

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of “informational meeting”
January 14, 2019
School Library

Present:	Council Members: Linda Moen Rosemary Waugh-Wilson Sean Smith Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	Administration: Jim Complak: A/Principal Jim Snider: Vice Principal
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Regrets: Jeff Hunston: Chair, School Council
Sarah Norlin: Council Member
Rachel Sutherland: Council Member
Chris Gleason: CELC

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:45PM

- 2. Adoption of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.

- 3. Adoption of Minutes:** Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 6, 2018, DEFERRED
Minutes of “Informational Meeting” December 4, 2018, DEFERRED

4. Parent Concerns:

- 4.1 Safety Issues at the school (Parking Lot)
RCMP has been contacted and has come by and there is no increase in activities nor have they witnessed any. Will keep monitoring

A parental concern was brought up with the EA requirements – are they assigned to a student or a class? This is done on a needs basis. If the EA is not a good fit with students, what happens? This is a learning process for both EA and student and is a relationship, issues are being resolved. There were roundtable discussions on EA’s.

Discussions on whether the school needs Social workers. ES feels it needs more Counsellors to help students if they need it.

5. School Administration Report:

- Enrolment: 250
- Dec 3-7: Culture Week
- Dec 3: Fire Pit Opening Ceremony: Minister Dendys attends, Elder William Carlick performs ceremony

- Dec 5: Family Breakfast: Minister Dendys and other politicians attend, and help. Pancakes, bison meat, wraps were prepared. Students had to be accompanied by parents in order to attend. Was a great success
- Music: K – to Gr 3 held a concert – very successful and entertaining
Upper grades to do a concert at end of school year
- Dec 5: Hand games: ES comes in 3rd place
- Dec 13: Christmas Concert
- Dec 19 KDFN and ESES Culture Meeting
- Jan 8: School Growth Planning meeting, next one on Tuesday, Jan 15
- Jan 15: Lock down drill
- PA Communication System: System is functioning at about 90%, still need a few more phones, in progress
- Issues with siding, to replace siding will be tendered for summer of 2019
- Heating ductwork upgrade – almost complete
- Native Language – Teacher in training, School council held roundtable Discussions. Rene Dove from the Dept. is to be invited to speak with council.

ACTION: Jerry to invite Rene to next council meeting to discuss further

- Gr. 2 teacher suffered a leg injury in an accident to be back next week for half days
- EA in a car accident, off for a week
Bison Hunt dates: March 26-29: To be signed off by school council
Meeting scheduled for Thursday Jan 17, @6:00PM to discuss and plan
There are approx. 30 students to go, as well as some Porter Creek Secondary Students to attend
- PD Day in February: Blanket exercise with staff to be done
- Youth Achievement Centre: Finished, was a great success
- Jim C will not extend his contract past June due to personal reasons.
Melanie Bennett to advise by end of March of her plans
- Greenhouse got destroyed – again. Discussions on how to keep it from being vandalized, perhaps start a “gardening club” with the KD Community to help and build it up and help out which may deter from being vandalized, give it a name, were some suggestions put forth.
- Forest School: Experiential education with intent. Uses nature as a tool.
As well, Truth and Reconciliation; outside elements; First Nations hands on; continue building capacity in our teachers; Elders to be included.
An outdoor structure would be required: discussions around “Paddy’s Dock” which could be used

5.1 Learning together program: Deferred to next meeting

5.2 Code of Conduct: Deferred to next meeting

6. CELC: Deferred to next meeting

- 7. Reports:**
 - 7.1 Transportation advisory: (Busing): No report
Issue with bus waiting t KD and then coming to school, to come to school and wait: Deferred to next meeting
 - 7.2 School Diversity: No report
 - 7.3 School Growth Plan: Mtg. Jan 8, next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Jan 15
- 8. AYSCBC:**
- 9. Treasurer's Report:** Balance in account: 7,221.23.
T4A report completed and forwarded to the Dept. for processing
- 10. Old Business and Correspondence:**
- 11. New Business and Correspondence:**
 - 11.1 School Calendar: Deferred to next meeting
- 12. Adjournment:** 8:30PM
Next regular meeting: February 5, 2019

Jeff Hunston:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer