

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 4, 2017
School Library

Present:

Council Members:
Jeff Hunston: Chair
Rachel Sutherland
Linda Moen
Sean Smith
Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer

Administration:
Melanie Bennett: Principal
Patrick Whyard: A/Vice Principal

Regrets: Sue Stokes Nash: Council Member
Lisa Ann Smith: Council Member

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:48PM

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

3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Linda, second by Sean, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 7, 2017 be adopted. CARRIED

Moved by Linda, second by Sean, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 7, 2017 be adopted. CARRIED

4. **Parent Concerns:**

5. **School Administration Report:**

- Enrolment: 291
- Winter Cultural camp: March 6 – 10
- ESES 1st Annual Spelling Bee – March 10
- Fire drills to be done in the near future (postponed due to cold winter months)
- Request for funding for Experiential Programming received from Fish and Wildlife (\$6,500)
- Cutback in staffing for next year: (1FTE) will result in Early Learning Profile cut back,

ACTION: Council to prepare a letter to Minister McPhee to request to get 1 FTE back for the 2017 – 2018 School year. Jeff to prepare letter with assistance from Melanie

MOTION: Moved by Sean, second by Linda, THAT the Elijah Smith School Council makes a motion to approve a Canoe trip for the Grade 4 students to Chadburn Lake on June 2, 2017. CARRIED

6. CELC: Deferred to next meeting

7. Reports:

- 7.1 Transportation Advisory (Busing): No report
- 7.2 School Diversity: No report
- 7.3 School Growth Plan: No report

8. AYSCBC:

March 2017 Newsletter reviewed by council members
Spring School Council Conference: April 27 – 29: Council members reminded to register for conference.

9. Treasurer’s Report: Balance in account at end of March, \$4,109.95

10. Old Business and Correspondence:

11. New Business and Correspondence:

11.1 School Calendar:

Council discussed school calendar for 2017 – 2018 school year.

Start date: August 28, 2017

End Date: June 8, 2018

There will be 5 teacher training days for Whitehorse schools for new curriculum:

Friday, Oct 6, 2017

Friday, November 10, 2017

Friday, January 19, 2018

Monday, February 26, 2018

Friday, April 27, 2018

Spring Break: March 19 – April 3, 2018 (Includes Easter)

Start time: 8:35 am – end time 3:10 pm

MOTION: Moved by Linda, second by Sean, THAT the Elijah Smith School Councils makes a motion for PD DAY, September 1, 2017. CARRIED

School Calendars for 2017- 2018, 2018 – 2019, 2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021 to be discussed at next meeting in May. Deadline for submission is May 12, 2017.

RESIGNATION: Due to a work conflict, Lisa Ann Smith has given her resignation from School council.

ACTION: Jerry to advise Bob Walker.
Sean to discuss with Kwanlin Dun to appoint a replacement Guaranteed Rep.

12. Adjournment:
Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.
Next regular meeting, May 2, 2017

Jeff Hunston:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer