

**ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
**April 5, 2022**  
**School/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:**

<b>School Council:</b>	<b>Administration:</b>
Megan Cromarty: A/Chair	Jeff Cressman: Principal
Sean Smith (Zoom)	Jim Snider: Vice Principal
Doris Anderson	Pam Booth: A/Vice Principal
Jessie Dawson	
Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	

**Regrets:**

Rachel Sutherland: Council Member  
Rosemary Waugh-Wilson: Council Member  
Jeff Hunston: Council Member

**Guests:**

Christine Pottie: ESW/CELC/KDFN  
Donna Miller-Fry: Superintendent: Area 2  
Courtney McLeod: Parent  
Melanie Abbott: Parent  
Ms. K. (Melissa) teacher, Gr. 2/3

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:40PM
- 2. Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Doris, second by Sean THAT the agenda be adopted with the addition of 11.2: In Camera . CARRIED
- 3. Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Megan, second by Doris, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 1, 2022 be adopted. CARRIED
- 4. Parent Concerns:** Programming in the summer was discussed. Waiting to hear if a literature camp is to happen in the summer.  
Melanie: (Parent) inquired if after school who is responsible if a child needs help finding things such as “boots”, or other things, etc.

Jessie also inquired about the parking lot safety: parking in the disability spot; getting out of vehicles safely when being dropped off.

These are issues that are being worked on. Discussions on getting in and out of a vehicle, and walking around a vehicle to get in, to be safe. This information is to be forwarded to parents as well.

Sean: Has helped in directing traffic at the crosswalk with teacher Ms. Harvey, and suggested that perhaps put a cone in the elbow to help. This has been done.

#### **5. School Administration Report:**

- Enrolment: 264 (more expected)
- Projected 14 classes for next year,  
Start with 16 – 17/class, with room for growth
- Staffing allotment for 2022-23: 23.9 (up .5 from last year)
- FNSB (First Nations School Board): letter went to Takhini and Grey Mountain School (schools which are now part of FNSB) parents to inquire if they want their children to attend those schools or move them to another school that is not part of FNSB. This is a work in progress.
- Kindergarten students enrolling have been advised whether they want to attend the FNSB schools. Preference will be given to First Nation students first
- K - enrolment is up to 29 at this time  
Open house for Kindergarten students to be advised
- Staff meeting: Discussions on School Growth Plan: discussions on whether students feel safe and comfortable at the school
- Mar.3/4: Student led conferences were well attended in person and via Zoom
- Mar. 25: Duo day held – success
- Health and Safety: Icy conditions everywhere are being monitored
- Tender for construction at the school closed March 31, 2022  
Roof, windows, siding, doors to be done. Construction to begin when snow is gone  
Art work: Council to be involved in the choosing artist and provide input into art
- PA System: Still not functioning properly
- Multi-Purpose Room: now has a projector screen: speakers to be installed in the hallways. To be used by multi-purpose groups  
New curtains have been installed, double sided stage. New screen TV's in all wings of school to keep the school spirit going and will contain visual reminders
- 4 EA's have been hired
- Discussions on having parents come into the school to volunteer with:  
Morning supervision, helping with lunch, etc.

**ACTION:** Jim can be contacted if parents would like to come and help

- Family Nights: School council can help with these.  
Thursday, April 14: PJ Day and Family Breakfast (Council members invited and can also help out). COVID protocol will be followed. This is to be advised further via Facebook, website  
Other ideas: Bowling night, CGC night, Laser tag, Lumel studios, games night,

Author of “Growing strong girls” is coming to present  
Council is encouraged to help and participate whenever they can. Doris volunteered to help out when she can on Thursday, April 14. Megan and Sean as well

- School would also like to do something for Ukraine

## **6. CELC:**

Christine provided a report:

- YFNED Conference held 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March
- Provides classroom support, with ski trips
- Graduation stoles have been started, however there are time constraints due to staff shortages
- Tutoring for KDFN students – is on hold, have reached out to LDAY for support
- Projects outstanding are being worked on to complete
- Beading club started after school

## **7. Reports:**

- 7.1 Transportation Committee: (Megan): No meeting held
- 7.2 School Growth Plan: (Sean): Meeting to be held in April

## **8. AYSBC:**

- Spring School Council Conference and AGM to be held last weekend in May at the Yukon Inn, more information is forthcoming  
Will be reviewing the new constitution and bylaws, possible strategic planning session following the AGM
- Looking to hold a fall training/gathering session for new and returning council members
- 8 schools will no longer be part of AYSCBC, which will require adjustments
- The following items have been brought to the attention of the Minister of Ed. By AYSCBC:
  - Transportation (cancelled bus routes, communication with families)
  - Delivery of experiential programs and shared resources
  - Wood St. issues (recent dress code protests, teacher evaluations, School Council support for Wood St.)
  - EA’s not being distributed equally (students being removed from IEP’s which means that they no longer qualify for EA support)
  - Heating issues at some schools with them running out of propane during the cold snap
  - School overcrowding (many urban schools are at or very near capacity)
  - Requesting an in-person meeting with the Minister of Ed. (AYSBC)
- Next meeting of AYSCBC to be before Easter

## **9. Treasurer’s Report:** Balance in account is \$3,484.62

**10. Old Business and Correspondence:**

**11. New Business and Correspondence:**

- 11.1 School Council General Elections (April 11):
  - Nominations open April 11, 2022
  - Close of Nominations: April 21, 2022
  - May 2: Polling day (where required)
  - May 3: Declare results

Nomination packages will be available at the school on April 11, 2022

Principal evaluation: Donna Miller-Fry, Superintendent provided evaluation forms to School council members to complete for both Jim and Jeff.  
Council members to complete individually and forward to Donna.

- 11.2 In Camera:

**MOTION: Moved by Jessie, second by Doris, THAT the ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL move into camera at 8:07PM. CARRIED**

**Moved by Jessie, second by Doris, THAT the ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL move out of camera at 8:25PM. CARRIED**

- 12. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:26PM.  
Next Regular Meeting, May 3, 2022

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Megan Cromarty:  
A/Chair

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Jerry Zahora:  
Secretary Treasurer