

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
February 7, 2023
MPR/ZOOM

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

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| Present: | Council Members: Andrew MacLeod: A/Chair Megan Cromarty Lauren White Haily Bill: Zoom Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer | Administration: Chris Shipley: Principal Jim Snider: Vice Principal |
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Regrets: Linda Moen: Council Member
Doris Anderson: Council Member

Guests: Marilyn Marquis-Forster: Superintendent of Schools, Dept. of Ed.
Christine Pottie: KDFN ESC
Shelly: Parent
Kari Unreau: Teacher

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:47PM
- 2. Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Lauren, seconded by Megan, THAT the Agenda be adopted. CARRIED
- 3. Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Haily, seconded by Lauren, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 3, 2023 be adopted. CARRIED

Moved by Andrew, seconded by Lauren, THAT the Minutes of Special Meeting, January 24, 2023 be adopted. CARRIED

- 4. Parent Concerns:**
There was an incident at the crosswalk between Elijah Smith School and the western side of Hamilton Blvd. One of ESS students was hit by a vehicle.
RCMP was contacted. Student did get up and walked away and was unharmed.

There were roundtable discussions held on this. Perhaps have a flashing beacon RFB which is the new standard.

There is a traffic calming study being done by the City for McIntyre. This does not include the traffic circle.

ACTION: Taylor Eshpeter, City Engineer to be contacted to request the traffic circle area be part of this study. Megan/Andrew to compose letter

Chris has spoken with staff to have them enforce the rules of traffic safety with their students. A note to parents to remind their children to use the flashing lights while crossing at the crosswalk. School to do positive reinforcement of safety rules

5. School Administration Report:

- Enrolment: 285
- Admin meetings held: Jan 3
- PD Day for all staff: Jan 16
- Math PD/Med observation Gr. 3 -7 (3 staff): Feb 3
- Hand games held over lunch on Jan, 17, 24 and 31: gr. 4 – 7 in MPR
- Various activities, field trips: Kick sledding, snowshoeing, swimming, XC skiing, downhill skiing, sewing club, Pink Eagles,
- Lunar New Year celebrated, (Approx. 50 – 55 students) Food and music in MPR
- Family night: learn to curl, Gr. 5 – 7 = great night
- SWAG: Duct Tape day: Jan 26
- David Costello: Jan.17: to discuss mathematics with staff
- Hannah Beach: Jan.17: to discuss Student Relationships
- Discussions on books:
 - “Hold on to your kids”, (written by Gordon Neufeld, Gabor Mate)
 - “Reclaiming our students”, (written by Hannah Beach, Tamara Neufeld Strijack) were discussed as well. A great resource
- AAC: (Augmented Alternative Communication): non-verbal students to use pads to communicate with staff.
- Work in MPR room has now been completed
- Mice: Are on the down and have been “quiet”
- On-going problem with PA system:
 - Facilities changed outdoor speaker (However, there is still issues in Room 14)
 - It has been suggested to bring microphone closer to mouth when speaking to have it work properly. It is felt by S/Council, that is not the problem. Other issues are being worked on. Also discussed under report from Health and Safety (7.3)
- Sensory Circuit – set up third area. YFNED, CYFN, Dept. of ed. were involved
- Staff Door: Has been completed – as an inclusive door
- FOB system has been installed on staff door
- Windows in office and Kindergarten wing have been replaced
- New EA to begin on Feb 8: Jenifer Corpuz
- Screening in process/calls out for LAT
- Interviews held on Feb 7 for 2 EA’s

- Carvings at the front of building discussed: Doris, Council member was interested in this previously

5.1 Marilyn Marquis-Forster: Superintendent of Schools, Dept. of Ed:
Performance Evaluation:
Marilyn discussed the Principal Performance process with school council.
An evaluation to be completed on Jim while acting as principal.
This should be completed prior to spring break.

ACTION: Chris to scan copy of document and forward to School Council.

Council members to look at and then discuss at meeting in March.
Completion of evaluation can be done collectively, or individually.

Capital Purchases and Projects:

School capital was discussed: such as programming equipment, i.e.: small white board,

An info session on Thursday for administration on how \$'s come together and to support administration with presentation to school council to be provided in April/May. This will be provided once the new budget is completed. (April)

O/M Budgets:

This is where classroom furniture is provided. This can be done with school council.

ACTION: Marilyn to provide information.

