

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of “Informational Meeting”
October 1, 2019
School Library

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

Present:

Council Members:	Administration:
Jeff Hunston: Chair	Jeff Cressman: Principal
Rosemary Waugh-Wilson	Jim Snider: Vice Principal
Sean Smith	
Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	

Regrets:

Linda Moen: Council Member
Rachel Sutherland: Council Member
Amanda Leas: Council Member

Guests:

Lori Choquette: School Council Liaison, Dept. of Education
Kyle McCooey: EA
Kelsey: EA
Janet
Jill Mason: LAT

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:37PM
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Agenda was passed
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 3, 2019, Deferred to next regular meeting
4. **Parent Concerns:**
5. **School Administration Report:**
 - Enrolment: 254
 - Increase in K classes
 - Jim Snider, Rebecca Bradford and Darby Newnham travel to BC to visit BC First Nation Schools, Sean Smith attends as well. Mrs. Bradford and Mr. Newnham have been requested by CYFN to work on a framework for the rest of the school year for best practices from around the country.

- Sept. 18 – Open House – Good turnout
- Fire Drill held Sept. 17
- Exterior painting cancelled. To be worked on during summer of 2020
- Roof tender is going out for completion in summer 2020
- Sound System: being worked on – met with company to address issues
- Stage – wiring needs to be fixed
- Bison Hunt: working with PCSS to do a Mentorship/Bison hunt. Looking at proposed dates of March 2 - 6, 2020. Will have a fish camp, muskrat, etc. Capped at 10 students from ES and 10 students from PCSS
More information is coming once available
- PD Day Oct. 11: Will be held at Potlach House, at KDFN, all day. School Council members are invited to attend
Discussions on MOU, issues at the school
- EA Support at ES. Requested from Dept. of Education to obtain more. Waiting for response
- LAT, Teacher proposal:
Jill Mason, EA, discussed the issue of the need to obtain an additional 0.5 position for a Learning Assistance Teacher (LAT)
Needs have risen, however, positions have dropped.
(There are 24 new students this year)
LAT's are responsible for working with the most at-risk students at the school. This is done during the school day, however a lot of work is being done on a volunteer basis by the LAT teachers. Such as, meeting to determine a plan of action for every student brought to the school-based team by teachers, and every new student to the school. Time is spent writing referrals, Individual Educations Plans, Student Support Plans, Behaviour Plans and Safety Plans. These plans are kept up-to-date year after year. Each plan has to be reviewed and updated with the teacher(s) and parents involved, three times each year. As well, reports are written for the parents of any student who has plans and works with an LAT.
LAT's are also responsible for working with the students, teachers, parents and High-school staff to ensure that students have a smooth transition when they leave ES. This is done during the school day, which means that much of this is also done outside of school time and is therefore done on a volunteer basis by these teachers.
The Learning Assistant Teachers at ES are requesting for School Council's support to request another 0.5 position for LAT at the school.

ACTION: School Council to write a letter to the Dept. of Education requesting more support and request increase in position for the LAT's.
To be cc'd to KDFN

Sean asked if the tracking of students' outcomes, challenges is being done. There are tracking methods used at the school to keep track of these students

and their outcomes. Such as: SWW, DART, FAS, Reading Recovery, etc. which shows if students need help or where they are at.

- Jeff received the ESS Profile for 2018-19 from the Dept. Once he receives it electronically, he will share with School Council for info purposes.

There were roundtable discussions on hiring of teacher, criteria's, etc. First Nation teachers, vs. Non-First Nation Teachers ratio;

6. CELC: Deferred to next meeting

7. Reports:

- 7.1 Transportation Advisory (Busing): Committee is being restarted again. To discuss safety issues, such as seat belts, etc.

ACTION: Jeff to email School Council Members to see who would like to represent Elijah Smith School on this Committee

There were discussions on obtaining an "Activity Bus" for the school

- 7.2 School Diversity: No report

- 7.3 School Growth Plan: (Sean): Meeting to be held.

8. AYSCBC:

- 8.1 Spending of monies (\$2,000.) received: Deferred to next meeting

AYSCBC is holding an Educational Summit on Oct. 4, 5, for school councils. Jeff to attend.

Discussions on the School Song were held. It has been suggested that perhaps a "revamp" of song be done however it is to retain the integrity of Elijah Smith.

Sean to help if need be.

9. Treasurer's Report: Balance in the account \$4,553.54.

10. Old Business and Correspondence:

11. New Business and Correspondence:

- 12. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM
Next Regular Meeting, November 5, 2019

Jeff Hunston:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer