

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOLCOUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 3, 2023
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: Megan Cromarty: Chair Andrew Macleod Lauren White Doris Anderson Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	Administration: Jim Snider: A/Principal Tyler Bradford: A/Vice Principal
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Absent: Haily Bill: Council Member
Linda Moen: Council Member

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:37PM
- 2. Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Andrew, seconded by Lauren THAT the agenda be adopted. CARRIED
- 3. Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Doris, seconded by Andrew, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 5, 2023 be adopted. CARRIED

4. Parent Concerns:

There is a lot of bad language, racist language; putting people of down, the “n” word is being used; against FN people, and people from other countries.
Patrick Whyard is to speak with teachers, students. This is not tolerated at the school.
More staff are to supervise as well.

Code of conduct was discussed and to be revisited.

ACTION: School council to discuss at next regular meeting.

Discussions at staff meeting as well.
Note to be sent home if student is misbehaving.

5. Principal's Report:

- Enrolment: 288
- Attendance: Krista Strand, KDFN, to support students
Reach out to parents/grandparents of students who are not attending to get students to attend
- Kristy Teramura: working with students with highest needs! Focus on them
Part of Ready to Learn.
- Tyler Bradford: A/Vice Principal until January 19,2024
Gord Miller acted as A/Vice Principal prior to Tyler coming
- Carrie Harbidge: Starts Oct. 1 – Outdoor Education
- Jackie Fischer: Math Lead, French as well. The Math program to be tightened up
- Pam Booth: 0.5 RR changes to 0.25 until Christmas. Then focus to be on Literacy
Lead and LAT. LAT's to teach phonics. Systematic phonics teachings. RR is
being done as well. Ready to Learn is part of the School Growth Plan.
- Mindy may go into LA position to support K, 1 – 2 classes
- Jill Mason: LAT, Tyler to help out when he can as well
- Crystal Hendriks: ½ Reading Recover, ½ LAT, writing plans to teach
Reading differently
- Health and safety meetings held monthly
- Jim brought up an issue with YFNED and others coming into the school, and at
times there are too many people in the school. This is being worked on to
correct
Bruce Perry wrote a book , “What Happens to you?” , Ready to Learn,
- some incidents on buses: a lot of this is due to seating plans,
- some seats on bus have been vandalized – several seats cut open
Dealt with
- PA System: still being worked on since being smashed in June
- Construction: on going, roof issue is fixed, cause of leakage in ceiling
- Boiler: first load of pellets coming
- Lighting outside of school needs to be fixed (temporary lighting out back until
renovations are complete)
- Communicating Student Learning Timeline 2023-2024 to be sent to parents
(checklist, etc. month by month)

6. E.S.C.: Deferred to next meeting

7. Reports:

- 7.1 Transportation Committee: (Lauren, Doris)
Discussions re: Code of Conduct,
Cancellation issues, - what can be done? Heard nothing can be done at this time
2 rows in back of bus are kept empty in case of an emergency
Do some emergency training, i.e.; evacuations, etc.
There were roundtable discussions.
This is to be brought to the attention of the AYSCBC as well, so they are aware

Other suggestions, "Safety dog", flow of traffic, area, etc.
Perhaps committee should hold more meetings, in a year. Council could request more.

8. AYSCBC:

Fall conference dates are: Nov. 3 – 4

To be held at the Yukon Inn.

Friday, Nov. 3: start at 12:00PM

- some proposed agenda items:
 - Presentation by Dept. of Ed. What's New in Yukon Education?
 - Health Behaviour in School-Age children (HBSC) study
 - Panel discussions on Student wellness, perhaps bring in
 - Mental Health Assoc. of Yukon
 - Yukon Medical Association
 - Dept. of Ed.
 - Bringing Youth to Equality

Sat. Nov. 4: Start at 8:00AM

- Opening remarks by Honourable Jeanie McLean
- Strategic Planning Initiative
- Presentation of Territorial youth strategy (TYS),
Communities Building Youth Futures
- Promotional Skilled Trades & Tech Panel Presentation Featuring
- Performance Evaluations:
Teacher and Principal Evaluations

9. Treasurer's Report: Balance in account is \$1,973.66

10. Old Business and Correspondence:

10.1 Update: Cameras:

No update: Andrew to follow up

10.2 Update: Hiring Process:

There were no candidates that went through. It is felt that council has not had any input in the process. HR person – not sure.

It is felt it needs to be more nationwide and email process should be more Nationwide as well. Some issues, is that taking someone from another school, or, HR screening time.

ACTION: Megan to have a meeting with Trevor Ratcliff, Superintendent to discuss and will advise

ACTION: Megan to send survey to members and converse with members.
Krista Strand is a part of this process and will be helpful.

10.3 Flagpoles:

There was some information provided from Chris Hanlin.

“Depending on what height and mechanism for lowering/raising it is in the range of \$3,000. to \$4,000. This does not include shipping from out of Territory, which can add another \$500 to \$1,000. more

In addition, installation could be around another \$1,000. Depending on the site conditions, and where they are desired to be placed.

Ta’an Kwäch’än has advised they would contribute \$2,000.00 towards the installation at ESES.

ACTION: School Council has written a letter to KDFN to see if they would be interested in helping out. No response to date.

ACTION: Perhaps contact Chris Hanlin and see if this could be done at ESES.

11. New Business and Correspondence:

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:21PM
Next Regular Meeting, November 7, 2023

Megan Cromarty:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer