

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of “Informational Meeting”
September 3, 2024
MPR/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:	Administration:
Andrew Macleod: Outgoing Chair	Paul McFadyen: Principal
Jessie Dawson: Incoming member	Jim Snider: Vice Principal
Lauren White: Outgoing Member (Phone)	
Sheilah Sutherland: Incoming KDFN GR: (Zoom)	
Sairna Sydney: Incoming KDFN GR	

Guests: Maggie Westberg: KDFN ESC

Absent: Dorrion Fox: Incoming Council Member
Jacine Fox: Incoming Council Member
Honey Starr Sydney: Incoming KDFN GR

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:15PM
- 2. Adoption of Agenda:** Agenda was passed
- 3. Adoption of Minutes:** Minutes of Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 12, 2024, were deferred to next meeting.
- 4. Parent Concerns:**
- 5. School Administration Report:**
 - Enrolment: 278
 - New Staff:
 - Erika van de Velde-Weber: Gr. 1
 - Tyson Snelling: Gr. 6/7
 - Dustin Shewfelt: PE
 - Roaslind Crump: Gr. 2

Current postings: (Language Teacher 1.0 Tlinkit and Tutchone, Learn Together 1.0/ EA .5)
Inclusion Worker for K student at the school. (there is a CDC report to support)
This is to be paid through the Jordan’s Principle. Requirements for position were provided.

- New EA's:
 - Carla Cruz
 - Sheila Guevarra
 - Aislynn Lee
 - Raymond Guevarra
- School Wellness Specialist:
 - Rachael Gardiner: to be shared with Teslin
 - New ESC: KDFN: Maggie Westberg (until January)
 - New ESC: CAFN: Isabel Parkkari
- Welcome BBQ: Sept. 25th at 4:30 – 6:30PM. Will coincide with Truth and Reconciliation Week and Orange Shirt day
- Family Nights: These are important to build trust/community
- Drinking Water: School is good to go on all water fountains
- Safety Week: Sept. 16 – 20: (Fire Drill, Earthquake, Lockdown, Hold and Secure)
- Mice: DoE was contacted to resolve the issue, mitigation is still required
- Wasps: Nest was located and sprayed, ongoing mitigation required
- Epi Pen Training Kit: Teacher to do
- PA System still not functioning properly.
There was a bear in the area. Staff were given Bear Spray!

6. E.S.W:

Maggie Westberg introduced herself. Assumed position recently until January.

- Provides educational support needs to students
- Advocates for students

7. Reports:

7.1 Transportation Committee: No meeting has been held. There have been issues with busses being cancelled, or not running. Standard is reaching out to other provinces to get more drivers

7.2 School Growth Plan: Will continue working on plan from last school year.
Literacy, Numeracy, place of belonging.
Ready to Learn School
Sonia Seebuck ? is in a coaching role – to strengthen teachers strengths in Numeracy and to help teachers in classrooms
Literacy: reading recovery

7.3 Health and Safety: 1st meeting to be held September 4, 2024, at 7:45AM

8. AYSCBC: Fall conference to be held Oct. 4/5. More information is forthcoming

9. Treasurer's Report: Balance in account is \$3,696.06.
Contribution Agreement was completed and submitted to DoE for processing

10. Old Business and Correspondence:

10.1 Policies: Deferred to next meeting.
Policies to be looked at: Cold Weather, Cell Phone, Conflict Resolution

11. New Business and Correspondence:

11.1 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair: Deferred to next meeting

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:51PM

Next regular meeting: October 1, 2024,

Council thanked Andrew and Lauren for their dedication and contribution on School Council.
As well, thank you to Jim for "running the show" until a new Principal was hired.

And, welcome to Paul McFadyen as the new Principal.

Andrew Macleod:
Outgoing Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer