



School Council
École Whitehorse Elementary School
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Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 18, 2024 @ 6:30 pm – ÉWES Staff Room and Zoom

Sarah Gallina, Chair Gary Whittle, Vice-Chair Kelly Jiang, Member Sheila Merkley, Member Micah Quinn, Member, via zoom	Johanna Havelaar, Secretary-Treasurer Ashley O'Brien, Member Sharon MacCoubrey, Principal Martin Turpin, Department of Ed Valerie Long, Vice-Principal
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1. Call to Order – 18:32

2. Land Acknowledgement

- a. We are meeting on the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council. We recognize their deep connection to this land and express our gratitude for the opportunity to live and work here.

3. Adoption of Agenda

- a. **Motion 24.11.01** to adopt Agenda
 - Motion by Kelly, Second by Sheila, All in Favour

4. Adoption of October Minutes

- a. **Motion 24.11.02** to adopt October Minutes
 - Motion by Kelly, Second by Ashely, All in Favour

5. Recognition of Community Members

- a. Martin Turpin – Director of Schools and Operations, Department of Ed

6. Reports

- a. **Administration Report – Sharon**
 - Running club still active in the snow
 - Assessments completed
 - IEPs and Learning Plans completed
 - Parent-Teacher interviews completed
 - Snow Removal – snow needs to be completely removed from property

b. Financial/Treasurer Report – Johanna

- Cheque Withdrawn twice from account – issue has not yet been resolved
- Budget
 - **Motion 24.11.03** to approve the 2024-2026 Budget
 - Motion by Sheila, Second by Ashley, All in Favour
 - Community Engagement:
 - **Motion 24.11.04** to pay \$400 towards hot chocolate and Bannock for school sledding night on December 18th
 - i. Motion by Micah, Second by Sheila, All in Favour
 - Suggestion: Gift Exchange
- Honouraria
 - 3 different options for honouraria: donate to school, donate to school council, payment to council member
 - Next honouraria payment will be in December

7. New Business

a. Draft form of rules – Gary

WHEREAS section 138 of the Education Act, R.S.Y., chapter 61, provides every School Council may make rules for its internal procedure and its meetings;

AND WHEREAS any such rules enacted by council should be repealed and replaced with new rules for council's internal procedure and its meetings;

AND WHEREAS member Whittle has prepared a draft form of Rules Respecting Procedure at Ecole Whitehorse Elementary School Council Meetings, one copy of which has been provided to each member present.

Member Whittle moves that:

This draft form of Rules Respecting Procedure at Ecole Whitehorse Elementary School Council Meetings be now placed before this council and hereby be enacted.

- **Motion 24.11.05** to approve the Draft Form of Rules
 - All in Favour

8. Standing Business

a. French Second Language – Sharon

- Meeting was October 30th
- Next Meeting in April

b. Project Advisory Committee: New School Build – Sarah, Johanna, Gary, Sharon

- Meeting was November 14th
- Discussed overarching design goals
- Mandate to PAC is to advise on the building only – nothing to do with location
- November 6th, 2024 Motion 1098: THAT this House urges the Government of Yukon to launch a formal process to consider alternative locations for the replacement of École Whitehorse Elementary School

- Passed in the legislature by NDP and Conservatives
- Non-binding
- Minister has stated they will move forward, has passed the point of site selection
- All three parties acknowledged council's letter
- Special meeting of the electors?
 - Funding can be requested to hold a special meeting
 - Fulfill obligation to the electors
 - Discussion would be what council currently knows about the new school build
 - a. Concern: We don't have answers to their questions, keep non-political
- Newsletter: information to share with parent community
 - What we could share: What phase we are in the process, Consultation process, etc., How we got to this stage?
 - Sharon & Martin will use comms to create statement, get approval from department, and then send to council for approval

c. School Growth Plan – Sheila

- Focus areas: structured numeracy, literacy, and language acquisition
- Sharon collects data from tests, report cards, and observes trends
- Few students leave EWES because of French
- Request for a data analyst
- 2-year cycle
- Next meeting in the new year

d. Transportation Committee – Micah

- Meeting next week, Wednesday, Nov. 27
- Sharon will send Micah school requests

e. Community events

- Christmas Family Movie Night
 - No response from YFS
 - **Action 24.11.01:** Sarah will follow-up with YFS

9. Next Meeting – December 16th, 2024

10. Adjournment of Council Meeting – 20:24