

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
June 1, 2021
School

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

Present:

Council Members:	Administration:
Sean Smith: Chair	Jeff Cressman: Principal
Jeff Hunston	Jim Snider: Vice Principal
Megan Cromarty	
Rosemary Waugh-Wilson	
Jessie Dawson	
Amanda Leas	
Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	

Guests: Lori Choquette: School Council Liaison, Dept. of Ed.
Ryan Sikkes: ADM. Student Support Services, Dept. of Ed.

Regrets: Rachel Sutherland: Council Member
Christine Pottie: CELC, KD

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:36PM

2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Rosemary, second by Megan, THAT the Agenda be passed with the following addition: #11.2: School Council Dispute Resolution, #11.3: 2021-22 School Council Communication Plan, #11.4: 2021-22 Road / Parking Lot safety Campaign, #11.5: 2021-22 School Swag CARRIED
 - 2.1 **Guest: Minister Jeanie McLean:** Minister cannot attend meeting, however, Ryan Sikkes attends to answer any questions council may have.

3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Megan, second by Rosemary, THAT the Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, May 10, 2021 be adopted. CARRIED

4. **Parent Concerns:**

Discussions were held with reference to the recent events at Kamloops. Students have been asking questions, staff and administration has been discussing as well.

Counsellors have been checking with students who may react more to the news or it has a bigger impact on them.

5. **Principal's Report:**

- Enrolment: 246 (has been between 240 – 250 all year)
- The Attendance Review has come out
- Inclusive and Special Education has also come out
Can be found under Yukon.ca: Current events
An event was held in Carcross today to discuss the Inclusive and Special Education. Council held roundtable discussions on the event. Residential Schools were also discussed.

Lori Choquette spoke about the event. She said she felt enlightened, eager and the opportunity do something special, she feels is a good start.

- Forest School: Turkeys and Chickens were hatched. This was a 28 day process
- Students (2) visit PCSS
- School raises caterpillars which turn into butterflies
- Forest School is ongoing. Will be next year as well, 3 times per week
- Gr. 4/5 participate in Gymnastics, (Polarettes)
- Gr. 7. Year-end trip to Braeburn Camp
- June 9: Kindergarten Celebration at 1:30PM, for parents, grandparents, can come together
- June 10: Gr. 7 Farewell ceremony in Gym.
Each student can have 2 guests
- Exterior painting has been cancelled. Issue is with siding.
Some students have been teased by other students from other schools about the look of the school. Saying that Elijah Smith School is a "Crappy" school
Tender for roof/siding for next year to do both. As well, windows, doors, insulation to be upgraded

ACTION: Jeff C. will contact dept. and see where the siding stripping of the paint is at

This is to be discussed with the Minister as well,

- PA System: Discussions were held on this issue. Ryan Sikkes is also addressing this issue with HPW.
- Convert ½ of the garage. Bring 2 c-cans to store stuff. And to be used for wood pellets.
- Staffing: A. Bartle: .7 – arts teacher
R. Fairburn, K. Dolan retiring
Temporary gym position till Dec.
Jim S. to be .8 next year (a reduction of 1 day only)
FN Language: D. Bunbury is coming back in the fall
- User Groups: Floor to be refinished, replaced within 2 years

ACTION: Invite Nils Clarke to meeting to discuss the P.A. issues, siding, and maintenance

- All Chiefs pictures are to be displayed at the school once they are all received

Jim S. praised all the staff and administration at the school for going that extra mile.

6. CELC: Christine provided a report:

- Hand games held at Hidden Valley School, success
- Preparations for summer camp, gathering of resources and preparing plans
- Cultural week activities were reduced due to losses felt in the KDFN community
- Hand Games were held one day, Aboriginal Sports Circle held as well, successful
- Student files being updated to reflect current progress of KDFN students at All schools, so that interventions like tutoring can be better focused
- work continues with recreation and tutors on summer camps for KDFN kids
- Team of 6 to hand games on May 28th, great experience
- Met with YFNED periodically and still working on a set time that works for all
- 2 successful applications to Jordan's Principle. One application to provide glasses for a student
- Shawls and vests have been completed. Shirts were made,
- Goals for next month are to have summer camp with recreation. Planning activities and preparing programming for over the summer and fall

7. Reports:

7.1 Transportation Committee:

- Existing registration from 2020-21 is being used
- bus routes will stay the same
- up to 44 buses
- communication is being worked on to get info to parents
- registration for new riders is being implemented

7.2 School Diversity: No update

7.3 School Growth Plan: Meeting was held. Waiting for direction from the Dept. Will continue to making students feel welcome. "Mindset makers" book is used. On line platform; videos; respond to questions School is working with Jack Hulland. Appropriate responses to students, get their perspective. It is to be introduced to staff tomorrow.

8. AYSCBC: No report

9. Treasurer's Report: Balance in account, \$3, 951.84

MOTION: Moved by Rosemary, second by Jessie, THAT the Elijah Smith School Council Makes a MOTION to provide \$300.00 to the Elijah School to purchase ice cream for Year End celebration on June 11, 2021. **CARRIED**

10. Old Business and Correspondence:

10.1 Black cat: Update: Megan will provide update once it is received.
Is to deal with traffic circle issues
KDFN has discussed as well. And has been brought up with RCMP.

10.2 Flagpoles: Update: No update.
To be discussed with Trevor Justason re: Quote.

This will be provided to KDFN and Ta'an Kwach'an once received.

11. New Business and Correspondence:

11.1 AGM Proposed date:
AGM to be held on September 7, 2021, at 6:30PM, followed by
Regular meeting.

11.2 School Council Dispute Resolution:
Council discussed. Lori C. to email Department dispute resolution to
Council.

ACTION: School Council to review and discuss.

- 11.3 2021-22 School Council Communication plan: Deferred
- 11.4 2021-22 Road/Parking Lot safety Campaign: Deferred
- 11.5 2021-22 School Swag: Deferred
- 11.6 In Camera

MOTION: Moved by Rosemary, second by Jeff, THAT the ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL makes a MOTION to move in camera at 8:30PM.

CARRIED

MOTION: Moved by Rosemary, second by Jeff, THAT the ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL makes a MOTION to move out of camera at 9:49PM.

CARRIED

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:50PM.
Next Meeting, September 7, 2021

Sean Smith:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer