

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
September 4, 2018
School Library

Present:

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| Council Members: | Administration: |
| Jeff Hunston: Chair | Jim Snider: Vice Principal |
| Sue Stokes Nash | |
| Linda Moen | |
| Rachel Sutherland | |
| Rosemary Waugh-Wilson | |
| Sean Smith | |
| Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer | |

Regrets: Jim Complak: A/Principal

Guests: Elaine Taylor: AYSCBC
Souhail Soujah: A/Superintendent of Schools
Bob Walker: School Council Liaison
Chris Gleason: CELC
Sarah Norlin: Interest in School Council position

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:35PM.

2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Sue, second by Rachel, THAT the agenda be adopted. CARRIED

3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Sue, second by Linda, THAT the Minutes of Annual General Meeting, September 5, 2017 be adopted. CARRIED

4. **Report from Superintendent:** Souhail provided a quick review. A more detailed report is to be provided at a later date:
 - Teacher evaluations: is being worked on now to be more precise, integration of First Nations
 - Nicole Morgan: appointed to Deputy Minister
 - Lorraine Taillifer: ADM
 - at this time budgets are tight,
 - Public School Branch and First Nations are in partnership and working together
 - Student Support Services – report is being worked on
 - Staff Cuts: School council will be advocating for: to make sure programs such as music, French are kept

- 5. Report from Administration:** Jim provided a quick review:
- Cultural Camp: Bison Hunt: Success
 - Rotation of classes = only a few between Gr. 6 and 7 as it is too difficult on students
 - Early Learning Initiatives: discontinued
 - EA's: 14.25 last year, 14 this year
Most EA's are in the lower end of the school
 - PBIS: Patrick Whyard – has taken over
 - One position was lost and grades had to be mixed
 - French: is offered at a .4 FTE
 - Music: is offered at a .4 FTE: 2 days per week
Music Teacher will be running a club during lunch for students who are interested, a Ukulele club, a flute club;
 - CAP projects: PA System being worked on and is to be completed by Sept. 17.
 - Heating has been changed at the school
 - Greenhouse has been reconditioned
 - Hand Games tournament – ES Won
 - Elders tea held – great success
 - Dancers group – visited and performed at various places, great success
 - Discussions with Sikine to see if more traditional songs, etc. can be done
- 6. Report from Council:** Jeff provided a report:
- Spoke about the partnership with the Dept. of Education, Kwanlin Dun, Administration at the school, and thanked them all.
 - Elijah Smith School is a leadership school
 - thanked Souhail Soujah for his support
 - staff cuts at the school: such as the reduction in Music and French, and the concern from parents on this
 - Discussed the one time funding received from the AYSCBC which the School is using to build a shelter over the fire pit to be used in experiential learning
 - Screening for a new principal, which school council was involved in, Hire Jim Complak to replace Melanie Bennett who is on leave to work for the FN in Dawson
 - School Growth Plan meetings held, and move forward with technology
 - council approves various field trips over the school year,
 - Safety issues at the school are discussed, concerning the access and Egress at the school
 - Ta'an Kwa'Chan would like to have a Guaranteed Rep on school council, Kwanlin Dun approves, waiting for an appointment to be made
 - Jim Complak to continue as A/Principal for the 2018-2019 school year
 - School Council Elections are held, with Jeff Hunston being acclaimed, A Resolution is made to appoint Sean Smith

- Guaranteed Reps from Kwanlin Dun for 2018-19 school year are:
Rachel Sutherland, Linda Moen and Rosemary Waugh-Wilson
- Traffic report on safety is forthcoming. Meeting with the City of Whitehorse are to be held on Sept. 6, to discuss.
Report from Stantec Consulting has been received and data is being gathered
- Council participates on Principal Evaluation

Jeff thanked everyone for their past years work and dedication.

7. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:05PM.

Jeff Hunston:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer