

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 7, 2024
MPR/ZOOM

“School Council would like to acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta’an Kwäch’än Council and thank them for allowing us to live and work on their traditional land.”

Present:	Council Members: Andrew Macleod: Chair Lauren White Jessie Dawson Doris Anderson Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	Administration: Jim Snider: A/Principal Tyler Bradford: A/Vice Principal
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Regrets: Haily Bill: Council Member

Absent: Linda Moen: Council Member

Guests: Jane MacArthur: Teacher

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:42PM

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

3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Lauren, second by Doris, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, March 5, 2024 be adopted. CARRIED

Moved by Andrew, second by Jessie, THAT the Informational Meeting minutes of April 2, 2024 be adopted. CARRIED

4. **Parent concerns:** Discussion about racial slurs at the school. Can a workshop be held to educate students?
Administration is addressing issue. A presentation for privilege was held at the school Multi Cultural Yukon was there as well and has met with students.
Anti bullying – presented to some students this past week.
There has been in appropriate behavior. Parents have been contacted, and student has apologized
School is educating students that this is not tolerated at the school and it is being dealt with.

Things school celebrates are, Lunar Year, Indigenous Culture, and could do more for Black Month. These are first and foremost at Elijah Smith!

There were roundtable discussions on how to educate students more to not use racial slurs or racist language.

Doris suggested it would be nice to have a *First Nations Room* much like other educational institutions (i.e.: @ Yukon University); that has been found to be a successful place for “all” students/teachers to go to for comfort or just someplace to find what they need; like a hug, just to talk, to just be near an Elder for advice/comfort. Most First Nations children find a lot of comfort with their FN’s extended family as a gathering place.

Admin advised this is in the works. Called the “Elders Room”. Doris emphasized it be called the First Nations Room.

Naming of the wings of the school – Doris will help with.

ACTION: Email to share ideas to be done and prior to next meeting. Options for each wing!!

5. School Administration Report:

- Enrolment: 295
- PD Day: May 3: Teachers: Neurosequential Model, Literacy and Class Composition for next year discussed
Mental well-being, Purposeful Play
- Various activities and field trips:
 - KDFN Building Tour: Apr. 17 – 19: With Charlene Brown, Approx. 60 students
 - Earth Week: Apr. 22 – 26: Whole School! Various activities, White elephant sale, school yard cleanup, earth week bingo. Organized by Ms. Murphy
- Lego Robotics: Apr. 23: Gr. 6 students compete against other schools and are Silver Medalists!
- Trash”ion Show: Apr. 24: Repurposed Art and School Wide Performance in Celebration of Earth Day: K – 7: Organized by Ms. Schroeder and Ms. Harbidge
- KDFN Hide Camps
- Surprise Fire Drill: Apr. 25
- Cameras outside the school: Still waiting
- Construction cleanup of laydown areas
- EA position: Offered, however, declined due to cost of housing and shortness of term.
- Principal Posting closed May 3
- Finishing staffing for next year
- Spring Cultural Week: Monday: Naming of the Wall tent at 9:00AM

Celebration of Learning: BBQ. Etc. next week
Different activities to be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.
Build another foundation for another tent in the works.

KDFN to finance, YFNED will build a ramp

- Dak'waj position (held by Kasha, (Steven Reid) : open to 4 languages –
No applicants. Waiting to hear back re: FN languages job
- June 6: Eagles Explosion Family Night

6. E.S.W.: No report

7. Reports:

- 7.1 Transportation Committee: (Lauren) Meeting to be held May 15
- 7.2 School Growth Plan: Meeting held Apr. 15 looked at draft – suggestion, edits
Next meeting May 13, to look and complete
- 7.3 Health and Safety: Construction clean up in the works.
Raymond from dept. was here to update lights in front of the school
Funding set aside for cameras. Working on privacy part of this

ACTION: Andrew to reach out and check into the Privacy part of this. How did it go out for tender before without it. (Cameras)
If no one bids on tender this time, will go out of Territory for tendering

Water testing: From now until summer: Have to flush water for 5 minutes every day before use. Following Dept. instructions

8. AYSCBC: AGM was held: Minutes to be shared once completed.

9. Treasurer's report: Balance in account: \$5,361.66

10. Old Business and Correspondence:

- 10.1 Hiring Process: Update: Posting closed May 3: 5 applicants.
Council member(s) to sit on hiring process: Lauren will do:
Krista Strand to be contacted to be part of

ACTION: Andrew to contact Krista to see if she is available to be part of the hiring process

- 10.2 Policies: Policies of interest to be compiled and brought to next meeting in June.

- 10.3 Lottery License: Update: Deferred to Sept. Jerry to contact to be the contact. Andrew to forward info

11. New Business and Correspondence:

No Report

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Next regular meeting: June 4, 2024:

ZOOM LINK:

Meeting ID: 665 1393 8473

Andrew Macleod: Chair

Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer