



## SPECIAL SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

**Date:** September 27, 2021  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Location:** St. Elias Community School and via Zoom

### In Attendance

<b>Members:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cassandra Wheeler (Chair)</li><li>• Amy McKinnon (Treasurer)</li></ul> <b>CAFN Guaranteed Reps:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tracy Kane</li><li>• Tinha Chambers</li><li>• Marsha Sparvier – joined via Zoom</li><li>• John Fingland – joined via Zoom</li></ul>	<b>Staff:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nicholas Vienneau (Principal)</li><li>• Brian Eleniak (Vice-Principal)</li></ul>
<b>Regrets:</b> N/A	<b>Guests:</b> N/A
<b>Minute Recorder:</b> Laurette Sylvain (Secretary)	

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:47 p.m.

Discussions took place about joining the First Nation School Board (FNSB). The process was outlined as per information received from a presentation provided by representatives from the Yukon First Nations Education Directorate and representatives from Yukon Education as well as information shared via email.

Steps in the process included:

- Order-In-Council passed by Yukon Government on Feb. 11, 2021.
- 10 First Nation Chiefs signed a FNSB agreement with the Minister of Education.
- School Councils decide on whether to proceed in passing a resolution to create a school board and dissolving the St. Elias School Council, but members' terms would continue until the School Board was operational.
- The Minister would conduct a referendum. If the resolution is advanced, the Minister would establish the FNSB.
- Elections Yukon would then hold an election for five (5) trustees for the FNSB. This should be completed by March 30, 2022.
- FNSB would negotiate funding allocation with Yukon Government.

- FNSB could enter into Community Committee Agreements to work with the Board for the operation and management of its community school.

Pros and cons of supporting a First Nation School Board were discussed. Council members felt there would be advantages to moving forward with joining a FNSB. If a resolution is passed, it would be important to ensure that community members are well informed before the referendum took place. If it is not supported, another election could be held but only after one year from the time the School Board was established.

After the resolution is passed, the School Council will organize meetings to inform community members of the First Nation School Board and do so via several different means of communication and invite YFNED representatives and CAFN Director of Education to speak to it.

**Action:** 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.

## **2. Next Meeting – special meeting to vote on First Nation School Board and swearing in of First Nations representatives.**

Date: October 1, 2021  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Location: St. Elias Community School Library

It was decided that the AGM will be held on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. followed by the regular school council meeting. L. Sylvain will invite the Superintendent and School Liaison from Yukon Education and ensure the date and time works for them. C. Wheeler will invite Minister McLean.

## **3. Adjournment**

C. Wheeler moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cassandra Wheeler, Chair