

- raise crosswalk at entrance to pick-up/drop-off;
- add pull forward signage and no parking signage within parent drop off; and
- add crosswalk at entrance to school at trail crossing across from staff parking' and add crosswalk at entrance to staff parking

Requirements that were recommended:

- crosswalks (level and raised);
- curb and gutter;
- removals; and
- road structure

And "Observations at Elijah Smith indicated fewer challenges than the previous schools, as all observed pick up/drop off within the school site.

As well, comments such as: "back up into Hamilton Blvd. roundabout; this was not observed during the two site visits. Crosswalk safety within the roundabout was reinforced through use of a crossing guard. The school has indicated a preference for an additional access to Hamilton Blvd. The need for this has not been observed and is not recommended."

Jeanie discussed this issue with Rosemary, at KDFN, and brought all the associations from the area, Granger, Hillcrest, Valleyview, and RCMP on board when this issue came up. The RCMP has followed up the traffic issues and flagged this area as a concern.

The speeding along this stretch of the road is dangerous. The crossing guard that KDFN hires, is not always there to mandate the crosswalk. The lights at the crosswalk don't always deter drivers from stopping and letting students, people cross. It is an issue that is impacting everyone!!!

Discussions on having more patrolling done by the RCMP in the area during peak times, to make sure the crosswalk is safe for all was discussed.

Jeanie is also exploring the crossing guard at the traffic circle. Is in partnership with the Mountainview Assoc. and KDFN.

The busing issues is concerning as well. The 3.2 km restriction has been impacting students/families. There are 30 – 35 students using the busing this year, compared to the 100 plus last year.

School council would like to work on short/long term solutions to these problems.

Would like to see more buses to ease the congestion;

For the school in principle, i.e.: one access to the school!

There is room to have another access at the end of the field to access Hamilton Blvd.

Jeanie discussed the 3.2km busing. The busing – drop off – safety!

ACTION: Jeanie will follow up and get back to school council with information.

Steve Roddick is on the City Council, however joined the meeting as a citizen and cannot speak on behalf of City Council or Mayor.

Has had discussions with the Dept. of Ed. with reference to traffic issues, as he has heard from parents about the safety.

Will get more information re: cars backing up, peak times, entrance to the school, parking, speeding, crossing.

As the Stantec study was done City wide, he will give them insight into how it is at the school.

Rachel walks her children to and from school every day, and advised the traffic circle is dangerous. Has seen vehicles flying through the crosswalk with a crossing guard there and flashing lights!

Rosemary also discussed the same issue. Has almost been hit at the crosswalk in the traffic circle.

Chief Bill has spoken with Jeanie and the Mayor about this issue.

Jeanie has discussed this as well with the Associations of the various neighbourhoods and KDFN and identified this as an issue. Looking at slowing traffic down. Has worked and is working with the City on this as well to get an assessment done. Discussions with the Minister of Education, Minister Mostyn. Is looking at finding a long term and short term solution on the traffic issue on Hamilton Blvd.

Jeff C. suggested perhaps speed signs that tell you how fast you are going. Maybe have one or two set up on Hamilton Blvd.

Steve Roddick will check into this and see where they can go and who does these across the city.

School Council thanked both Steve and Jeanie for attending the meeting and for the input.

- 3. Adoption of Minutes:** Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 3, 2020, Deferred to next meeting.

4. **Parent Concerns:** There has been a concern brought up by parents that if there is an outbreak at the school they would like to be notified.

However, this is a privacy issue, so they will not be notified.

Amanda feels the entire school and students and parents should know if there is a case in the school.

Jeff C. advised, their hands are tied and they have to follow the direction of the CMO and the Dept. They cannot share this info with all. They do not have the control over this.

Amanda suggested that perhaps ES school council join other school councils on this issue and see how they feel about the release of COVID cases at the schools and making it more public within the school.

5. **School Administration Report:**

- enrolment: 254
- A reading specialist in school 3 days a week
- Staffing: Lianne Cranfield – Arts Teacher, Jane MacArthur will be away until Spring Break
- School Calendar options for next year:
Start: Aug. 17/21 – End June 10, 2022
Start: Aug. 23/21 – End June 15, 2022
- Siding, roof tender to be going out for completion date of Summer 2021
- Lighting outside: there are 3 spotlights in now, and the temporary lighting out back is now adequate until renovations are complete
- Mouse problem in school has been worked on and looks like it is under control
- Gym floor is becoming an issue with damage from user groups
- Bells are working ok now

New Superintendent hired: Donna Miller Fry.

- School bus monitor: “My bus monitor” app is available and updated every morning to advise if buses are late, or not coming, etc. (done at 6:00AM)

6. **CELC:**

Christine provided an update:

- has been working at the school with teacher, students, in 2 classes Gr. 4/ Gr. 6
- slippers are being made by students in Gr. 3, from patterns to finishing
- call outs for staff members to join the Culture Committee
- Went to Selkirk/ Takhini Schools
- Connected with some parents. Has been hard to do due to COVID 19

Sean inquired if Christine has been able to engage with families/ students at KD
Has been able to go to classrooms which has been working. Hard to do
more at this time, due to COVID, however, has been connecting,
introducing, making calls, sending out intro letters with her picture
to get connected

7. Reports:

- 7.1 Transportation Committee: No update at this time. Committee is Meeting tonight, Dec. 1, via Zoom. Megan to update at next meeting
- 7.2 School Diversity: No report
- 7.3 School Growth Plan: Our School Survey has been done. Info can be used to target some groups. K classes did not do survey. SGP is working with KDFN to make sure all students feel safe at school

Next survey is to be done in the spring.

8. AYSCBC:

- 8.1 Spending of funding received (\$2000) Deferred
SWAG: is being worked on

- 9. Treasurer`s Report:** Balance in account is \$724.84 (plus \$2,000. From AYSCBC)
Waiting for funding to be received.

10. Old Business and Correspondence:

11. New Business and Correspondence:

- 11.1 COVID 19 Guidelines – Update:

E MOTION: Moved by Rosemary, second by Megan, THAT the ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL makes a MOTION in support of the School COVID 19 plan as provided by Administration with reference to wearing masks and protocol within the school.

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- 11.2 Dispute Resolution process:

ACTION: Jerry to provide some info on resolutions from other councils.

Correspondence:

There was a template provided by the dept. from Nikki Yee, on Inclusive a Special Education Reflection. Are asking for input from members.

ACTION: Template for input is to be forwarded to members to complete.

11.3 Facebook: Megan:

Megan has offered to start a Facebook page for Elijah Smith School Council to keep community updated. Council supports!!!!

Caroline, Admin. Assistant at the school will update website with reference to the issue of COVID 19i guidelines and wearing masks at the school.

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:36PM
Next regular Meeting, January 5, 2021, to be held via ZOOM

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL
Stay safe and healthy!!!

Sean Smith:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer