

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
March 7, 2017
School Library

Present:	Council Members:	Administration:
	Jeff Hunston: Chair	Melanie Bennett: Principal
	Sue Stokes-Nash	Jim Snider: Vice Principal
	Linda Moen	
	Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	

Regrets: Sean Smith: Council Member
Rachel Sutherland: Council Member
Lisa Ann Smith: Council Member

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 7, 2017, were deferred to next regular meeting in April.
4. **Parent Concerns:** No report
5. **School Administration Report:**
 - Enrollment: 289
 - Attendance Grant due March 10, 2017
Proposes to be used for: `PERKS`` (Promote engagement and rewards so kids succeed),
This would cover the cost of pins, rewards, etc.
 - Innovations Grant
 - Minister McPhee and Minister Dendy's attend breakfast at the school
 - K registration has begun on line
 - Paraprofessionals started their training, some have completed it.
It is done on line and is mandatory
 - Spelling Bee at the School to be held March 10, 2017
 - Hand Games to be held March 14, 2017
 - School Calendar:
Administration has proposed that Spring Break for 2018 at Elijah Smith be March 19 – April 3, 2018 (this would include Easter Break)
Rest of schools are proposing March 12 – March 23, and then Easter Break March 30 and April 2). Students would return from Spring Break for

4 days and then have Easter Break.

Council and administration discussed at length and feel this would be very disruptive to the students, thus the proposal of moving Spring Break a week later. Issues of busing were also discussed. This will be pursued further with the department. Council supports.

- 5.1 Teacher Evaluation Report: Melanie provided a draft copy of via email to Council for their perusal.
6. **CELC:** Deferred to next meeting in April
7. **Reports:**
 - 7.1 Transportation Advisory (Busing): No report
 - 7.2 School Diversity: Meeting has been postponed
 - 7.3 School Growth Plan: Meeting to be held in April
8. **AYSCBC**
February 2017 Newsletter was provided to members for review
9. **Treasurer`s Report:** Balance in account at end of February \$4,585.95.
10. **Old Business and Correspondence:**
11. **New Business and Correspondence:**
Jeff and Sean attended a FN Conference with they found very interesting. Lots of discussions on language.
12. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM
Next regular meeting, April 4, 2017

Jeff Hunston:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer