



REGULAR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Date: May 12, 2021

Time: 6:00 p.m. (St. Elias Community School library)

In Attendance

Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cassandra Wheeler (Chair)• Amy McKinnon (Treasurer)• Marsha Sparvier (Councillor)	Staff: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maggie Mann (Principal)• Brian Eleniak (Vice-Principal)
Regrets: N/A	Guests:
Minute Recorder: Laurette Sylvain (Secretary)	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

With the addition of 'vaccines' on the agenda, it was moved by Amy McKinnon and seconded by Marsha Sparvier that the agenda be adopted. All approved.

3. Approval of the Previous Minutes

It was moved by Amy McKinnon and seconded by Cassandra Wheeler that the minutes of April 20, 2021 be adopted. All approved.

4. Community Input (welcoming of guests/others from the community)

None.

5. Principal's Report

Further to the Principal's report emailed to Council members on May 12, 2021, M. Mann shared the additional information as follows:

- The PD session held on April 30th and facilitated by George Couros was well received and was excellent.
- Flat Water Instructor training course taken by Ms. Leger after working hours is appreciated as it may be a course which we can offer in Haines Junction in the future

as opposed to attending in Whitehorse. E.g. with the Canoe Day. Michael Allaway is also working on this training.

- Driver's Education Program – students who successfully complete the program will receive a certificate. The program may be offered in August for Grade 10 students.
- Sexual Health Education sessions went well.
- Partnerships with activities in Ms. Leger and S. Chanona's classes have been positive.
- 2021 – 2022 School Year Planning Session with Dr. Hanley on April 27th – zoom meeting involved discussions on how things went this past year and included responses to questions submitted beforehand. A COVID safety plan may need to be prepared for next year. The flowchart showing the impacts at different levels of distancing was reviewed and a reminder to be able to adapt accordingly.

Discussion and Information Items:

➤ Staffing for 2021-2022

It is expected that decisions on EA allocation will soon be communicated. In anticipation of receiving approval for the Early Learning position, the job poster is being reviewed and updated.

Various options were communicated with regards to classroom space to accommodate the additional class and added that we will need to get creative with the Food Program because the Home Economic room will be needed next year. When asked about requesting portables, preference will be to first try to accommodate within our current space.

Since Sherri Cooper, Reading Recovery teacher, has announced her retirement, advertising for a 1.0 position will be underway. Consideration will be given to re-allocating resources and increasing some other staff's hours.

Since R. Buck's leave will continue until next January, that advertisement was posted today.

The position to staff a math/PE/biology teacher will be advertised in the next day or so.

➤ School Mischief / Vandalism

Discussions took place with primary and intermediate students and their parents regarding school mischief/vandalism such as climbing on school roof, spray painting, inappropriate wording on telephone poles, and entering private property. RCMP were contacted. The situations were dealt with appropriately and parents appreciated being notified.

➤ Graduation 2021 Plans

The June 3rd graduation will include a parade starting at Fas Gas at 4 p.m. with ceremonies taking place on the school grounds. A max of 100 people can attend. Personalized invitations will be sent out by each graduate, who can bring up to 8 guests.

Officials were invited as guests including CAFN Chief Smith, Village Mayor and School Council. If the weather does not cooperate, the events may be held the next day. Photos to be hung on the street poles have been ordered and they are anticipated to arrive before graduation day.

➤ St. Elias School Awards Ceremonies

- Elementary - each class will coordinate their own ceremonies and photos will be taken of each student which will be posted on the webpage.
- High school - they will come together in the gym, which will be divided in their bubbles.
- It is anticipated that the ceremonies will be live streamed on May 27th. Council agreed that the School could present the top grad award on their behalf.

COVID information line has been amazing, and responses to questions has been very quick.

6. Treasurer's Report

Further to the Treasurer's report sent by email to Council members on May 10, 2021, Amy McKinnon shared the following:

- Some Professional Development (PD) funds have been used since the report was sent.
- M. Sparvier will be added as a signatory once the new members are sworn in so that the paperwork can be completed at the same time for all 4.

