



MINUTES

REGULAR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Date: November 23, 2021
Time: Following the AGM
Location: Alek Renewable Resource Council (ARRC) Office and via Zoom

In Attendance

Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cassandra Wheeler (Chair) – in person• Amy McKinnon (Treasurer) – in person• Marsha Sparvier (Councillor) – via Zoom• Tinhá Chambers (Councillor) – via Zoom• Tracy Kane (Councillor) – via Zoom	Staff (joined in person at the ARRC Office): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nicholas Vienneau (Principal)• Brian Eleniak (Vice-Principal)
Regrets: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Finland	Guests (via Zoom): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marilyn Marquis-Forster, Area Superintendent• Lori Choquette, School Council Liaison
Minute Recorder: Cassandra Wheeler	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Amy McKinnon and seconded by Marsha Sparvier that the agenda be adopted as amended. All approved.

3. Approval of the Previous Minutes

It was moved by Tinhá Chambers and seconded by Amy McKinnon that the minutes of the October 20th meeting be adopted as amended. All approved.

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

C. Wheeler introduced guest Lori Choquette.

5. Principal's Report

1. Student Led Conferences are scheduled for December 1.
2. Kindergarten Play Area Art Project and Outdoor Learning Space Projects and still being planned.
3. The SECS Christmas Concert will be virtual again this Year. Marty Samis will do the video editing.

4. Book fair is going ahead. Will require appointments to attend.
5. Food Program – a possible solution has been found for second semester. Meals will be made off site and delivered to the school. Will be more sandwiches and wraps, less hot lunch options. We do need to figure out how we will run the Bannock program in the school. The funding has arrived, so now we need to get it going.
6. LAT Eleanor is doing reading assessments for every student in grades 1-7. Data should be available for the December meeting.
7. YNFED did a presentation for school staff on the FNSB. This made a lot of teachers feel much more comfortable about the proposed changes and process.
8. Results from standardized literacy and numeracy testing showed our school is scoring well below other rural schools in the Yukon. We need to figure out how to do better for our students.
9. Covid-19 mandates are a bit concerning. It is causing angst for some staff.
10. Dental Therapist was in the school over the last week.

6. Treasurer's Report

The School Council ledger account balance is **\$4,631.37**.

The Treasurer will be issuing cheques for this meeting. The Treasurer has to report on how much honoraria was paid to members during this calendar year. This will be prepared and submitted to the Government of Yukon in early 2022.

7. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

a) Standing Action Items

- **All members:** brainstorm how to make use of our professional development (PD) funds. It was suggested that the funds could be used towards:
 - *Meetings for Discussions about First Nation School Board (ongoing)*
 - *Special meeting to discuss School Growth Plan (ongoing)*
- **All Members** - should read the *Inclusive and Special Education Review, including Child and Youth Advocate Attendance* reports on their own time and this item should remain on the agenda for discussion. The reports were emailed to members and can also be accessed on YE's website. (*ongoing for those who have not yet had the opportunity to review*).
 - *C. Wheeler attended the meeting on Nov. 12th.*
 - Cassandra Wheeler was able to attend one day of the fall gathering which was held on Oct. 28-30.
- **L. Sylvain** - will prepare two (2) resolutions: one to move ahead with requesting the Minister of Education to conduct a vote of electors to establish a First Nation School Board and the other to have local community representation through a community committee. (done and amended by Council members and submitted)
- **N. Vienneau** – to provide Council with DART, SWW and Math results for November's meeting – Done
- **C. Wheeler** – will provide AYSCBC's school council guide to members.

- b) EA Allocation – We have not had a response from YG on this yet. We did not even get a confirmation that the letter was received. Marilyn did confirm, tonight, that she did receive the letter from School Council, but that it has not been sent to case work yet to be actioned. There will be a response eventually. Response will likely outline how EA allocations are sorted out.
- c) Yukon School Councils' Fall Gathering – A. McKinnon and C. Wheeler attended the Fall Gathering. Dr. Katherine Smart, Pediatrician and President of the Canadian Medical Association, Dr. Nicole Racine, Educational Psychologist presented on Keeping Our Children Safe Through the Pandemic and Mental Health of our Children.
If AYSCBC or School Councils want to do any joint letters around Covid-19 or any other medical issues, The Pediatrics Association would be happy to partner on those letters. The Child and Youth Advocate would also be willing to co-sign letters around school attendance or mental wellness and support in the schools.
There were presentations on the Creation of a First Nation School Board as well as breakout sessions on Education Update, Youth Panel: Student Wellness, School Council General Election Readiness, Student Attendance Overview, School Council Roundtable and Administrative/Financial Reporting.
- d) Monica's Art Project – M. Primoic and M. Chiblow have two artists lined up. They are measuring the area to figure out how much plywood they need. We will continue to work on the application to have it ready before the December 15 deadline.
- e) First Nation School Board – 3 meetings are scheduled for the public information sessions. November 30, December 9 and January 5 at 6:30. So far all meetings are planned for Zoom at this point. We are hoping to be able to offer an in-person component for the January session. CAFN is putting together promotional information to promote the sessions. Once that is put together school council will also share it and make sure posters are put up around town, too. Follow up with Melanie and Erin on a mail out for the community.

Action: C. Wheeler to follow up with M. Bennett and E. Pauls on mail out on community information sessions.

Action: C. Wheeler will prep opening remarks for the first Zoom meeting

8. New Business:

- a) School Literacy and Numeracy – N. Vienneau spoke about the school's literacy and numeracy results. This was the first time doing this numeracy testing across the school. We are scoring substantially lower than other rural schools, such as Dawson City and Watson Lake. This is very concerning considering the majority of our students are in the Emerging category. The school is trying to find some cohesive programs to increase numeracy and literacy across all grades. The School Growth Plan is numeracy centered, so now it is a matter of finding the program that we help us reach students.
One of the possibilities is blocking math through the whole year for high school. For the entire school, making all math classes single grade only.
My Math Path by Nelson, the order has been bogged down in finance. M. Marquis-Forster has submitted an order to outfit several schools with this program.
A new literacy program has also brought forward.

Action: C. Wheeler will email out the literacy and numeracy results.

Action: M. Marquis-Forster to follow up on My Math Path order.

- b) School Covid Policy – Motion to go in-camera at 7:36pm was moved by Amy McKinnon, seconded by Cassandra Wheeler.

Motion to come out-of-camera at 8:26 was moved by Tinhá Chambers, seconded by Tracy Kane.

School Council will work with M. Marquis-Forster, N. Vienneau, the CMO and YCDC as we move forward.

Action: A. McKinnon to draft communications and send to School Council for review.

- c) R.I.S.E. – C. Wheeler attended the Review of Inclusive and Special Education Summit on November 12. There was a very well spoken woman, Shelley Moore, who is an educator from BC. She has done a lot of work towards defining what inclusive should mean and look like. Still not a lot of concrete actions planned as part of this process. There are more focused groups that individuals could sign up to be on to discuss specific topics.

Action: C. Wheeler to send info on the focus groups and Shelley Moore's podcasts.

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Next Meeting

Date: December 14, 2021
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: St. Elias Community School Library

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cassandra Wheeler, Chair

Approved at Dec. 14, 2021 meeting