

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
October 5, 2021
School Library

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

Present:	Council Members: Sean Smith: Chair Jeff Hunston Megan Cromarty Rachel Sutherland Rosemary Waugh-Wilson Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	Administration: Jeff Cressman: Principal Jim Snider: Vice Principal
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Regrets: Jessie Dawson: Council Member
Amanda Leas: Council Member

Guests: Christine Pottie: CELC, KD
Melanie Abbott: Parent

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:41PM
- 2. Adoption of agenda:** Moved by Megan, second by Rosemary, THAT the agenda be adopted. CARRIED
- 3. Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Megan, second by Rosemary, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, September 7, 2021 be adopted. CARRIED

Moved by Rosemary, second by Jeff, THAT the Minutes of Special Meeting of September 21, 2021 be adopted. CARRIED
- 4. Parent Concerns:** The “Stop Light System” to remind parents when to keep children at home if they are showing symptoms, needs a bit more clarification. There are now 3 different ones on the website. Masks are not mandatory in classrooms as per CMOH, however are in common areas of the school.
- 5. School Administration Report:** Letter from the YCDC (Yukon Communicable Disease Control) was discussed.

They were made aware that there is a positive case of COVID 19 at the school. A letter/notification will be going out to parents of the classroom to advise. It is the Gr. 4/5/6 Split Class on Oct. 1, 2021. Students and staff connected to the class have been notified as close contacts This will all be in the newsletter, plus a letter from YCDC will be going to all at the school.

- Enrolment: 263 (staffed for 248)
A request for another FTE has been put in Council to advocate for teacher on call!! (TOC)
There were roundtable discussions on staffing, consultants, etc. TO be discussed with YFNED as well, as there are a lot of educators who have left schools and are now at YFNED, which is impacting schools

YNTEP: Perhaps engage with University to bring student teachers into the school to get experience (last year student teachers).

As well, discussions on the hiring process which is felt by most that it is left too late in order hire new staff.

- Whole Child Program: Is beginning on Thursdays again.
Council members can come and help and share ideas with admin/school
It is to bring families together at the school.
Proposed Oct 28th date to maybe go bowling
- 2 C-cans at back of school have been cleaned up.
- Art work on the outside of the school to be done in spring
- School Growth Plan: suggestion that perhaps use one of the "Calls of Action" from the Truth and Reconciliation ,
as well, Whole Child and Cultural framework

ACTION: School Council to think about the "Calls of Action" and see which one to use for SGP.

- Sept. 8: Meet the Teacher BBQ – great success
- Sept 24: Crazy Hair Day
- Sept. 27 – Oct 1: Truth and Reconciliation Week observed
- Sept. 29: Orange Shirt day observed

6. CELC:

Christine provided an update:

- KD has hired a 3rd ESC person who will start closer to end of Oct.-13-21
- Tutoring will continue Tuesday to Friday at lunch time at ES.
Hoping to add another tutor. Will continue to provide tutor support 1 day per week at Takhini and Selkirk and hoping to add 1 day a week at Jack Hulland

- Christine was able to support Ms. MacArthur`s canoe trip by providing and manning the fire for the Smores at Chadburn Lake
- Continuing work on permission slips. Have 42 of 59 slips signed for KDFN students at ES
- Attending 3 SBT team meetings in Oct to support KDFN families as Educational assessments are reviewed.
- Orange T shirt beading project which is sponsored by KDFN and Canadian Heritage funds, was an overall success. Some students in Gr. 5 – 7 did not quite finish, however, there was a lot of positives with this project. Many students reflected on projects that were completed last year and transferred their skills from that to this project
(Estimates that 82% of the kits that went out at ES were completed by Sept 29)
- Transitions – Brandie Chetcuti attended Farm Field Trip with Gr. 7 class on Sept

21

- Christine continued to assist in covering crosswalk
- KD has an attendance initiative for this year for KDFN students. Letter will be going out late next week

7. Reports:

- 7.1 Transportation Committee: No meeting was held.
Discussions on the shortage of bus drivers, which results in buses being cancelled at times. To be discussed with committee once a meeting is held.
- 7.2 School Diversity: No report
- 7.3 School Growth Plan: No meeting held. Jeff C. to advise date

8. AYSCBC:

2021 Yukon School Councils Fall Gathering is to take place on Oct 28, 29 and 30th at the Yukon Inn. Continental breakfast will be provided on Friday, Oct 29 and Saturday Oct 30. Lunch will also be provided on those days.
Doors open at 6:30PM on Thursday, Oct 28.

An “Agenda at a Glance” has been provided to all via email from AYSCBC.

Presentations at Conference by are:

- Dr. Katharine Smart, Pediatrician and Canadian Medical Association President, will to presentation on Oct 28, at 7 – 8PM (Fireside Room, Yukon Inn)
- Dr. Nicole Racine: Will do special presentation on Oct 29, on:
“Research Findings on Pandemic Impacts on Youth Mental Health and Student Outcomes”
- As well, there will be presentations and discussions with Dept. of Ed. on

Roles and Responsibilities, Partners in Education, School Boards,

All are welcome to attend. Registration forms are provided on the AYSCBC website

9. Treasurer's Report:

Balance in Account is \$8,289.84. Contribution agreement funding has been received.

10. Old Business and Correspondence:

10.1 Black Cat: Elizabeth from HPW has been contacted to make presentation to Council on the Black cat. As well, and invite will be extended to the City of Whitehorse, Dept. of Education and RCM to attend meeting in November to hear our concerns.

ACTION: Megan to advise.

10.2 2021-22 School Council Communication Plan: Discussions on how to Communicate with parents/community. A "Fake" Facebook page was discussed.

ACTION: Megan to work on and send info to council members to review.

10.3 2021-2022 School Swag: There were discussions on the cost of shirts and which supplier to use.

ACTION: Megan to contact suppliers and get quotes on for shirts, hoodies, baseball caps, masks, buffs, etc. Once received, will circulate to council members to review.

Discussions on payment for these at the school. Perhaps do e-transfers. To be discussed further.

11. New Business and Correspondence:

11.1 Code of Conduct: Deferred to next meeting

11.2 FN School Board:

KDFN is holding an info session on October 7, and Oct 13th, via Zoom to answer any questions. Zoom link was provided over email. Will also be shared on school website.

11.3 In Camera:

MOTION: Moved by Rosemary, second by Megan THAT the ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL moves into Camera at 9:31PM CARRIED

MOTION: Moved by Rosemary, second by Megan, THAT the ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL moves out of Camera at 9:57PM. CARRIED

- 12. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:58PM
Next regular meeting, November 2, 2021

Sean Smith:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer