



## **MINUTES**

### **REGULAR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date:** March 22, 2022  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m.  
**Location:** via Zoom or Room 9 of St. Elias Community School

#### **In Attendance**

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

#### **1. Call to Order**

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

#### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

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

#### **3. Approval of the Previous Minutes**

Two corrections to be made: delete the words “*since November 2020*” under 8.a) in New Business; and correct the spelling of “Omnicon” to “Omicron” throughout document. It was moved by Amy McKinnon and seconded by Tracy Kane that the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 22nd be adopted as amended. All approved.

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

N/A

## 5. Principal's Report

Further to the Principal's reports emailed to Council members on March 22, 2022 with link provided below, additional information was included as follows:

1. Due to gas price increase, the department had initially asked that one play structure be removed from the kindergarten playground, but since writing his report, the Administrator received confirmation that they would now honour all three pieces.
2. Administrator will be meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> with Education and YFNED and CAFN to discuss the outdoor learning space.
3. B. Eleniak will be completing all EA evaluations and N. Vienneau will be completing all Teacher Evaluations and the Department of Education has extended the deadline from April to June.
4. Staffing plan – reduction of a .5 FTE teacher and no news yet about the posting. The FNSB may be involved in that recruitment. Bryce Voogd, Grade 6/7 teacher, is moving into the PE position next year.
5. A request for an allocation of 20 EA's has been made, although we have not yet heard back. We are anticipating getting 10-11. Providing adequate support continues to be a challenge.
6. There are professional development (PD) days scheduled in August. Staff understand the importance of these. There will be a few staff who will be on holidays at the time so how to manage that leave will need to be looked into.
7. N. Vienneau will be attending the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual First Nation Education Conference in Carcross on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and will provide an update to staff and Council members.
8. All parents of elementary and secondary students will be contacted for an informal check-in by teachers. Interim reports will be sent home on April 6<sup>th</sup>.
9. Culture Week will be the first week of April; YFNED and CAFN are both playing a large part in supporting the week. Margaret Chiblow is the key person who is planning such things as a drum workshop so it should be a great week.
10. Graduation Details - still aiming for June 8<sup>th</sup>. Fundraising is happening with different organizations. Bryan Laloge, Margaret Chiblow and MaryJane Leger are helping out.  
Amy McKinnon added that the next graduation fundraiser is the first weekend in April at Pine Lake. I believe CAFN will be donating all the groceries to run a canteen and all items for Easter baskets. It was expressed that Margaret Chiblow did a great job chairing and facilitating the last meeting.
11. Two projects are being proposed by Grade 12 students as follows:
  - Community Garden idea from leadership class - they got a \$1500 grant to create raised beds and will work with B. Eleniak to build those, starting with building six of them. They have plans to work with the Little Green Apple.
  - Painting an abstract mural on cupboard doors in the main hallway across the staff room.

**Action:** N. Vienneau will ask Kiana Ruddy to present on the above two projects at the next School Council meeting. She should be able to share the design for the mural idea at that time.

CAFN has been offering a greenhouse program with Dän Ts'ananan for several years now so it was suggested that N. Vienneau contact Susan Smith for their expertise and support.

**Action:** N. Vienneau will contact Susan Smith, who was the Manager of the Program at CAFN to discuss their program.

[Principal Report 1](#)

[Principal Report 2](#)

*Motion: T. Kane moved to go in-camera at 4:57 p.m. and T. Chambers seconded.*

*Motion: A. McKinnon moved to go out-of-camera at 5:05 p.m. and T. Kane seconded.*

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

Amy McKinnon read the Treasurer's report which she emailed to Council members on March 22, 2022 as follows:

### **Finances**

As of March 22, 2022 the School Council ledger account balance is \$1,696.37.

### **Class of 2022 grad gift**

Final details on the desired font/lettering for the grad hoodies is still needed from the grads. Computec has provided a quote of approximately \$700 plus tax for this order.

## **8. Business Arising from Previous Minutes:**

### **a) Standing Action Items**

- **All members:** brainstorm how to make use of our professional development (PD) funds. *(we have been using funds towards FNSB communication and information). – remove this from Standing Action Items.*
- **C. Wheeler** – will speak with M. Chiblow to follow up regarding the tutor's concerns. (yet to do)
- **B. Eleniak** - will provide the amounts for high school awards to C. Wheeler. (not yet provided but he's been away)
- **C. Wheeler** - will send the school calendar dates to Lori Choquette. (done, although dates then changed).

### **b) First Nation School Board (FNSB)**

C. Wheeler and A. McKinnon attended an event with Melanie Bennett on Friday, March 18th. Erin Pauls has assured C. Wheeler that the community committees will be going ahead. We are looking forward to having meetings with them in the near

future and also to receiving information from Melissa Flynn, the Executive Director of the FNSB. Communications should be coming out soon.

c) Grad 2022 – previously discussed above.

## **9. New Business:**

A. McKinnon will try to attend some sessions of the First Nation Education Conference via zoom on March 23-24, 2022. N. Vienneau will be attending in-person. Some others may try to join via zoom as well. Among other sessions N. Vienneau will be attending, he plans on attending “Math is For All of Us”, led by Greg Storey. Eleanor Charlton will be Acting Administrator in N. Vienneau’s absence tomorrow and Thursday.

When asked if we got the “My Math Path” information from M. Marquis-Forster, Nicholas Vienneau responded that the package has not yet been received.

## **9. Correspondence**

N/A

## **10. In-Camera/Out of Camera**

Refer to #5 above.

## **11. Next Meeting**

Date: April 26, 2022  
Time: 4:30 p.m.  
Location: TBD

## **12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cassandra Wheeler, Chair