Program Capital: When it exceeds school budgets, requests from Principal to Superintendent are made.

Capital Maintenance: HPW (Highways and Public Works)

This is building maintenance budget.

Major Capital: these exceed the \$1,000,000.00 indicated through to the dept. The Robert Service Modular addition is such an example of this expenditure.

Another one is, installing the sink in the classroom. This will be an involved process as there is no plumbing in place at this time.

ACTION: Marilyn to advise on the status of this request.

6. E.S.W: Christine Pottie, Bryan Laloge:

- Tutoring continues with focus on K-3 at this time, with Gr. 4-7 by request. Anticipating a Learning Support Coordinator to begin beginning March
- Christine arranged kick sleds for pick up Feb 27
- Bryan continues to work with several classes to utilize the Koyote Ski Club and trails including Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. Potter, Mr. Mulhearn and Ms. Coates classes Ms. Farr in conjunction with Ms. Teramura are also utilizing the Koyote Ski Club with support from Gary Bailey
- Work has begun with Dusk's parents on transition to K students for fall 2023. This includes computer support with registration
- Christine provides classroom support Friday mornings to build relationships with students entering kindergarten
- Christine has been invited to participate in a working group with the Dept. of Ed to review and make recommendations on Assessment for K4 programs in the Yukon. This committee began in Jan. 2023 and hopes to complete this work by Dec. 2023
- Christine followed up with School council and requested a letter that can be taken to Chief and Council with a formal request for flag poles. Megan and Andrew to work on
- Bryan attends transition meetings for KD Students that will be moving to Porter Creek
- Bryan completed Level 1 Ski Instructor certification Feb. 3, 4, 5
- Counselling Services have been expanded through KD Health Centre and there is more availability for students to access services
- Bryan is partnering with YFNED to support students and plan cultural activities such as the Lunch hour Hand Games, etc.
- KD had a Graduation information night for students and families who were invited for supper, and met the KD Education team. Info on the 3 kinds of Graduation certificates that can be attained in the Yukon was given out. Graduation booklets from YFNED was also given.
- Mr. Chris Shipley, Principal, joined at the Potlach house
- Challenges:
- Continued difficulties reengaging students with school and keeping students engaged.

Kari Unreau also discussed this issue with attendance. And how do we address this with other First Nations Governments? It is felt there is a need to have more ESC's from other FN's.

- Parents requesting tutoring support for after school when a greater amount of time can be focused on skill development. As well, as students from more than one school can be seen. Anticipate this to change with new hires.
- Accomplishments:
Connections have been made with many of the K parents and there are just a couple of registrations left to complete.

7. Reports:

- 7.1 Transportation Committee: Meeting was held Jan 26. Committee to hold 4 meetings per year.
Issue was brought up by a parent of location of bus stop. Standard advised that this cannot be changed. However, Dept. of Ed. advised this can be done and will be done as a "Pilot move bus stop".

Bus Awareness: to be held in April,
Registration to open late April, mid May.
There were creative ideas discussed for this, such as sending registrations home with students on the bus to have them completed.

Next meeting to be held in April.

- 7.2 School Growth Plan: PBIS. Working on refresh/restart this after the "pandemic". Working on positive behaviours; expectations. Using the Fountas and Pinnell Models, and Hannah Beach's, "Sense of Belonging".

- 7.3 Health and Safety: Meeting was held Jan. 19th
The Mice issue at the school has quieted down substantially.
PA System still an issue being worked on. Spectrum is coming to install white light boxes.
FOB's issues have been resolved and all are working
Outside lights – temporary in place while construction continues
Intermediate wings: Students were sneaking out. Staff to monitor. Discussions on perhaps starting "hall passes" for students.

8. **AYSCBC:** No update at this time.

9. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance in account: \$6,475.66.
Victoria Gold has announced "Every Student, Every Day" funding for attendance issues. The school can access this and School Councils can also request.

ACTION: Jerry to send link to the article and the application form to all.

10. Old Business and Correspondence:

- 10.1 Flag Poles: Update:

ACTION: Andrew to write letter by Friday.

- 10.2 PA System: Update: Discussed under Principal's report and report from Health and Safety. (7.3)

11. New Business and Correspondence:

- 11.1 Roles, Rules and Responsibilities of School Council:
Deferred to next regular meeting in March.

Andrew MacLeod:
A/Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer