

**ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**May 2, 2017**  
**School Library**

**Present:**

<b>Council Members:</b>	<b>Administration:</b>
Jeff Hunston: Chair	Melanie Bennett: Principal
Linda Moen	Jim Snider: Vice Principal
Sean Smith	
Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	

**Regrets:** Sue Stokes Nash: Council Member  
Rachel Sutherland: Council Member

**Guests:** Cynthia James: CELC  
Patrick, Duncan: Boys and Girls Club representatives

**1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:33PM

**2. Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Sean, second by Linda, THAT the agenda be adopted. CARRIED

**2.1 Presentation: Boys and Girls Club of Yukon:**

Patrick and Duncan thanked the school for receiving the program at the school. They have approached Executive Council Office DM, Youth Directorate, for an increase in funding to the program, the Weekday Warrior, however, only received partial funding. . The decision is in front of the Board at the Boys and Girls Club at the moment, however, due to the costs, the program will probably not be able to continue. Over the past 7 years, the Boys and Girls Club of Yukon has provided the Weekday Warriors program at ES. They have not seen any contribution for program from the Dept. of Education. They would like to continue however do not have the capacity without the funding. There is a definite need for this type of programming. They would like support from council or parents which would be greatly appreciated which would help in keeping program at the school.

Council thanked them for the information.  
There were roundtable discussions.

**3. Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Linda, second by Sean, THAT the Minutes of Regular meeting, April 4, 2017 be adopted. CARRIED

**4. Parent Concerns:**

It was suggested that a letter from School Council be sent to ECO in support of continuing the Weekday Warrior program at the school.

**ACTION:** Jeff to draft letter once information is received from the Boys and Girls Club.

**MOTION:** Moved by Linda, second by Sean, THAT the Elijah Smith School Council makes a MOTION to write a letter to the Boys and Girls Club of Yukon in support of the program Weekday Warriors to continue at the school.

**CARRIED**

**5. School Administration Report:**

- Enrolment: 291
- Attendance Grant received: Amount of \$5,000. To offer a PERKS program  
Open School Measures grant \$6,200. Received
- Year-end celebrations: June 1, - Year End Feast
- May 30 – Volunteer Tea – will be honouring Dr. Steele for his involvement at the school. At 12:00 PM
- Sept. 8 – Open House and feast:  
There will be a call out to all former staff or people who have been involved over the years to do a celebration for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school being opened.  
There will be more information forthcoming and formal invitations will be sent out.
- Replacement of blinds in two more rooms completed, which now meets the safety measures for lock downs

**MOTION:** Moved by Linda, second by Sean, THAT the Elijah Smith School Council makes a MOTION to approve the following field trips:

- Circle D Ranch – K – June 8
- Circle D Ranch – K – June 15
- Mt. Lorne – Gr. 3 – June 7 – for 3 nights
- Haines Junction: Dancers - to attend dance festival – June 2

**CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Moved by Linda, second by Sean, THAT the Elijah Smith School Council makes an E-MOTION to approve a field trip on May 31, 2017 for Gr. 5 to Tour a Lunch “Long Ago People Place”.

**CARRIED**

Council held roundtable discussions with reference to the paperwork involved for field trips.

**6. CELC:**

Cynthia provided a report:

- there was a 2 week program during spring break, for 7 – 9 students every day  
Some activities were, a day camp, Mt. Sima, rock climbing at PC's Climbing wall  
Attending CGC, and Takhini hot springs.
- created a hand games tournament, (Jack Hulland won)  
2 drums were created for winning teams, CAFN and KD partnered in purchasing  
Schools that participated were: Jack Hulland, Golden Horn, St.Elias, Takhini,  
and Elijah Smith  
Next year, Jack Hulland is to co ordinate
- Cultural week saw: hand games, storytelling,  
Dog sledding was cancelled due to the cold weather
- Feb. 29 – Family breakfast at the administration at KD
- May 23 – Cultural Day, moose hide tanning will be offered
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – year end

**7. Reports:**

- 7.1 Transportation Advisory (Busing): No report
- 7.2 School Diversity: No report
- 7.3 School Growth Plan: Meeting to be held in June

**8. AYSCBC:**

The AYSCBC is providing an opportunity to apply for funding of up to \$5,000. To school councils to enhance school-community connections in support of student learning. Councils can apply anytime up until next Spring, with monies to be expended by no later than Aug. 31, 2018. There is a series of review dates for applications received over the next 12 months with the first review date being proposed to be May 18, and next one to be June 9, 2017. School Councils to receive an answer within a week.

ES School Council to discuss (ideas) at next meeting in June.

**9. Treasurer's Report:** Balance in account at end of April, \$3,522.95.

**10. Old Business and Correspondence:**

- 10.1 School Calendars (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-2021)  
Calendars discussed. Administration to advise Dept. of Ed. with dates.
- 10.2 Letter: To whom it may concern:

**MOTION: Moved by Linda, second by Sean, THAT the Elijah Smith School Council makes a MOTION to approve letter, To whom it may concern to be published in the newspapers. CARRIED**

**11. New Business and Correspondence:**

11.1 Staffing Allocation: Letter

Council reviewed letter. Jeff to make corrections and to be forwarded.

**12. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Next Regular Meeting, June 6, 2017

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Jeff Hunston:  
Chair

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Jerry Zahora:  
Secretary Treasurer