

system.

Sean, a council member is also involved at the school and with the school. The dynamics are affecting students overall.

Would like to have the best for our students. Feels that the catchment area “switch” was not in the best interest of ES and their students. The staffing formula which resulted in the loss of staff is not in the best interest of the students. He has been working with YG on an MOU on essential basics for students at the school, and on culture, essential resources. Not sure at this time where it is at, at YG. Has expressed disappointment in the cut backs, asking as to what does this do to our students?

Sean has a daughter who is to begin Kindergarten and he is struggling with having his daughter going to the school due to the cut backs as this is going to result in the language, culture, etc. not being met or revitalized.

Education is changing, and innovative ways of teaching need to happen.

The PA System is a health and safety concern.

The Egress – is to help with the speed and the safety around the school.

Linda who has been a council member for 6 years, is very disappointed with the staff cuts. This is not going with the Reconciliation document. Feels the equality for our children is not there. Low grad rates for FN students due to not having been given the opportunities or their needs being met. Students should not suffer due to staff cuts. ES has a high number of FN students.

Is very discouraged by the cut backs and the impact this has on the school and the students.

Minister McPhee has heard a number of things from the past but needs to hear again. In the past the approach of FN has been weak. Many things are positive and can go forward such as the new curriculum. Priorities for FN education are first and foremost. A new ADM for FN Initiatives has been hired recently. That person will work as part of the Sr. Management at the Dept. to help with these issues that Linda and Sean have brought up.

Mrs. McPhee has held conversations with leaders and there are discussions that perhaps ES could be a FN school. However, many, many conversations need to take place with many parties, such as: parents, teachers, administrators

Advised if ES or council has concerns to bring them to the attention of the DM, or ADM or Minister!!! They want to know and hear about this or any other issues. The Department is open to suggestions.

Language revitalization is on the top and is critical. This has been in discussions for

a long while. Want to keep language alive and not lose it.
Dept. is trying to have conversations with the educational chief committee to ensure there are language teachers so the languages are not lost!

Nicole Morgan, DM. spoke about the dept. and how it has not been working as a good partner. There has been time spent in organizing and to make sure to listen to everyone. To learn as well and show up at every conversation and listen and learn.

The EA's numbers have almost doubled, however students are not doing much better. The approach has to be rethought at the dept. level.

The School Growth Plan process supports what school council is saying about staff cuts. The extra support that ES would like to see such as: social worker, etc. and try something different to see if it helps. Try and do things differently. There are conversations across Canada to improve the education of students, and come up with solutions.

Jeannie thanked for sharing from everyone and everyone for attending.
Council thanked her for coming.

Lorraine thanked for the comments made and the input from everyone. Has been involved in discussions with KD to help and support them and the school.
The Staffing allocation does not meet the needs of the schools and conversations have started with ES and KD on how things can be done differently.
Student Support Services will be meeting with KD and ES to discuss how things can be done differently and to meet the needs of the students and the community.

Catchment area: Changes are to be made and the dept. is looking at attendance areas. School councils will be involved in these discussions, so that schools can have a vibrant learning. Dept. will work with the administration, KD, school councils to continue to improve student learning.

PA System: Jim and Jeff gave a brief history on the issues with the PA system not working. Has been a struggle for a long time. Contractors have been to the school, however, it is still not working properly.

Mrs. McPhee advised that this is not acceptable. This is a health and safety issue for the students! Will look into this matter and get it DONE!!!!

Egress: Jeff discussed this and feels it is a safety issue. When there is an event at the school, there are vehicles along the sides of Hamilton Blvd. An egress would help alleviate this issue. Not a big egress, but if a "mini" egress was installed, this would help. There were roundtable discussions on the safety around the school.

Jim discussed the Learning Together program at the school. And also suggested that he would like to have a Pre School at the school as well. This could be like an "Aboriginal Head Start" program.

Mrs. McPhee and Jim to discuss Learning Together program further as she feels it is important.

