

**ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**January 7, 2025**  
**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 thank them for allowing us to live and work on their traditional land.”*

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Council Members:</b> Jessie Dawson: Chair Sheilah Sutherland: Zoom Honey Starr Sidney Sarina Sydney Jacine Fox: Zoom Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	<b>Administration:</b> Jim Snider: A/Principal Peter Grundmanis: A/Vice Principal Sonja Sebek: A/Vice Principal
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**Absent:** Dorrton Fox: Council Member

**Guests:** Richard Poirier: School Council Liaison  
Karin Unreau: Teacher

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:38PM  
There were roundtable introductions
  
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Sarina, seconded by Honey Starr, THAT the agenda be adopted with the adoption of #11.1 – In Camera: CARRIED
  
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Sarina, seconded by Sheilah, THAT the Minutes of Regular meeting, October 1, 2024 be adopted. CARRIED

Moved by Honey Starr, seconded by Sheilah, THAT the Minutes of Informational meeting of October 29, 2024 be adopted. CARRIED

Moved by Sarina, seconded by Sheilah, THAT the Minutes of Informational meeting, of December 3, 2024 be adopted. CARRIED

4. **Parent Concerns:** Bullying: There were roundtable discussions on this issue. It is going on at the school, with racist talking, inappropriate language. School/admin has reached out to KDFN, Krista Strand, DoE, and school council. The school is trying to deal with it as well.  
There were roundtable discussions on this and how to deal with it.

To be discussed further. Suggest a special meeting to discuss further be held.

**5. School Administration Report:**

- Staffing:
  - EA going on mat leave in Feb.
  - Teacher going on mat leave in March
  - EA over Xmas got sick
  - Jill Mason has been off since Oct, and is for the rest of the year
  - Jordan – has gone to DoE
- Learning together program (preschool program) isn't being held as there is no space at this time
- High needs students at the school (total of 8)
- 3 EA's are being interviewed
- LA Teacher as well

**6. E.S.C:** Deferred to another meeting. Maggie has gone on Mat leave. No update for a replacement as of yet.

**7. Reports: Committees:**

- 7.1 Transportation Committee: Meeting to be held Feb. 25/25.  
Jerry to bring issues up at that time.

**ACTION:** Any issues, please advise Jerry so they can be discussed at the meeting

- 7.2 School Growth Plan: Working on liter4acy, numeracy

7.3 Health and Safety:

- Lighting is an issue
- PA System in front of school and some classrooms isn't working
- Water in the dentist room isn't usable, plus some classrooms

**ACTION:** Water testing to be checked into and results to be advised

**8. AYSCBC:** Meeting to be held in January. To be advised

**9. Treasurer's Report:** Balance in account \$9,049.06

**10. Old Business and Correspondence:**

- 10.1 Policies: (Cold weather, Cell Phone, Conflict Resolution)  
To be discussed at next meeting

**11. New Business and Correspondence:**

- 11.1 In Camera:

**MOTION:** Moved by Sarina, seconded by Honey Starr THAT the ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL move in camera at 8:27PM. **CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Moved by Sarina, seconded by Honey Starr, THAT the ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL move out of camera at 8:41PM. **CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION:**  
Moved by Sheilah, seconded by Honey Starr, THAT the ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL make a RESOLUTION to remove a council member.  
**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ACTION:** Jerry to prepare necessary paperwork and forward to DoE.

**12. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:42PM  
Next regular meeting, February 4, 2025

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Jessie Dawson:  
Chair

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Jerry Zahora:  
Secretary Treasurer