

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
November 3, 2015
School Library

Present:	Council Members:	Administration:
	Jeff Hunston: Chair	Melanie Bennett: Principal
	Jessie Dawson	Jim Snider: A/Vice Principal
	Ranj Pillai	
	Sue Stokes-Nash	
	Linda Moen	
	Sean Smith	
	Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

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

3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Linda, Second by Jessie, THAT the Minutes of Regular Council Meeting, October 6, 2015, be adopted. CARRIED

4. **Parent Concerns:**
Roundtable discussions were held re: French Second Language.
is offered in Gr. 5 as of this year. In previous years in Gr. 2.

5. **School Administration Report:**
 - Enrolment: 309
 - Data provided re: Early Learning Profile showing data from 2013-14 K class
Gr. 1 from 2014-15,
and 2015-16 K-class.
Assessed Word recognition, reading level.
Results showed improvements I reading.
If results showed words in isolation – difficulties, comprehension, then work to be done
Oral Language – in Kindergarten at the beginning was low,
and has improved
Director of Student Support Services came to the school to observe and noticed the difference.
Data at end of year will show if project is successful and should it be maintained
 - Reading Recovery – Position – is now Early Learning Profile (reading)

Guided reading; Gr. 1, 2, better use of resources

There are approx. 220 students who get support. Reading is very important and helps with other subjects

- L. A. "Talking Tables" with K classes
- Nov. 12 discussions to begin on Early Learning Profile
- Cultural Camp – is at Dept. of Ed. waiting for approval from FN Cultural Cttee.
- School Growth Plan Committee: Ranj to represent School Council
- Gr. 6 Position: Posted today
- Librarian: last day is December 18, (.25 librarian, .5 or 6 behaviour support)
To be discussed with Superintendent
- New music teacher hired
- Dec. 12 Craft Fair to be held

6. CELC: No report

7. Reports: Committees:

- 7.1 Transportation Advisory: (Busing) No report
- 7.2 Staff Allocation: No report: (Kerri Scholz PC School Council Chair appointed to committee)
- 7.3 School Diversity (Jessie) Jessie attended one meeting, as a representative for KD First Nations, will keep council posted
- 7.4 EA Allocation (Sue) Sue is on committee and will keep council posted
- 7.5 School Growth Plan: Ranj will sit on committee to represent School Council
Meeting to be scheduled

8. AYSCBC: No report

9. Treasurers Report: Balance in account at end of October, \$6,223.45.

10. Old Business and Correspondence:

Roundtable discussion re: New Vision meeting.

11. New Business and Correspondence:

11.1 FSL (French Second Language) French offered in Gr. 5,

MOTION: Moved by Linda, second by Ranj, THAT the Elijah Smith School Council Makes a motion to donate \$150.00 to a Retirement Gift for Ms. Ross.

CARRIED

ACTION: Letter to be prepared to invite Minister of Education, Doug Graham to future meetings.

- 12. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM
Next regular meeting, December 1, 2015.

Jeff Hunston:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer