

**ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**May 1, 2018**  
**School Library**

**Present:**

<b>Council Members:</b>	<b>Administration:</b>
Jeff Hunston: Chair	Jim Complak: A/Principal
Sue Stokes-Nash	Jim Snider: Vice Principal
Rosemary Waugh-Wilson	
Sean Smith	
Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	

**Regrets:**

Rachel Sutherland: Council Member  
Linda Moen: Council Member  
Cynthia James: CELC

1. **Call to Order:**  
Meeting was called to order at 6:45PM
  
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Sue, second by Rosemary, THAT the agenda be adopted. CARRIED
  
- 2.1 **Minister Jeanie Dendys:** Deferred to next meeting
- 2.2 **Therese Lindsay: Manager, School Age Education, KDFN:** Deferred to next meeting
  
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Rosemary, second by Sean, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 3, 2018 be adopted. CARRIED
  
4. **Parent Concerns:** A parent brought up a concern with a parking lot issue. When parent picks child up and is pulling out of the staff parking lot, vehicles cut him off as there is no signage indicating a stop or yield in that area. Concern is that students also cross the road there and could be a safety issue.

**ACTION:** Jim C to contact Facilities and have the install a STOP sign there.

5. **School Administration Report:**
  - Enrolment: 263 (there were 3 other students start on May 1)
  - 6 students to Yukon Stikine Heritage Fair at Yukon College, May 3
  - SWW, DART
  - Lockdown: April 24 – due to an Arkell Subdivision Issue. Letter went out to Parents/Guardians with information

- Facilities: Phone and PA system to be installed this summer. Is out for tender at this time.
- Exterior painting has been discussed and colours have been chosen Discussion on perhaps installing the name of school on building To be done this summer.

UPDATE: Decision was made to hold off on painting of school for another year, when new siding can be installed. This would be more cost effective and have a longer life span. (to be completed in 2019)

- 2 students won Poetry Contest \$5,000.
- Elders tea – huge success
- Robotics: Gr. 6 won some awards,
- Gr.2 went and saw Swans
- Gr. 6/7: Get to choose courses (7 – 8 classes) on Thursdays for 2 hours for 4 weeks  
Can choose from woodworking, self-defence, body boot camp, outdoor pursuits
- Proposals received:  
\$8500, \$2500 to promote attendance: help students stay in school; attendance (through Victoria Gold)
- PERKS proposal was not successful in request for funding even though it was successful.  
To be discussed with Therese Lindsay at KDFN
- Jim S took course at KD: Career focus training and smart focus training

**MOTION: Moved by Sue, second by Rosemary, THAT the Elijah Smith School Council makes a MOTION to approve field trip to:  
Sky High Ranch, for Gr. 5, on June 5, 2018, to do horseback riding and lunch.**

**CARRIED**

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

**7. Reports:**

- 7.1 Transportation Advisory: (Busing) No report
- 7.2 School Diversity: No report
- 7.3 School Growth Plan: Department wide session on school growth plan templates

**8. AYSCBC**

**9. Treasurer’s Report:** Balance in account at end of April: \$4,198.23

**10. Old Business and Correspondence:**

10.1 Guaranteed Rep: Ta'an Kwach'an on school council:

**ACTION:** Jeff to write letter with approval from council for Ta'an Kwach'an to join Elijah Smith School Council.

**ACTION:** Sean to contact Gary Bailey, at KD, to come and speak with administration with reference to the building of infrastructure at fire pit with the funding received from the AYSCBC.

**11. New Business and Correspondence:**

11.1 Student Concerns:

Due to the loss of the FN teacher (Kawsha), some students feel they are not able to do things like they could before when he was here. i.e.: computer lab. Students haven't been able to as there weren't computers available, however this should be alleviated with the increase in more computers and this will give the students more access.

Students also would like to be heard more as well. Some students have gone and spoken with Jim, and Jim, about projects they would like to do. Students are reaching out more and Jim C emphasized that students are encouraged to go and speak with administration.

There is a restriction on the use of "Kendama's" in classrooms which is distracting and students are not very happy with this.

As well, the school has gone through a lot of changes during this school year which is affecting some students and they are having a hard time adjusting, but this is now getting better.

11.2 in Camera:

**MOTION:** Moved by Rosemary, second by Sean, THAT the Elijah Smith School Council move in to camera at 7:50PM. **CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Moved by Rosemary, second by Sue, THAT the Elijah Smith School Council move out of camera at 8:08PM. **CARRIED**

**12. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

**NOTE:** NEXT REGULAR MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 29, 2018!!!

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Jeff Hunston:  
Chair

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Jerry Zahora:  
Secretary Treasurer