

# ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL

## “Informational Meeting

March 2, 2021

6:30PM

Zoom

*“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 thank them for allowing us to live and work on their traditional land.”*

**Present: Council Members:**

Sean Smith: Chair  
Jeff Hunston  
Jessie Dawson  
Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer

**Administration:**

Jeff Cressman: Principal

**Regrets:** Rosemary Waugh-Wilson: Council Member

Amanda Leas: Council Member  
Megan Cromarty: Council Member  
Rachel Sutherland: Council Member

**Guests:** Jeanie McLean: MLA

Richard Mostyn: MLA  
Heidi Harry: EA  
Christine Pottie: CELC, KDFN

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:36PM
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Agenda was passed.
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, February 2, 2021,  
Deferred to next meeting

**Guests:** Council welcomed guests to the meeting:

Jeanie McLean: MLA,  
Richard Mostyn: MLA,

Richard thanked council for the invite and spoke about the info that council forwarded to him re: attendance issues. At this time, he contacted Minister McPhee prior to the meeting tonight and a response should be forthcoming in the very near future. Once it is received he will share.

Jeanie: thanked council for the invite as well, and would like to set up another meeting

once a response is received from the Dept. and council has a quorum.  
Council members were unable to join this meeting due to illness, reactions to the vaccine.

Sean inquired if concerns raised by council were clear. Richard response yes, they were. Jeanie discussed the safety issues around the school area, the response from the RCMP and the City. The Mountainview Community Association has developed a safety and wellness in the area. Would like council to be involved in as well.  
And as well, would like to meet with council once there is a quorum to discuss further.

Jeff agreed with this as we would like to have a response from the Minister to our issues and to have all members present.

Jeanie is looking forward to a meeting to discuss the future of the area, and Richard appreciates this as well. Sean agreed.

A meeting will be rescheduled once we receive a response from the Minister and all members can be present.

**ACTION:** Meeting to be rescheduled and Mountainview Safety and Wellness to be put on agenda. (Association of Mountainview and Kwanlin Dun as well.)

**4. Parent Concerns:**

**5. Principal's Report:**

- enrolment: 248
- Met with YFNED: 3 weeks ago. They are supplying to pay for hot breakfast at the school for the rest of the school year.  
Food to be delivered to the school, i.e.: bananas, apples, etc.  
Money is from Jordan's Principle which will feed ALL students at the school that need it.
- New stove, fridge, microwave has been ordered for the kitchen. More details to be provided
- Staffing plan has been given to the Dept. waiting for a response
- Transition position: will hear more about this week
- FTE's: 22.3 Would like to have 25 plus EA's (13.5 at this time, would like more)
- .8 position: went up this year  
Southern Tutchone:  
Music Teacher:  
Extra LA time: provide gym every day, has been proposed. waiting for a response from the Dept.
- New Superintendent: Donna Miller-Fry: will attend meeting
- Gr. 4: J. McArthur is off until end of April

- PA System still not working outside. Have been in to correct, however it is not
- SGP: Meeting to be held March 10
- Music Class: YFNED: Nicole Smith to do FN dance with students. Is to become part of the school again

Sean asked what Administration would like from School Council for the upcoming year?

- More Counselling at the school, 2 counsellors at least, - trained counsellors  
Christine would also like to see more Counsellors and EA's at the school.  
Would like 2 EA's in classrooms where there are high needs.  
EA requests are being put in now.  
LAT's (Learning Assistance Teachers) part of FTE's. (given to Reading Recovery)  
1.5 FTE allotted to this
- Tender is out for roof replacement during summer of 2021
- EA: B. Dyksterhuis has been hired until end of school year

**6. CELC:**

- continuing to hand out laptops (27 to date) for students K – Gr. 7  
5 more applications have been received. Going out this week  
pursuing outstanding applications,  
has been a positive step with providing laptops
- attending meeting with administration
- working on making shawls and vests, using Priscilla Dawson patterns with  
K – Gr. 7 students.  
Shawls: for girls, vests for boys. Will stick with flower patterns as not all  
students belong to a clan
- visit with Selkirk, Elijah Smith and Takhini schools
- Kick sleds: extended until Feb. 25. 11 out of 14 classes got to go with
- working with 1 tutor, getting more
- Visits with parents  
Transition meeting rescheduled to March 30, at Duska's with parents
- Meeting with YFNED on Friday scheduled
- Cultural Day meeting to be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ZOOM workshop with LDAY re: Anxiety in kids  
Jessica from Boston is the speaker guest. Discussed steps, etc. This was  
organized by Golden Horn. 108 participants!

Sean discussed the Zoom meeting with the Child's advocate about attendance issues.

**ACTION:** Sean will get a copy of the meeting info and will provide to school council.

- rental of snowshoes for the school.

ACTION: Jeff C. to check into further to see if this is possible for the school.

Suggestions: RPAY?

ACTION: Sean to check into and see if this is possible.

**7. Reports:**

7.1 Transportation Committee: Deferred

7.2 School Diversity: No report

7.3 School Growth Plan: Meeting to be held Wednesday, March, 10.

**8. AYSCBC:**

**9. Treasurer's Report:** Balance in account \$6,226.84

**10. Old Business and Correspondence:**

10.1 Update: Speed Cards on Hamilton Blvd.

10.2 Catchment/attendance: Update: waiting for response from Minister

**11. New Business and Correspondence:**

**12. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:52PM

Next Regular Meeting: April 6, 2021

ACTION: A Special meeting is to be held via ZOOM on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 6:30

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Sean Smith:  
Chair

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Jerry Zahora:  
Secretary Treasurer