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

a) Standing Items (refer to agenda)

- 1) **All members:** brainstorm how to make use of our professional development (PD) and breakfast club funds. (ongoing)
- 2) **C. Wheeler:** to send out an email to the new school members providing them with the registration link, inviting them to pre-register, and encouraging them to participate at the AYSCBC's AGM. (done)
- 3) **M. Mann** – will notify Council once the high school award selections are made (done)

b) Advisory Committee on Yukon Education (ACYE) representatives – C. Wheeler/L. Sylvain

No update from YE.

c) St. Elias Technology Refresh for 2021

ITSS will be coming in July to bring in new devices and setting them up. M. Mann said an email was received from YE informing the School that they would be receiving a 24 in. desktop.

8. New Business:

a) Staffing of Temporary Principal

Interest in participating in the selection committee for the staffing of the Temporary Principal's position had been expressed during discussions held at an informal meeting on April 23, 2021.

It was moved by Amy McKinnon to designate Cassandra Wheeler, Tracy Kane, and John Finland to participate on the selection hiring committee for the staffing of the temporary principal's position. Marsha Sparvier seconded. All agreed.

C. Wheeler mentioned that training will be provided by a Human Resources' representative of the Department of Education for those selection committee members on **Friday, May 14, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

b) Member's Roles

Deferred to next meeting.

c) Update on AYSCBC's AGM

M. Sparvier, A. McKinnon, and C. Wheeler all joined this AGM. It was well attended with First Nation leaders such as Chief Dana Tizya-Tramm, Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation presenting. Discussions took place regarding the First Nations Education Board. Information was very high level and representatives will speak with School Council soon to provide further details/information.

d) Every Student, Every Day Attendance Initiative

Two (2) of the four (4) proposals were accepted:

1. Repair club shop program – requested \$7,110 and an amount of \$7,000 was approved.
2. Bannock feed students – requested \$4,796 and that full amount was approved.

Apparently, close to 40 applications were submitted this year (almost double from previous years). We should be hearing from Emily McDonald in late May/early June to explain how to proceed with developing funding agreements.

- e) Use of Professional Development funds – zoom account, retreat?
- 1) Funds could be used towards creating a Zoom account.
 - 2) Once new members are sworn in, a Strategic Planning workshop could be held during a retreat.
 - 3) C. Wheeler offered that funds could be used towards registration at the invitation received to attend the **McGill SISP 2021 Conference**. This will take place from **Tuesday May 25th to Friday May 28th**. Topics covered at this year's conference will include recent findings and interventions for trauma-informed care, autism and cognition, school bullying, child sexual abuse, and the role of educational technology in teaching/learning. *Continuing education credits will be offered* to all conference attendees. The registration for all workshops is \$130. For 5-10 members, the rate is 125\$ per person. It was mentioned that it may be possible to have more than one person participate in a specific location.

f) Fundraising Ideas

- Silent Auction - It was suggested that we communicate our intention for a silent auction as a fundraiser earlier in the year.
- GoFund Me - B. Eleniak suggested creating a GoFundMe.

g) Grad Gifts

Amy McKinnon will contact both Marty Samis and Michael Schmidt to see if either one of them might be interested in taking photos of the grads with local sceneries in the background and providing these in a finished frame such as metal.

- h) Vaccines – Maggie Mann shared an email from Nicole Morgan re: Pfizer vaccines for youth (age 12-17). There will be a zoom call scheduled for May 14, 2021 from 12-12:45 to discuss the vaccine roll-out and feedback on the development of the survey. Consideration for the vaccine roll-out:
- a. vaccinating on a Friday in case of reactions and impacts to schooling so timing would be a factor
 - b. Getting parental consent
 - c. parents who may want to be present if the clinic is held at the school

It was mentioned that the feedback for the development of the survey was this Monday, May 17th. At first glance, it appeared that the survey was quite similar to the previous two surveys. M. Mann and C. Wheeler will check their emails to see if they ever received the more detailed survey results for St. Elias from the first and second surveys. If not, Lori Choquette will be contacted, and this information will be requested.

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Next Meeting

Date: June 16, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: St. Elias Community School Library

11. Adjournment

Cassandra Wheeler moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Marsha Sparvier. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cassandra Wheeler, Chair