



MINUTES

REGULAR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Date: September 9, 2021
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: St. Elias Community School Library and via Zoom

In Attendance

Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cassandra Wheeler (Chair) – in person• Amy McKinnon (Treasurer) – via Zoom• Marsha Sparvier (Councillor) – via Zoom CAFN Guaranteed Reps: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tinha Chambers (via Zoom)• John Fingland (via Zoom)	Staff (joined in person at school): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nicholas Vienneau (Principal)• Brian Eleniak (Vice-Principal)
Regrets: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tracy Kane, Councillor	Guests (via Zoom): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Melanie Bennett, Executive Director, Yukon First Nation Education Directorate (YFNED)• Erin Pauls, Director of Education, CAFN• Daryn Leas, Counsel for YFNED• Ryan Sikkes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Schools and Student Services, Yukon Department of Education• Judy Arnold, Consultant, YFNED
Minute Recorder: Laurette Sylvain (Secretary)	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Amy McKinnon and seconded by Cassandra Wheeler that the agenda be adopted. All approved.

3. Approval of the Previous Minutes

It was moved by Cassandra Wheeler and seconded by Amy McKinnon that the minutes of August 9, 2021 be adopted. All approved.

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

C. Wheeler welcomed Melanie Bennett and her team who were present to provide an overview, information and answer any questions regarding the First Nation School Board.

Erin Pauls provided some background and introduced Melanie Bennett, Executive Director of YFNED along with Daryn Leas, lawyer and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizen, Judy Arnold, Consultant, and Ryan Sikkes, ADM with Education.

5. Principal's Report

Further to the Principal's report emailed to Council members on September 9, 2021, Nicholas Vienneau shared additional information as follows:

- BBQ - will be held outdoors
- Food Program – there are potential options for venue of Food Program for the second semester.
- K4 - Renovations to toilets for K4 should be made by the summer.
- Orange Shirt Day – Erin Pauls and Chuck Hume will be presenters and it will be held outside.
- School bus – broke down; a yellow bus from Kluane was made available as well as CAFN vehicle.
- There are new guidelines on COVID and symptoms.

[Principal Report Sept 9 2021.](#)

6. Treasurer's Report

[Treasurer report Sept 9 2021.](#)

Further to the Treasurer's report emailed to Council members on September 8, 2021, Amy McKinnon shared additional information as follows:

The Treasurer requested and received the attendance record from the Secretary to issue retroactive payments of honoraria to CAFN guaranteed representatives. The Chair will provide the information on those who attended meetings regarding the selection of temporary principal.

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*
 - *Special meeting to discuss School Growth Plan*
- **N. Vienneau** - will have discussions with Janet Moore, Facilities Project Manager, at Yukon Education (YE) and the Superintendent regarding renovations to accommodate for the Early Learning (K4) program. It was suggested that he ask that priority be given to fencing in an outdoor space, to ensure a secure playground area is accessible for K4. He will also include a request for changes to kitchen area to accommodate the Food Program in the fall. *(done and some work is expected to be completed next summer)*
- **N. Vienneau** – to advocate for ordering of equipment and supplies for K4 with the Superintendent. *(K4 got their supplies; carpeting possibly next summer)*
- **N. Vienneau** - will inform members by providing update on the youth vaccine clinic held on June 28th. *(this was an action item for M. Mann prior to N. Vienneau starting in his role).*
- **C. Wheeler:** to follow up with M. Samis on accessing the grad photo. *(done)*
- **A. McKinnon:** will prepare a Thank You message to Michael Schmidt which will be shared on social media such as Facebook, in the Echo newsletter, and on the St. Elias School Council website. *(done with the exception of sharing on social media piece as explained by the Treasurer)*
- **A. McKinnon** – will prepare a cheque for M. Schmidt. *(done)*
- **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).*
- **L. Sylvain:** to initiate a strategic planning session sometime in October. *(let's wait until after discussion about First Nation School Board)*
- **N. Vienneau:** to provide the Secretary with the School Growth Plan. *(done)*

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

- Pending invitation for rural representation. Defer to next meeting.

c) Secretary/Treasurer's role – Expression of Interest

- C. Wheeler and A. McKinnon will update the job posting which was prepared by L. Sylvain to tailor it to fill the Treasurer role only, as it may be difficult to find an individual interested in performing both functions. The end date will be end of September or until filled.

d) St. Elias Technology Refresh for 2021

- No additional information

e) Update on "Connecting with School Councils" meeting of Aug. 10th (done)

f) Update on "Creating a First Nation School Board Information Meeting & Discussion" of August 31st. (done)

8. New Business:

a) First Nation School Board – Erin Pauls and Melanie Bennett

Melanie Bennett provided an overview and presentation. Refer to the link below. Team members responded to questions. Melanie Bennett stated that information will be communicated on social media so that all Yukoners are made aware.

[Process for Creating a First Nation School Board Information and Links.](#)

Special face-to-face council meeting to discuss First Nation School Board will be held on September 27th at 4:30 p.m. (location TBD)

b) Professional Development (PD) day

With the addition of the new statutory holiday at the end of September, the new Professional Development (PD) day will be on October 8th as noted in the principal's report.

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Next Meeting

Date: October 21, 2021
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: TBD

Cassandra Wheeler, Brian Eleniak, and Nicholas Vienneau left the meeting due to Internet connections.

All regular meetings will be scheduled for the third (3rd) Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Amy McKinnon moved to adjourn the meeting and Marsha Sparvier seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cassandra Wheeler, Chair