \$2,594.45.
Council signed the Professional Development funding provided by the Dept. of Ed. in the amount of \$600.00. This can be used to assist SC with off-setting costs related to training. This includes attending the School Council Conferences.

Jeff attended the School Council conference and is reimbursed in the amount of \$112.50 under this funding.

10. Old Business and Correspondence:

- 10.1 School Council Conference: well attended, successful. For highlights, these can be found on the AYSCBC website

10.2 Election Results: Jeff and Sue have been nominated to serve on school council
Guaranteed Reps are to be appointed by the FN. There is one vacant seat to
be filled. Will be mentioned on the website and in the Tribunal.

11. New Business and Correspondence:

11.1 School Supplies:

Council held roundtable discussions as to what would be required, and the
process of obtaining supplies, timelines, funding, etc. To be discussed further
once more info is available.

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM
Next regular meeting, June 7, 2016

Jeff Hunston:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer