

ELIJAH SMITH SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Special Meeting
August 25, 2020
Via ZOOM

“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
	Richard Bradford-Andrew	
	Amanda Leas	
	Sean Smith	
	Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	

Regrets: Rachel Sutherland: Council member

Guests: Chris Stacey: Superintendent of Schools, Dept. of Ed
Lori Choquette: School Council Liaison

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:40PM.

2. Discussions:

Masks:

This issue is to be checked into and the Department is to advise if they are to be made mandatory.

There should be guidelines provided tomorrow with reference if they should be used or mandatory or not.

Jeff H. discussed the lack of communication with School Councils

As well, the student numbers at the school.

Enrolment is at 255 – 257. Now that the busing issues are being worked on the number of students coming is increasing.

There are more students coming in the beginning of September as well.

Jeff H. also brought the transitional position issue. This will be revisited again. KDFN would like to be engaged in this as well. Rosemary advised that there is no meeting at KD at this time, however, one should be next week. Will keep council advised.

Chris: if the projection in enrolment is higher it could be possible to get more staff. However, there are no guarantees of this at this time. There is no timeline for this

at this time, however, it will take approx. 2 weeks or maybe longer.

All schools are to send their enrolment number in by Friday

Jeff H. advised that the Fed. Gov't is providing more funding across the board for education to all provinces and territories.

Jeff C. discussed the portable at the school. It was used for ½ outdoor and ½ classroom. It is good to be used if necessary.

As well, the 1st day of school went well. There were enough masks at the school which were given to all. There are more available if necessary. There were some students that brought their own. Reusable masks will be available for all soon.

The first few days of school have been smooth. Recess time can be “tweaked” a bit More.

Jim advised, that things are changing all the time and the school is seeing what is working and what is not. The classes are in their “Bubble”. For recess there are 7 classes out at 12 – 12:26 and then they come in and the rest of the classes then go out. Only 7 classes are out at a time. School is also working to make sure that staff gets their breaks as well. Teachers are all thinking “outside” of the box to make things work.

Jeff and Jim are very proud of their staff at the school and ALL that they are doing to make sure students are safe.

Chris: All the work that has been done has been worth it!!! Gave lots of credit to the Admin team at the school for a great job!!! Lori echoed this as well.

All staff is to be complimented

Sean brought up some issues from previous meetings, such as:

- Internal safety
- Communication: Intercom issues
- Access to food.

The PA System: is working well inside, however outside not so well. Jeff C to put a request in again to get this issue resolved on the outside.

Food: There is a microwave in classrooms. They have been and are being cleaned Food is being prewrapped for students, such as sandwiches. There are enough at this time. Teachers are also giving out apples for students. Guidelines are being followed for this. More info is forthcoming as well.

Busing: is a work in progress. There are 4 buses going to ES and there are now over 25 students taking a bus. This is based on 1st come 1st served.

Chris, Lori C. advised that the Dept. is still receiving registrations from parents. The Dept. has dealt with those on a 1st come 1st serve basis as well. Then the "late" comers are put on an eligibility. K – Gr. 3 spaces on buses are a priority.

Gr. 4 – 7 must adhere to the 3.2km.

Outside of catchment areas are being looked at.

Yukon.ca = has bus schedule and information for parents

There are a lot of parents not sending their children on the bus or even sending to school.

Hand sanitizers are approved by the dept. and public health. Some sanitizers are not effective (such as a pretty smelling one) and not recommended to be used.

Cavicide: This is being used to help in cleaning the schools. Is used after everyone has left. It is mixed as per guidelines to ensure it is a safe product.

ACTION: Jeff C. will check with custodians to see how safe it is and its use.
Will email Jerry with info.

MOTION: **Moved by Amanda, second by Richard, THAT the Elijah Smith School Council makes a MOTION to purchase flowers for Linda Moen who is ill in the amount up to \$75.00. CARRIED**

3. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

AGM and Regular Meeting to be held on September 15, 2020, at 6:30PM at the school face to face. Social distancing will be applied

Jeff Hunston:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer