



School Council
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Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 24, 2025 @ 18:30 – EWES Staff Room

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 Valerie Long, Vice-Principal
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1. Call to Order – 18:40

2. Land Acknowledgement

- a. We are meeting on the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'an 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 25.03.01** to adopt Agenda by Ashley, All in favour

4. Adoption of February Minutes

- a. **Motion 25.03.02** to adopt Minutes by Kelly, All in favour

5. Recognition of Community Members

- a. None present

6. Correspondence

- a. No discussion

7. Reports

a. **Administration Report** – Sharon

- Mme Danielle was crowned Rendezvous Queen
- Pink Shirt Day
- Upstairs washroom retrofitted to be wheelchair accessible
- Bose speaker stolen but has been replaced already with fundraising money
- A swing is broken and has not yet been fixed. A slide may have to be decommissioned. Access to HPW is through the Department of Ed

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

- No report this month

8. **New Business**

a. **Policy Reformatting** – Gary

- Council needs to determine what policies should be maintained.
- Potential standardized formatting for policies
- Sharon will make up a spreadsheet clarifying what policies council should focus on and which policies may no longer be needed
- Policy Reformatting will be moved to standing business

b. **Crossing guard at 4th and Black Street** – Sharon

- Parent request of crossing guard at 4th & Black
- Times requested: 8:10 - 8:25, 15:07 - 15:15
- **Action 25.03.01** Sarah will e-mail Richard/Department to ask about a crossing guard, Sharon will check with Bylaw

c. **Bus Lanes in Riverdale** – Sarah

- There will be an official bus lane in Riverdale for city and school busses

d. **Bus schedule for next year** – Sarah

- Is the Department or Standard bus doing the bus scheduling for next year?
 - Sharon: Dealing with Standard Bus for scheduling purposes is easier
 - Micah to ask about scheduling at the next transportation committee meeting

e. **Grad gifts** – Johanna

- Bag? Or another item?
- **Action 25.03.02** Sheila or Sarah will decide together next steps
- Sharon will ask Jamie about signature possibility with EWES logo (like last year)
- Yukon Apparel has done the bags in the past

f. **Traffic Study Questions** – Sarah

- Meeting for the Traffic Study presentation will be Monday March 31st at 18:30 at the Department of Education
- **Action 25.03.03** Council should review e-mail from Martin Turpin
 - Sarah can forward any questions council members have to Martin before the meeting. New questions can also be asked at the meeting
 - Deadline for questions to Sarah is Thursday
 1. What has happened to the parent info sheet?

g. **AYSCBC Meeting with the Ministers March 28th, 2025**

- Meeting is regarding letter sent by AYSCBC to the Minister of Ed and Minister of HPW about the drinking water in Yukon Schools
- Micah and Ashley are attending in place of Sarah
 - Communication Issue – school should have immediate communication when it comes to the safety of the students. Lack of communication has been addressed and there has been an apology
 - Request for better transparency and increased communication in the future, especially regarding children's safety

9. Standing Business

- a. **French Second Language** – Sharon
 - Meeting is on Thursday
- b. **Project Advisory Committee: New School Build** – Sarah, Johanna, Gary, Sharon
 - Next PAC meeting April 2, 2025 at 6:30pm
- c. **School Growth Plan** – Sheila
 - No updates
- d. **Transportation Committee** – Micah
 - Increased number of drivers
 - Review distance from school required to be able to catch bus – currently 3.2km – suggestion is 1.6km (or less for younger students)
 - Next meeting May 27th
 - Sharon will share things that need to be addressed for the beginning of next school year with Micah
- e. **Community events**
 - No discussion

10. Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 22nd @ 18:30

11. Adjournment of Council Meeting – 20:10