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Between 8 – 9AM:	95% were in compliance
At: 11:30	89% were in compliance
3 – 3:30PM:	83% were in compliance

They held a visit to the site to see traffic flow at 8:30AM one morning, and saw the markings on the road (zebra) which the city did. The markings are quite effective at this time, however, when the snow falls, they will be covered and not visible. These have been done at a number of schools in Whitehorse.

There is also a crossing guard on duty in the morning which is helping with pedestrian safety. The guard is an employee of KDFN. It was difficult to fill the position due to the danger of the crosswalk; the aggression of the drivers.

Jeff C. has been at the crosswalk in the morning during peak times at 8:05 – 8:30AM and noticed that once people leave the circle, especially heading up on Hamilton Blvd. they escalate. Some suggestions were to maybe move the sign where school zone ends further down the street. However, this is not possible.

The RCMP has been focusing on ES as well and has seen the Black cat data. They are open to ideas, suggestion in making the road safe.

Elizabeth inquired if the crossing guard had training prior to accepting position

Yes, KDFN provided training.

Elizabeth suggested that she can help in training others if required. Enforcement at the crosswalk is the key issue at this time.

Megan asked if there is something that can be done like awareness to the drivers.

There is a speed sign (by Porter Creek School), which use to be by Takhini Elementary in the past. Elizabeth advised this was a 4 year program and it is to be finished in June.

Sean discussed the near misses; attitudes; self regulations; etc.

The data sheet was shared. Some of the headings were explained:

Chanel: Is the direction of travel

Speed: how fast km/hr

Gap: difference measuring vehicle length; in cm; length of vehicle

Headway: distance before the next vehicle

Stefan from the City looks at this data as well, however, does more of a breakdown. The total of vehicles in the data was 23,010.

This can also be sorted by date.

Another suggestion brought forward was, to maybe adjust the lights so they can be more visible and perhaps put another light in place so that it flashed on the crosswalk itself when the flashing lights are activated. This would make pedestrians more visible while crossing.

Jeff C. suggested that perhaps Stefan and Elizabeth come to the school so that they can be shown the issues.

There were roundtable discussions; recommended that elected officials are contacted as well, to look at the Vehicle Act, and perhaps update it. This was last done in 1972.

Elizabeth advised she can connect council to the right people who can perhaps help with transportation issues at the school. As well, get students to help in education in traffic safety, i.e.: safely cross the crosswalk

Elizabeth is willing to come up with ideas/creative solutions to provide students at the school.

**ACTION:** Elizabeth will contact Jeff C. re: working on something to education students about safety.

If council has any questions, concerns, to contact Elizabeth.

Stefan thanked council for sharing their concerns with the City of Whitehorse.

Sean inquired if there are any other standards in school zones besides speed limit. Transportation of Canada has implementation of standard guidelines (City of Whitehorse does not).

Council thanked guests for attending and providing information.

There were more discussions on safety around the school.

**4. Parent Concerns:**

A parent brought up a concern with reference to COVID. When they have to stay home in isolation with their kids, they are running out of money; ie: sick leave as not all employers provide. This is becoming a concern. And it is trickling down to the students.

The school can help with food if necessary. As well, YFNED has a surplus of funding for food.

Volleyball: on Thursday, the pick up and drop off is the responsibility of the parents; info was not provided. Some students do not bring forms home and therefore parents are not informed.

Jeff C. advised these forms are also permission slips. The schedule was finalized (yesterday) due to COVID.

There needs to be a clearer communication on this, which is being worked on.

Letters from YCDC: Need to be clearer, ie: recommended vs: asking to isolate. Wording is not always clear. There were roundtable discussions on isolations, etc.

Sean brought rapid tests to the school, which helped staff with their peace of mind.

