

**ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of “Informational Meeting”**  
**March 3, 2020**  
**School Library**

*“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> Jeff Hunston: Chair Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	<b>Administration:</b> Jeff Cressman: Principal Jim Snider: Vice Principal
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**Regrets:** Sean Smith: Council Member  
Rachel Sutherland: Council Member  
Linda Moen: Council Member  
Rosemary Waugh-Wilson: Council Member  
Richard Bradford-Andrew: Council Member

**Guests:** Nicole Morgan: Deputy Minister, Dept. of Education  
David Wipf: ADM. Dept. of Education  
Lori Duncan: ADM: First Nations Initiatives, Dept. of Education  
Chris Stacey: Superintendent, Dept. of Education  
Lori Choquette: School Council Liaison, Dept. of Education  
Kari Unrau: Teacher, Gr. 2, 3  
Diana Knopp: Teacher, Gr. 1

**1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:40PM

**2. Adoption of Agenda:**

**2.1 Guests:**

Nicole Morgan, Deputy Minister of Education, discussed the Coronavirus/Flue season

There is a draft letter being worked to be provided to parents prior to Spring Break, with reference to the Flu, vs. Coronavirus.

Health and Social Services are the lead part on this important issue and in conversation with the health offices across Canada. There are presently no cases of the virus in the Yukon. It is being contained in B.C.

Flu season is the illness across the Yukon at this time.

Arctic Winter Games: Information will be provided in the next few days and prior to the games starting.

Additional precautions are being taken during the games as well.

Trips: High school trips. Schools are to provide a list to the Dept. of Educ. and Health and Social Services with reference to international travel, across Canada. These will be determined as the dates of the trips get closer. Canada has a travel and health advisory in place at this time.

Elijah Smith will put a letter on their Website and will provide a copy to parents, etc. during the Teacher/Parent interviews. As well, a copy will be sent home

Staffing Allocation:

There was lengthy discussion with reference to this. It is allocated –  
Enrolment vs. staffing.

The needs of Elijah Smith were discussed at great length, such as: IEP's, behaviour data, Special needs, vulnerability.

The formula is based on equity. Average of teacher/student ratio is 25.

Discussions on the Breakfast for learning were held as well to ensure that students at Elijah Smith have adequate food.

## **2.2 In Camera:**

Meeting to be set up via telephone conference for tomorrow, March 4, 2020, or for March 5, 2020.

**ACTION:** Jerry to set up and advise Chris and council members.

**3. Adoption of Minutes:** Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 4, 2020: Deferred to next meeting.

**4. Parent Concerns:**

**5. School Administration Report:** Deferred to next month

**6. CELC:** Deferred to next month

## **7. Reports:**

7.1 Transportation Advisory (Busing) Jeff: Deferred to next month

7.2 School Diversity: Deferred to next month

7.3 School Growth Plan (Sean): Deferred to next month

8. **AYSCBC:**
  - 8.1 Spending of \$2,000. received: Deferred to next month
9. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance in account at \$7,426.63.
10. **Old Business and Correspondence:**
11. **New Business and Correspondence:**
12. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM  
Next Regular Meeting, April 7, 2020

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Jeff Hunston:  
Chair

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Jerry Zahora:  
Secretary Treasurer