

**ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**September 6, 2022**  
**School Library**

*“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 would like to thank them for allowing us to live and work on their traditional land.”*

**Present:**

**Council Members:**

Megan Cromarty  
Andrew MacLeod  
Lauren White  
Haily Bill  
Doris Anderson  
Linda Moen  
Rachel Sutherland  
Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer

**Administration:**

Jim Snider: A/Principal  
Jill Mason: A/ Vice Principal

**Guests:**

Jeff Hunston  
Shelly: Parent

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 8:40PM
  
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Doris, second by Andrew, THAT the agenda be adopted with the addition of #5.1: Code of Conduct, and move #11.1 under 2.1.

CARRIED
  
- 2.1 Appointment of chair and vice chair:  
There were discussions on the nomination of chair. However, due to 2 members not having been sworn in as of yet, a concrete decision was not made. In the Interim, Megan Cromarty will be the Acting Chair, with Andrew MacLeod the Acting Vice Chair. This is to be revisited in October.
  
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Doris, second by Megan, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 7, 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED
  
4. **Parent Concerns:**  
A parent brought up a concern where a student is finding the language in the playground derogatory and racist. Swearing is quite frequent. This is concerning to the parent. The student has tried to stand up for their rights. This just led to more verbal abuse.

Discussions were held on how to resolve this issue. Perhaps more supervision on the playground; or perhaps have the older kids become mentors. This issue needs to be addressed. Andrew discussed this issue of bullying at the last meeting in June.

Administration advised that steps are being taken to address this issue. The Code of Conduct is one way. As well, students to be treated with dignity, respected and clear boundaries in place.

There were roundtable discussions on the behaviour issues on the playground; and how to move forward to deal with.

**ACTION:** Administration to provide a report on this issue.

**5. School Administration Report:**

- Enrolment: 268, plus more coming
- Behaviour Consultant Andrea is coming back
- Jill Mason : A/ Vice Principal for approx.. 5 weeks
- C3P training with Golden Horn school.
- Vandalism over summer: 3 break ins – damage to windows, school, Computers
- Ongoing issues with PA system
- Lighting outside of school needs to be fixed (temporary lighting out back of school until renovations are complete
- Work in MPR is waiting for completion
- Staff Door : in process of becoming an inclusive door
- FOB system being installed on staff door has not been completed yet
- L. Newman – New EA
- K. Elliot – New EA
- Jill Mason – A/ VP
- Jim Snider – moved to 1.0 FTE (A/Principal)
- B. Laloge – new KDFN ESC
- Scott S. – moved to .6
- Sean M - .4 backfill – will become 1. 0 in October
- S. Young- New K teacher
- Family Nights: Grant received \$23,000. To be used to run Family nights \$13,000. – 14,000. Attendance grant has been received
- Fire smarting – Hillcrest area, applied for, waiting for funding
- Drumming at beginning of school. Has been a great start to the school year
- 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Elijah Smith has been postponed until Spring
- Front of school: First Nations Art work is to be done
- Every Child Matters flags provided for every classroom door

5.1: Code of Conduct:

Jill provided council with a draft copy of the Code of Conduct to review.

**ACTION:** Council members to review and provide input by September 23, 2022.

**6. CELC/ESW:** Deferred to next meeting

**7. Reports:**

7.1 Transportation Committee: Doris to represent ES Council on committee. Megan will share information with Doris.

7.2 School Growth Plan: No report. Deferred to next meeting

**8. AYSCBC:** No report

**9. Treasurer's Report:**

Contribution Agreement has been received. Balance in account \$9,389.62.

A new signing authority for the account needs to be set up. Andrew will be one signatory, along with the Secretary Treasurer. Looking for another which should be the chair. To be discussed at meeting in October once a Chair is appointed.

**10. Old Business and Correspondence:**

**11. New Business and Correspondence:**

11.1 Appointment of New Chair and Vice Chair: Discussed under 2.1  
To be revisited in October

11.2 Hiring process for Principal (Select members)  
Doris, Megan and Haily to be on hiring panel. Doris will attend virtually if she cannot attend in person. Dept. to be advised.

11.3 Safe and Caring Schools presentation (if council is interested):  
Deferred to next meeting

**12. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9.50PM  
Next Regular meeting: October 4, 2022

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Megan Cromarty:  
Interim Chair

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Jerry Zahora:  
Secretary Treasure