**5. School Administration Report:**

- Enrolment: 263
- Attendance down in Gr. 1, Gr. ½, Gr. 6/7 due to COVID
- Oct. 28: Family night bowling: Over 60 participated, pizza was provided
- Oct 29: Monster Parade: great success
- Staff spends time working on Growth Mindset
- New FTE added to school: (Gr. 2/3 position)
- Earthquake drill held Oct. 21: Success
- Two sea cans have been added behind the school for storage to make way for heating system going into the garage

**6. CELC:**

- Rachelle Knight begins work as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. Support Coordinator for KD
- Christine to focus more on ES, Takhini and Whitehorse elementary now with the addition of Rachelle
- Tutoring: At Takhini on Mondays at noon  
Elijah Smith Tuesday to Friday at noon  
And some appointments after school
- Supports Gr. 7 class that attend MAD Halloween Production. Great time by all and lots of inquiries about the MAD program
- Skills that were demonstrated during Orange Shirt Day project hav inspired Christine to provide kits for classes that request them to make Slipper Key Chains. Focused on Gr. 4 – 7. Has been working on these kits and will be offering them with a Power Point presentation for teachers that would like to take this project on.
- ES School is looking forward to the book launch on Friday, Nov. 5 at 10AM
- Starting in November, KDFN Recreation department will attempt to make connections to support Intramurals. This will be on a trial basis from Tuesday and Thursdays from Nov. 9 – Dec. 16. And will be re-evaluated with ES staff

to determine, success or need at that time

- Christine's accomplishments: Being in attendance, staying positive. Is seeing a lot of people struggling with Covid at this time, and a lot of tired people.

**7. Reports:**

- 7.1 Transportation Committee: No report
- 7.2 School Diversity: No report
- 7.3 School Growth Plan: Book Launch on Friday. Will use the Culture framework Growth Mindset, Jim worked on Mindset Works. On going work on growth plan.

- 8. AYSCBC:** There was a "Fall Gathering of School Councils" held this past weekend. Report from conference will be provided at a later date. There was a presentation from Dr. Smart, a presentation from YFNED, Roundtable discussions of school councils.

- 9. Treasurer's Report:** Balance in account: \$7,569.84

**10. Old Business and Correspondence:**

- 10.1 Code of Conduct: Deferred to a special meeting to be held on Monday, November-08-21, via Zoom.

**ACTION:** Jerry to provide Zoom link to council members

Sean discussed the Yukon First Nations School Board and process. This was a topic discussed at the AYSCBC Fall Gathering Conference.

It is felt at this time, that there was not enough information provided to the community and School Councils on how this is going to look in moving forward.

Councils have up until next year; then school councils can dissolve. Correct information needs to be provided before a decision is made. Community needs to be asked and informed about this.

Sean provided council members with a corrected package.

Megan feels that we did not have enough information and agrees that information needs to be provided to the attendance area.

A referendum: Anyone who can vote for School Council has a right to vote. A petition can be done: 20% of the community is eligible to vote for school council.

Council can pass a resolution to dissolve and ask the voters if they can join the School board, or a petition, a referendum for a YFNSB. (20%) This is in January. To be discussed further at special meeting on Monday, Nov. 8.

11.1 Principal:

Jeff Cressman, Principal at ES, has been asked to act as Principal at Jack Hulland School until November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Council is concerned that this deadline may not be kept.

As well, when this was put forward, certain people were chosen to be put into the VP role while the VP acts as a Principal at ES.

A staff member has brought up the concern that they were not informed of this decision and feel they should have been considered.

Donna Miller-Fry thanked council for the questions. Dept. wants to make sure that the right staff is on board. Staff member can come and discuss issue, however, this is only a temporary assignment, until Nov. 12. ( 10 days)

Jeff C. advised, that ES is a great place to be and feels he is part of a great team ! He is only trying to help someone at this time, that is not doing well.

Resignation from School Council:

Sean read the resignation letter from Chief Leas (Amanda Leas, Guaranteed Rep from Ta'an Kwach'an)

“ Due to the recent events of being elected as Chief, am going forward on a new path. This unfortunately means I have to resign from School Council. It is not an easy thing to walk away from the work we have done together and from the amazing people on council. I wish you all well, and I will be following your continued progress.”. Who knows, maybe as a member on the Chief committee for education, I will still see you all, just in a slightly different capacity.

Chief Leas

**12. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:36PM  
Next regular meeting: December 7, 2021

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Sean Smith:  
Chair

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Jerry Zahora:  
Secretary Treasurer