

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 1, 2015
School Library

Present:	Council Members: Jeff Hunston: Chair Ranj Pillai Sue Stokes-Nash Jessie Dawson Sean Smith Linda Moen Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	Administration: Melanie Bennett: Principal Jim Snider: Vice Principal
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Guests: Carol Coote: AYSCBC

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:45PM.
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Ranj, second by Linda, THAT the agenda be adopted.
CARRIED
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Sue, second by Sean, THAT the Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, November 3, 2015 be adopted. CARRIED
4. **Parent Concerns:** No report.
5. **School Administration Report:**
 - Enrollment: 309
 - Early Learning Profile to be discussed with the Minister when he attends School Council meeting, data to be provided
 - Early Learning Initiative – PD With all participants
 - Eagles Spirit Education Assembly = Generosity
 - 2 EA`s re: Early Learning Initiative, Social Interaction and Oral Language Development in Kindergarten meeting
 - Asheyi Culture Camp (Bison Hunt) waiting for DOE to sign off
 - Working with CAFN as it is in their Territory
 - Parent meeting to happen once DOE signs off on paperwork
 - Meeting to be held prior to the end of Jan. (latest)
 - Suggested that Mr.Pasloski attend January meeting to discuss hunt and issues
 - Council supports – letter to be done in January to show support
 - Christmas Craft fair – Dec. 12 – 10 – 4PM = 75 tables have been booked
 - Fire drill held Nov. 23

- Gr. 6 teacher has been hired – (Justin Quigley)
- SWW and DART – waiting to be input into ASPEN
- 26.15 staff currently – would like 27, discussions ongoing with DOE
- Tell them From Me Survey has been completed, results to be available in Jan
Done 1st term – Belonging and Supporting at the School
Bullying, support and communication at home
Approximately 78% completed survey

6. **CELC:** Deferred to next meeting.
New person is to be hired.

7. **Reports: Committees:**

7.1 Transportation Advisory (Bussing) Jeff: No meeting held

7.2 Staff Allocation: Melanie is on committee. Discussions are ongoing and is being worked on.
Carol advised, once minutes from meetings are received, they will be made available to council members so they are aware of what is transpiring.
Will be on the AYSCBC website (there will be a shortfall of 10 positions next year)

7.3 School Diversity: No report

7.4 EA Allocation (Sue): there were roundtable discussions. Meeting to be held on December 2, 2015.

7.5 School Growth Plan (Ranj): Meeting to be held in January.

8. **AYSCBC:** Carol provided information on the suspension and appeals process. This will be made available once it is completed. It is in draft form at this time and is being worked on. Once complete, will be on website at AYSCBC.
Spring School Conference – once a decision is made it will be made available to councils. It is a possibility it will happen in the Spring.
School Council elections are in the works and should be held on May 2. Once this is confirmed, it will be advised. Possible dates for Spring Conference, April 7-9, 2016)

9. **Treasurers Report:** Balance in account at end of November, \$4, 989.15.
T4A information to be completed and submitted to DOE.

10. **Old Business and Correspondence:**

MOTION: Elijah Smith School Council makes a **MOTION** to donate \$50.00 to the Christmas Hamper. Moved by Linda, second by Ranj.

CARRIED

MOTION: Elijah Smith School Council makes a **MOTION** to donate \$50.00 to the Staff Appreciation Luncheon. Moved by Jessie, second by Linda,

CARRIED

11. New Business and Correspondence:

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.
Next Regular Meeting, January 5, 2016.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Jeff Hunston:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer