

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 1, 2024
MPR/ZOOM

“School Council would like to acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta’an Kwäch’än Council and thank them for allowing us to live and work on their traditional land”

Present:	Council Members:	Administration:
	Jessie Dawson: Chair	Paul McFadyen: Principal
	Jacine Fox	Jim Snider: Vice Principal
	Sarina Sydney	
	Sheilah Sutherland: ZOOM	
	Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	

Regrets: Honey Starr Sidney: Council Member
Dorron Fox: Council Member

Guests: Karin Unreau: Teacher

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:36PM
There were introductions around the table

2. Appointment of Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary Treasurer:

MOTION: Moved by Sarina, seconded by Jacine, THAT the ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL makes a MOTION to appoint:

Jessie Dawson: as Chair
Jerry Zahora: As Secretary Treasurer

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Sarina, seconded by Jacine, THAT the agenda be adopted. **CARRIED**

4. Adoption of Minutes: Moved by Jacine, seconded by Sarina, THAT the Minutes of regular meeting, June 12, 2024 be adopted. **CARRIED**

Moved by Jessie, seconded by Sarina, THAT the Minutes of Information Meeting of September 3, 2024 be adopted. **CARRIED**

5. Parent Concerns:

There were roundtable discussions on bullying. Would like to discuss further and try and come up with solutions to deal with this serious issue.

Paul advised there is an educational piece in classroom provided, about mental, physical, racism and that there is ZERO tolerance at the school for this kind of behaviour.

It was also suggested that perhaps a student who is bullying could come to a school council meeting to discuss.

There is also the School Code of Conduct.

ACTION: School Council would like to view this document

Sheilah asked if there will be support for the bullying student as well and not just for the person being bullied.

Yes, there will be. Patrick Whyard, holds discussions with the students. The restorative circle is being used. Repair, Restore!

As well, there is now a Wellness Specialist assigned to ES, 3 days per week, and as well connects with the community. Rachel Gardiner, and she is shared with Teslin.

It was also suggested that a meeting with Krista Newman at KDFN be set up.

And perhaps mention this in the Newsletter and as well, reach out to the Rec. Centre at KDFN to connect with children.

There were more roundtable discussions held on this.

6. School Administration Report:

- enrolment: 275
- Staffing: YNFLT interview in progress.
- Welcome BBQ: Sept. 25 – great success. Coincided with Orange Shirt Day
- Cultural Week at ESES: October 21 – 24th:
 - organized by YFNED, KDFN, Carrie Harbidge and Admin. (Paul and Jim)
 - various stations and cultural activities will be available to participate in with classes throughout the week
 - Cultural area is to have an additional tent structure put up in the coming days. Thank you to KDFN!
 - Cultural Camp schedule to come. i.e.: bison hunt? Fish camp?

There were discussions about the bison hunt which use to be done at ESES.

It was getting too costly to do and person who organized has left the school and some of the connections were lost.

However, PCSS does a bison hunt and the students there have been mentors for students ESES who participate in the hunt. This has been successful.

Discussions on perhaps having a fish camp, or other cultural activities were held.

- Oct. 24 – 25th: Teacher Led Conferences: (Oct. 24: 4:30 – 7:30-8:00 Book Fair
- Discussions of having another BBQ to be held in about 3 weeks.
- Dances held at the school in the past have been:
 - Polar Games Dance
 - Valentines Day Dance
 - End of school year Dance
- Oct. 31: Halloween Parade will be held in the afternoon
- Some key dates:
 - Sept 25: Family BBQ
 - Sept 22 – 25th: Truth and Reconciliation Week was observed
 - Sept. 25th: Orange Shirt Day Assembly
 - Sept. 11th: Monthly Assembly: (Next scheduled assembly, Oct 2) Theme will be Generosity, Respect
 - Sept. 24th: Reading specialist Karen Filpwitch works with admin and teachers
 - Sept. 14th: Fire Drill
 - Sept. 17th: Earthquake drill
 - Sept. 18th: Bomb Threat Drill
 - Sept. 19th: Lock Down drill
- Water Contamination: DoE tested for lead and gave all clear at ESES
- Mice Concerns: work order is in to mitigate and repair door gaps

7. E.S.C. Deferred to next regular meeting

8. Reports:

- 8.1 Transportation Committee: No meeting has been held. Committee is working on holding a meeting the week of Oct. 21st
- 8.2 School Growth Plan: Committee has been set up and meeting this month. Focus is on Literacy, numeracy and social responsibilities Spiral Inquiry as well. Meeting is the 3rd Thursday of each month. Council is invited to attend.
- 8.3 Health and Safety: Topics discussed:
 - Lights, Cameras, PA System, Snow removal!
 - Cell phones at the school

To be discussed at next regular meeting

ACTION: Jerry to contact Taylor Eshpeter at the City of Whitehorse re: Crosswalk Lights and them not being bright enough. Still a safety concern.

9. AYSCBC: Fall conference to be held on Oct. 4, 5:

Oct. 4: Chairs meeting: Jerry to speak on behalf of Jessie and bring up issues,
Such as: Vandalism at the school, PA System, cameras, lighting

Oct 5: all day conference with guest speaker, DoE representation, breakout
sessions for school councils

ACTION: Jayme Curtis to be contacted re: Flagpoles at the school (Jerry to do)

10. Treasurer's Report: Balance in account \$3,128.96

11. Old Business and Correspondence:

11.1 Policies: (Cold weather, Cell phones, Conflict Resolution) Deferred to next mtg

12. New Business and Correspondence:

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:34PM

Next Regular Meeting, November 5, 2024

Jessie Dawson: Chair

Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer