

**ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 7, 2020
Via ZOOM**

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

Present:	Council Members: Jeff Hunston: Chair Rachel Sutherland Rosemary Waugh-Wilson Richard Bradford-Andrew Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	Administration: Jeff Cressman: Principal Jim Snider: Vice Principal
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Regrets: Sean Smith: Council Member
Linda Moen: Council Member
Amanda Leas: Council Member

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:44PM.
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Rosemary, second by Richard, THAT the agenda be passed. CARRIED
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Rachel, second by Rosemary, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 4, 2020, be adopted. CARRIED

Moved to approve the Minutes of “Informational meeting” of March 3, 2020. Be approved. CARRIED

4. **Parent Concerns:**
There were discussions with reference to the student issue which was discussed in the past. As there is no school at the moment, student is to attend school in their community once school resumes.

The Administration is going to provide “Easter treats” to all students who attend Elijah Smith School.

Gloves/masks, will be worn to deliver these and some Easter Food Hampers, chocolates and a note. Grocery bags from store (approx. 500) will be used to deliver this to families, to make it safe!

Lori Duncan, ADM, FN Initiatives, is to be in touch with Kwanlin Dun CELC to make sure measures as per government are flowed. Direction should be received prior to next Thursday (April 16)

Jeff and Chris Stacey, Superintendent have discussed this to make sure all proper procedures are being followed. Waiting for further guidelines. There is enough funding at the moment until June 12.

School is spending \$400-500 per week, for students with 20 families being helped. Jeff to discuss this further with Chris.

A parent has complained about the frustration of not receiving communication from the Dept. of Ed.

School Council is in approval and supports the food program initiative provided by the school to support students

Richard agrees, it is very important to get food to families!

ACTION: Jeff to send email to Jerry with reference to the food program initiative and results from discussions with the Dept.

5. School Administration Report:

- Enrolment: 256
- All ESS Family nights are put on hold at this time

6. CELC: Deferred to next meeting

7. Reports:

7.1 Transportation Advisory (Busing): Deferred to next meeting
A meeting scheduled has been postponed due to COVID-19

7.2 School Diversity: No report

7.3 School Growth Plan: (Sean) No report. A meeting in March was held.
To continue working on. TO be advised a later date.

School has made a decision to keep all staff at home and work from home, unless there is a need for them to be at the school.

School to hold Zoom meetings with staff each Monday morning. This is to stay in touch and to see how they are doing and coping.

Discussions on how to proceed with learning for students. KD is to advise

which of their members need a Wi-Fi and to provide them.

Jim is working on a snapshot of who has devices and who doesn't. Once compiled, will provide KD with names, etc.

Richard spoke about the phones which were made available to the vulnerable women, and perhaps something like that could be done for students and their families who do not have this.

ACTION: Jeff to bring this issue up at the next meeting with staff, dept.

8. AYSCBC:

8.1 Spending of \$2,000. Received: Deferred with suggestions that perhaps this funding could be used for i.e.: food program, technology, etc.

ACTION: Jeff to discuss these issues with the department and then a decision can be made.

Jim agrees, will wait and see how things evolve and to be discussed at next meeting.

Spring School Council Conference has been cancelled.
School Council Elections have been postponed until the fall

9. Treasurer's Report: Balance in account \$4,939.59 (plus \$2000 from AYSCBC)

10. Old Business and Correspondence:

11. New Business and Correspondence:

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM
Next regular meeting, May 5, 2020

Jeff Hunston:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer