

**ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**January 5, 2021**  
**Via ZOOM**

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

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Council Members:</b> Sean Smith: Chair Jeff Hunston Megan Cromarty Rosemary Waugh-Wilson Amanda Leas Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	<b>Administration:</b> Jeff Cressman: Principal Jim Snider: Vice Principal
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**Regrets:** Jessie Dawson: Council Member  
Rachel Sutherland: Council Member

**Guests:** Elaine Taylor: Executive Director: AYSCBC  
Christine Pottie: CELC, KDFN

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:44PM
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Jeff H. second by Megan, THAT the agenda be adopted. CARRIED

**2.1 Guest: Elaine Taylor: Exec. Director, AYSCBC:**  
Elaine introduced herself and thanked everyone for the invite. AYSCBC has been working with the Dept. of Ed. the Francophone Board, Catholic Board, The FN Education Directorate.

Discussed the Launch that AYSCBC put on last month for councils. It addressed the roles and responsibilities of School Council members.

The Child’s Advocate has been working on a review of attendance. Some questions arising from this are: what roles do School Councils have on attendance. Are looking for input from school council’s across the territory.

Rosemary discussed the concerns that ES has with traffic, Hamilton Blvd., parking lot.

The Stantec Report was discussed. This report was done in 2018. School Council

was not consulted when this was done. Speeding on Hamilton Blvd. was also discussed. Council held roundtable discussions with reference to safety around the school, as it was pre COVID 19 and now during COVID 19.

Council has invited various guests to meetings to discuss this important issue, such as, MLA's, Politicians from the Territorial Government and recently from the Municipal Government.

It has been a collaborative effort with all parties, as this is a serious issue and needs to be dealt with.

Elaine inquired as to what engagement has been with stakeholders, such as parents. Surveys were done, newsletters sent home to get parents engaged.

Council discussed ways of engaging parents and pull together other agencies.

Any correspondence that is being sent out can be shared with the AYSCBC.

**ACTION:** Megan to contact Chris Hanlin with reference to the speeding on Hamilton Blvd. Signage, etc.

Discussions on the Egress were held once again. This would help in alleviating some of the congestion at the school entrance in the traffic circle. This has been proposed to the Dept. on many occasions, however, has not happened.

Council thanked Elaine for attending meeting.

**3. Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Rosemary, second by Sean, THAT the Minutes of November 3, 202 be adopted. CARRIED

Moved by Amanda, second by Megan, THAT the Minutes of Special Meeting of November 25, 2020 be adopted. CARRIED

Moved by Rosemary, second by Amanda, THAT the Minutes of Informational Meeting, December 1, 2020 be adopted. CARRIED

**4. Parent Concerns:**

**5. Principal's Report:**

- Enrolment: 244 (some students moved away to BC, Sask. Watson Lake
- there are now 73 students taking buses
- various activities and field trips held:
  - Paddy's Pond, Forest school, snowshoeing, outdoor outing
  - Sledding, viewing animals, Tour of the Legislature, etc.
- Dec. 3, 4: Student conferences
- Dec. 14: Toques and scarves day
- Dec. 15: Hawaiian Christmas day
- Dec. 16: Ugly Christmas sweater day
- Dec. 17: Santa Hat day, Deck the halls

- Dec. 18: Pajama day
- Cultural Cttee: next week discussions with KDFN, FN Educ. Directorate and Childs advocate to set up framework for Gr. 7 FN mandate
- Trying to obtain and EA for a student
- Bells were not working properly, however have been fixed
- Discussions re: IEP's vs. Learning plans.  
Students on IEP's are who are not able to learn the prescribed curriculum. These students are eligible for receiving supports as mandated by the Ed. Act. Student on Learning Plans, would not be subject to mandated supports as outlined in the Ed. Act.  
This is a concern as there has been a decline in the students on IEP's in recent times. Questions as to why were raised.

**6. CELC:** Christine provided a report:

- working with classrooms on making mitts;  
2 classes – Gr. 3 making slippers from drawing the patterns all the way through to the finished product.  
Some students have completed their slippers, it has been a great experience
- working with Staff and ES and LAT's
- met with the FN Education Directorate
- monthly meetings were set
- tutoring has been put on hold, looking at re-establishing
- 1 day a week at other schools; Takhini, Selkirk
- attendance an issue due to COFIC 19  
“Education if the future, attendance is now”!
- alarm clocks have been purchased to help and asked teachers if there are students they want to give them to
- Fundraising effort – re: SWAG,  
KD Supports students for SWAG.(hoodies, t shirts)  
Megan ordered extra sizes in case there was a need, Christine will advise

**7. Reports:**

7.1 Transportation Committee:

Megan provided an update. There have been 3 more buses purchased and added.

Masks: If a student refuses to wear a mask, it goes to the administration, then to school council.

Teachers are on duty and make sure that students wear a mask. Standard has a supply of masks to give to students who do not have one.

7.2 School Diversity: No report

7.3 School Growth Plan: Cultural framework, students to feel they are a part of the school. Next meeting to be held in later part of January.

ACTION: Jeff C. will advise Caroline to advise Jerry when SGP is put on website.

**8. AYSCBC:**

8.1 Spending of Funds: (\$2,000.)  
To be advised

**9. Treasurer's Report:** There is no update. Waiting for funding to be received. Dept. advised they are working on and will process as soon as possible.

**10. Old Business and Correspondence:**

Facebook: Megan will work on. AYSCBC has a section on how to connect with media

**11. New Business and Correspondence:**

11.1 School Calendar 2021-22:

Start: Aug. 23, 2021

End: June 15, 2022

PD Days: Aug. 19, Oct. 22, and May 2. (these are School Council days)

Non Instructional Days: Aug. 20, Nov. 12 and Jan. 17. (these are Ed. Act days)

Christmas break: Dec. 20 – Jan 4<sup>th</sup>.

2 week spring break: March 20 – March 31

School Council approves. E MOTION to follow.

ACTION: Jeff C. to advise department of council's decision and approval.

**12. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM

Next regular meeting, February 2, 2021, via ZOOM

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Sean Smith:  
Chair

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Jerry Zahora:  
Secretary Treasurer