

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 10, 2021
Via Zoom

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

Present:	Council Members: Sean Smith: Chair Megan Cromarty Rosemary Waugh-Wilson Amanda Leas Jessie Dawson Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	Administration: Jeff Cressman: Principal Jim Snider: Vice Principal
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Regrets: Rachel Sutherland: Council Member
Jeff Hunston: Council Member

Guests: Donna Miller Fry: Superintendent, Area 2, Dept. of Education
Christine Pottie: KDFN, CELC

- 1. Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:42PM
- 2. Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Amanda, second by Megan, THAT the agenda be adopted. CARRIED
- 3. Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Megan, second by Amanda, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 13, 2021 be adopted. CARRIED
- 4. Parent Concerns:**
Jeff C. brought up a concern. Discussions with reference to the Facebook/social media posts by MLA’s were discussed. Discussions were held in a classroom as well, with reference to this.

Donna Mills Fry discussed the teaching of kids on their actions, controversial subjects shared on social media and the consequences of such.
The Dept. is working on this issue.
Megan agrees, however, this is not all about social media.
Jeff C. discussed this with the class and the repercussions of these actions and what is shared on social medial and the impacts of these. The discussions were mostly about

what the MLA's said. The school will discuss with parents further if necessary.

Sean inquired if the support to the students was provided due to the recent events? Admin. advised the support is there and available if needed. There are sources that are available as well. There is a KD Counsellor available as well.

Christine advised, that she participated in the "Kids in Grief" and that teachers can use resources as well and she has shared these with some of the teachers this week as well.

5. School Administration Report:

- Enrolment: 246, is holding between 245 – 250
- students busy with different activities and field trips, such as:
Outdoor Ed., Granger Park. Forest School, Paddy's Pond, visit to Mt. Sima, Culture with Tadura, Hillcrest Park, Yukon University, Swan Haven, Gymnastics,
- Apr. 1: Book Fair, School Wide, PBIS Boot Camp
- Apr. 19: Recycled Hat day
- Apr. 20: School Clean up, YFNED Breakfast, Whole school participates, delivered to all classrooms
- Apr. 21: White/Elephant sale
- Apr. 22: Blue and green day
- Apr. 23: Earth bingo
- Apr. 29: Pizza Day
- SGP. Meeting, to be held May 11
- Exterior painting cancelled. Issue is with siding
- Roof to be done summer of 2021
- Ongoing problems with PA
- Blinds were put up during Spring Break – inside windows
- Two more water bottle stations to be installed during summer
- Staff plan has been given to Superintendent Donna Miller Fry
- S. Mitro: New EA for the rest of year, replacing H. Harry
.7 Music/Arts, .6 French / Gr. 1 and LAT
.6 PE, .4 for LAT time to help if necessary
- 2 retirements
- Graffiti on sidewalks – fire pit, Prop. Management has corrected
School is working with parents of students who did this
- Pellet furnace in garage is to be corrected this summer
- Siding of school to be discussed further
It is important to keep the school looking good, so that students and Community can be proud!!
- Breakfast/lunch program: YFNED has hired 2 cooks for ES.
Are working on menu and will provide a schedule for each grade/class asap
- PD Day: Working with other school on Trauma Informed Resilient School

Donna Miller Fry, Superintendent, attends meeting. Thanked School Council for all the good work they are doing. And is looking forward to meeting in person.

6. CELC:

- Christine provided a report:
A new title: Education Support Co-Ordinator, with intro to Education Culture
Cynthia James is the new Ed. Cult. Educ.
- Wednesday Morning meetings held with KDFN students at TAK, Selkirk and ES
- Tutoring at all 3 schools ongoing
- Assist parents with technology
KDFN assisted with T shirts
- there are 2 students, who toured PCSS and were introduced to CELC at PCSS

7. Reports:

- 7.1 Transportation Committee: No meeting held. Will advise at next meeting
- 7.2 School Diversity: No meetings held
- 7.3 School Growth Plan:
Meeting held last week. Process: Change in how this is being done
Is following the Spiral Inquiry. Meeting scheduled to discuss further the great ideas that were shared; will keep it simple. New meeting to be held tomorrow.
Jeff C. advised that input should be from everyone, School Council, KDFN, School community, teachers, etc.

8. AYSCBC: AGM was held and was successful on Apr. 24. There were 30 delegates representing 15 councils. Some members of the Catholic Ed. Association attend as well to observe and share.

J. Bonshor from Watson Lake is appointed for a one year term to the AYSCBC
Special presentation on FN Education was provided by Chief Dana Tizya-Tramm, (Co-chair of the Chiefs Committee on Education) and Melanie Bennett, (Yukon First Nations Education Directorate, Executive Director).

Covid has greatly impacted all schools in the Territory, but has created opportunities for collaboration (e.g. Ecole Whitehorse and Golden Hold who have partnered to run a speaker series on anxiety)

9. Treasurer's Report:

Balance in account: \$4,583.84 end of Apr.

10. Old Business and Correspondence:

- 10.1 Black Cat update.
Was put in place. Average speed was 24/km through school zone, (8 – 4:30PM)
Approx. 30,000. Vehicles go through!

ACTION: Data to be provided at next meeting.
Discussions were held: Safety, speeding, RCMP to slow down traffic, ideas to ensure children are safe!!
Crossing guard took some training to help her out.
Perhaps come up with a plan with the other associations to help with this safety issue or maybe discussion on the egress should be brought up again.

Sean felt that perhaps more traffic circle education be held, or maybe put up lights at the entrance, which may help? This is for the safety of ALL children. Maybe put up speed bumps.

Sean also acknowledge the work that Rosemary, Megan and Amanda have done to help with the drop off at the school.

Megan will check with Black Cat program to see if data can be shared with KDFN.

Discussion on what next steps should and can be once data is received. To be discussed once data is received.

Rosemary is willing to meet on a more regular basis to discuss this further once data is received.

10.2 Flagpoles: Amanda updated council. It has been approved by Ta'an Kwach'an Council and should be at every school.

KDFN is waiting for quotes first and a letter is to be done when quotes are received.

10.3 Fire smarting: Letter from Hillcrest Association is to be received.

11. New Business and Correspondence:

11.1 Parking Lot safety:

There were roundtable discussions. Putting up pylons have helped.
There are 12 pylons put up (Amanda, Megan and Rosemary did this)

Discussions on the busing, and the goal to get back to ``normal``, however, at this time there is nothing concrete. The CMOH cannot commit to anything at this time, but maybe in August we will know more.

The challenges of the parking lot were shared with the Superintendent, Donna Miller Fry as well. Concerns from staff as well. Can there be a solid plan on how to deal with this issue. The bus loop. Parents are going through there to drop students off as well, even though there are signs not to.

Jeff C. suggested that maybe doing a "Mock accident" scene in the parking lot may work. This was discussed further. Will be looked into further.

Egress: This is to be discussed further. And is an issue which could help with the flow of the traffic at the traffic circle coming in and out of the school.

MOTION: Moved by Rosemary, second by Megan, THAT the ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL move into camera at 8:31PM. **CARRIED**

MOTION: Moved by Rosemary, second by Megan, THAT the ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL moves out of camera at 9:05PM. **CARRIED**

ACTION: Invite Chief Bill from KDFN to a meeting,
Invite Director of Education of KDFN to a meeting
Invite new Minister of Education, Jeanie McLean to a meeting.

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:06PM
Next Regular Meeting, June 1, 2021,

Sean Smith:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer

