

**ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**January 3, 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.”*

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

**Guests:** Marilyn Marquis-Forster: Superintendent  
Lori Choquette: School Council Liaison  
Kari Unrau: Teacher  
Peter Grundamanis: Outgoing A/Vice Principal  
Brian: ESC

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:33PM
- 2. Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Andrew, seconded by Lauren, THAT the agenda be adopted. CARRIED
- 3. Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Doris, seconded by Haily, THAT the Minutes of Regular meeting, December 6, 2022 be adopted. CARRIED

**4. Parent Concerns:**  
Linda brought up the First Nations School Board (FNSB) and the recent announcement from the Government re: councils to do a resolution to dissolve or go to referendum. A discussion was held last year, with previous council, and at the time a decision was made to not do anything until more information was provided. To be discussed further.

Jim brought up a concern where a student and another student from another school had a fight at a basketball game. This was at the CGC, and a parent from another school

tried to stop the altercation. Student reacted and that student is now suspended YSAA suspended the student from games as well. (4 games in total)  
School has met with parents and a restitution circle mediator has met with student/parent. Parent is trying to get everyone together now from other school to discuss this further.

Family Nights: some families are unhappy that they were not picked to attend the movie night. This was due the capacity of the theater. This sometimes presents a challenge, as the bigger theater has closed. Suggestion was made to perhaps recommunicate on how this works and proceed.

Space capacity sometimes presents a problem. The night at Lumel studio was a great success, however, not all could attend due to space

Linda suggested that perhaps to make it fair if family attend one, then the ones that could not attend, attend the next session.

Jim is looking at in school activities as well.

#### **5. School Administration report:**

- Enrolment: 279 (plus 2 as of this date)
- Dec. 1, 2: Admin meeting held, Jim attends
- Dec. 3: Christmas Craft Fair
- Various Xmas activities held during week before xmas break. i.e.: Pizza hot lunch, Deck the Halls, Toque and scarf day, ugly sweater, santa hat, pj day, bingo
- Pink Eagles meet every Tuesday
- Boys club meets every Thursday
- Various student activities and field trips held during month, including swimming lessons
- LATs take one Friday a month to work on plans and discuss case loads
- Mice: are still at the school, however not as severe
- Still an on-going problem with PA system. Facilities were called and changed outdoor speaker in Dec, however there is still an issue in Room 14

Linda discussed this issue. Have work orders been submitted to the Dept. to get this issue resolved. Yes, they have been. An outdoor speaker has been replaced. Issues are still also ongoing in bathrooms, change rooms and in part of hallway (by classroom where it does not work) and outside.

Council held roundtable discussions on how to resolve this ongoing issue FASTER!  
Or other ways to make sure that students/staff are notified if there is an issue or announcement, such as, flashing lights, etc...

Jim to provide another work order

Marilyn suggested that this be put on the capital plan budget as this is a need. This will go to Chris Hanlin, from input from Superintendent and then to project managers.

**ACTION:** School Council to write a letter to administration and superintendent requesting

this (PA system issues) to be put on the Capital Plan!

Linda requested that this be an on-going agenda item until resolved

- Parking lot lights have been fixed
- Work in MPR room almost complete
- FOB system being stalled on staff door almost complete – waiting for a part
- Chris Shipley takes over as Principal
- LAT – posting out
- EA – posting out

Linda discussed staffing at the school. How are FTE's determined at the school? Jim advised staffing is according to the number of students and the vulnerability index. This is also done through the Staffing formula.

School has asked for an increase in staffing at the school due to increase in enrolment.

Discussions on the arts at the school were held. French is not offered at the school anymore, but arts can now be provided

- Call out to School council to let parents know to come and help out in library with books , etc. if they are available
- Cultural meeting was held. More culture in school, Indigenous and other cultures  
Funding for cultural events is available
- Duct tape day to be held end of month. To make dresses, etc.  
All precautions are to be made to make sure this is a safe project.
- Admin training: to ensure that if an incident happens at the school to provide information to parents in a timely manner
- 2 classes in Gr. 6/7 and Gr. 7 will get French from Mikayla
- Jan. 16, PD Day.

## 6. E.S.C.:

Brian provided an update:

- Providing kick sleds in the school,
- Part of Koyote Ski club
- Provide orientation on trail, cross country skiing,
- Intermediate classes to go to Mt. Sima
- Connecting cultural and educational coordinator and YFNED together
- On Tuesdays, Colin from YFNED provides hand games at lunch with students from Gr. 6
- Tutoring is offered at all schools in Whitehorse. Limited AOC tutors at this time
- Working with intermediate classrooms to help students
- Primary Grades: Christine supporting K students. Literacy nights at Duska's
- Packages delivered to K's student families who could not attend literacy night
- Attendance: KDFN students : Focusing on supporting students and families to get students get back to school
- KDFN tutoring program: At this time only one AOC tutor at the school 3 x per week



**12. Adjournment:**

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Next regular meeting: February 7, 2023

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Megan Cromarty:  
Chair

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Jerry Zahora:  
Secretary Treasurer