



School Council
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Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 20 @ 6:30 pm – EWES Staff Room

Gary Whittle, Chair Ashley O'Brien, Vice-Chair Kelly Jiang, Member Sheila Merkley, Member Micah Quinn, Member (regrets) Johanna Havelaar, Secretary-Treasurer	Sharon MacCoubrey, Principal Valerie Long, Vice Principal Christine Franes, Superintendent
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1. Call to Order - 1830

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. Agenda amended: moved CBC Article to 8 d.
- b. **Motion 25.10.01** to adopt by Kelly, all in favour

4. Adoption of September Minutes

- a. **Motion 25.10.02** to adopt by Johanna, all in favour

5. Recognition of Community Members

- a. None present

6. Correspondence

- a. Parent request to move children from bus 8 to 11
 - Currently on Christine Franes' to do list but unable to get a response from department due to staffing issues
 - **Action 25.10.01** Ashley will respond to parents with update

7. Reports

- a. **Administration Report** – Sharon

- Events: Terry Fox Run, Soccerfest, Great Shake Out, Orange Shirt Day, School Wide Write
- Grade 6 immunizations – good uptake
- Rainbow picture - success
- There are now two French Language Monitors
- Reading evaluations
- Room 13: 3 offices with strong smell. Will get air quality assessed.
 - 2 LATs without a designated room
- No students are reporting issues due to air quality in building this year
- Air quality testing is done on an as needed basis

b. **Financial/Treasurer Report – Johanna**

- Payment for AGM babysitters
 - **Motion 25.10.03** to pay the two AGM babysitters \$20 each by Johanna, Ashley second, all in favour

8. New Business

a. **4th & Black Crossing Guard**

- We can ask for volunteers
- Hi-vis vest, whistle, an stop sign can be provided
- Volunteers will be covered by WCB
- **Action 25.10.02** Johanna to contact parents who e-mailed council about crossing guards & Sharon will send out email to solicit interest/ get coordinator

b. **EA Allocation letter**

- Reply from minister: Council's e-mail was forwarded to the department of education

c. **AYSCBC**

- Meeting of the school council chairs – Gary will attend
- AYSCBC forum – assess attendance after school council chairs meeting

d. **CBC Article**

- Response to council's letter is unacceptable
- Would the response be different if we were a school board instead of a council?

e. **School Boards and Councils**

- Investigate becoming a school board
- Micah will discuss with the other two boards and has collected some information
- Gary provided information packet on councils changing to school boards
 - **Action 25.10.03** all council to read info packet before November meeting

f. **Council vision for 2025-26**

- Review for next meeting: think about what we want to accomplish in the next year
- Council vacancy – Sharon will send out e-mail to school community

9. Standing Business

a. **French Second Language – Sharon, Ashley, Val**

- Next meeting: October 28th, 2025

b. Project Advisory Committee: New School Build

- What updates need to happen to the school if the new school build is significantly delayed?
 - More money required for infrastructure upgrades/longer lasting fixes – some issues may be addressed while other issues will be deemed to big. Some examples may be:
 - Air quality
 - Seismic
 - Plumbing
 - Paint
 - Boiler system is one of the oldest in the territory – cannot be replaced
 - Air exchanges
- Reassess after the election

c. School Growth Plan – Sheila

- Meeting date and time has been set

d. Transportation Committee – Micah

- Transportation meeting was cancelled
- A lot of the issues have been resolved
 - Ongoing issues with bus cancellations and inconsistent discipline reports from drivers

e. Community events

- Book Fair – Ashley, Kelly
 - Starts tomorrow
 - Work in future years to be more divided among council members
- Family Movie Night – Ashley
 - Happening on Sunday – poster went out to parents today & Sharon will put up posters and send out reminders (email and on PA)
- School Dance
 - French Immersion Week?
 - French music
 - Family friendly dance targeting younger grades (up to grade 4)

10. Next Meeting – November 17th, 2025

11. Adjournment of Council Meeting – 20:10