The Dept. way of thinking is, "What is in the best interest of the students"?

Nicole advised that the data profile for the school is to be received in the near future or by the beginning of the school year.

There was a \$230,000 donation by an anonymous donor to help with transition to Post Secondary. It is seed money for a three year plan shared between all 3 Territories.

Council thanked Minister McPhee, Nicole Morgan and Lorraine Taillefer for coming.

- 4. Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Sean, second by Jeff, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, April 2, 2019 be adopted. CARRIED

5. Parent Concerns:

6. School Administration Report:

- Enrolment: 251
- K #: 21
- K Orientation, May 8
- PA System only functioning at 90%
- Exterior painting has been cancelled. Siding to be replaced in summer of 2020
- Carpet replacement in summer
- School received \$5,500. From Gold Corp. for attendance, To Keep Kids in School
- Code of Conduct for students. Jim brought an information one from the Carcross School for council to review. School to use the "Progressive Discipline", and have counselling intervention
- School Growth Plan meeting, May 8, at 3:30 at the school
- Robotics: 2 teams came in 2nd and 3rd place
- Student prepared a Reconciliation report and won 1st place. Trip to Winnipeg
- Playground requires lights
- June 10 – Sports Day BBQ: Council members invited to attend.

MOTION: Moved by Sean, second by Amanda, THAT the Elijah Smith School Council makes a Motion to approve field trips:

- Gr. 6 – Mt. Lorne, June 5 -7
- Gr. 7 – Takhini Hot Springs, May 21 – 24 CARRIED

Placement of AED: to be placed where it is the most visible from all points.
Discussions were on whether to move Mr. Smith's portrait to another location as that could be the best spot for the AED.

To be discussed further at next meeting.

7. CELC:

- Hand games tournament was held in April. – placed 3rd place
- Stefanie Sydney has started a dance group, Chris is helping, one performance was held
- Elders Tea: to be at the school
- Year-end feast: May 29, at the Potlach House at 12:00

8. Reports:

- 8.1 Transportation Advisory (busing) No report
- 8.2 School Diversity: No report
- 8.3 School Growth Plan: Meeting to be held May 8, 2019, at 3:30 at the school

9. AYSCBC:

- 9.1 Spending of monies received: Deferred to next meeting

- 9.2 School Council Conference – update:
Conference had a good turnout, especially from the communities.
Roundtable discussions on Naloxone training, FN 101 courses, building issues such as flooding to overcrowding, building upgrades
Dr. Hanley gave a presentation on Fentanyl, and substances
Vaping was discussed as well as it is on the rise among students.
Presentation on Safety in Schools and the Workplace was presented by WCB.
Safety training starts in K – 2 students. Susie the Safety Squirrel is used
Students get to try on safety gear; play safety charades
Gr. 1 – 7 - safety build with Lego
Gr. 4 – 6 – Head first – concussion prevention workshop
Gr. 6 – 8 – safety online
Gr. 8 – Mental health; assumption about others, empathy
Gr. 10 and up – Work Shouldn't Hurt for young workers

AYSCBC also held their AGM and Election of new board members.

Presentation from Nicole Morgan, DM of Education on new curriculum:
Presentation from Elections Yukon on "Building Future Voters"

Presentation by Darren Laur, the White Hatter was very well received. He Discussed safety on line. The digital divide: Teens and young adults are

the “Digital Citizens” and older adults are “Digital Immigrants”,
To be aware that nothing is ever free on line
Change your password one in a while
Schools should look at policies re: cameras in classrooms
Internet and mobile devices usage and passwords contracts
Cyber-bullying (digital peer aggression) vs drama (rudeness)

10. Treasurer’s Report: Balance in account \$7,123.51

11. Old Business and Correspondence:

12. New Business and Correspondence:

12.1 Stantec Traffic Report:

Report has been received however, egress will not go forward.

ACTION: Jerry to scan copy of report and email to all members.

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM
Next regular Meeting, June 4, 2019

Jeff Hunston:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer