



**School Council**  
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## Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 31, 2024 @ 6:30 pm – ÉWES Staff Room

Laura Lang, Chair Sarah Gallina, Vice Chair Kelly Jiang, Secretary (regret) Johanna Havelaar, Treasurer Donna Haughton, Member (regret) Alisha McLean, Member	Sheila Merkley, Member Gary Whittle, Member Sharon MacCoubrey, Principal Valerie Long, Vice Principal Marsha – community member
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1. **Call to Order at 18:34**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
  - a. Motion to adopt by Alisha, Seconded by Sheila, All in Favour
3. **Adoption of Past Minutes – Deferred to March**
4. **Recognition of Community Members**
  - a. Marsha
5. **Reports**
  - a. Administration Report – Sharon
    - French Movie night for April
    - New carpenter – Highway and Public Works
    - Boys and Girls clubs – required updates to activity room
    - Kindness theme - Pink Shirt day
    - Presentation of 2024-2025 school calendar
  - b. Financial/Treasurer Report - Johanna
    - Payment received from YG
    - Presentation of current budget status
6. **New Business**
  - a. Activity Bus Need for Whitehorse Elementary

- Deferred to February – Alisha and Sarah
- To discuss with Trevor Ratcliff
- b. Skills Canada presentation
  - Motion to defer by Alisha and seconded by Laura, All in favour
- c. Investigation into former Teacher-On-Call
  - Discussed with Administration
  - Whitehorse Elementary not believed to be adversely affected
- d. Nut Ban – Ecole Emilie Tremblay
  - Graduated restriction
  - Not enough cleaning facilities at WES in current building
    - New school builds will have sink in every classroom – current building code
  - All teachers have EpiPen training and first aid training
  - **Action 01.31.01:** EWES school council would like the Department of Education to provide policy support on the provision of nut and other allergy related changes to better understand application in each school. Laura to follow up with department.
- e. Social Media Awareness
  - More information to parents, to young people in school, and to the community
    - 1) support parents discussing with kids
    - 2) information for young people about what to do if they encounter issues
  - Engaging parents – start early, okay to look at kids’ phone
    - Problems starts early – grades 2,3,4
    - Social media affecting wellness of children
    - **Action 01.31.02:** School Admin will reach out to RCMP, Alisha will reach out to Mental Wellness and Substance Use Services
- f. Donna-Marie Haughton resignation
  - Require formal letter from Donna
  - Parting gift for contributions
    - **Action 01.31.03:** Johanna will purchase a \$20 gift card to Baked
    - Motion to approve by Alisha, Seconded by Sarah, All in favour
- g. AYSCBC update - Laura
  - Meeting of the chairs
  - Every school: busing issue, TOC availability, staffing issue
    - Laura suggested school specific TOCs
  - Presentation on strategic plan
    - Department expects AYSCBC to expand role
    - Do not have the staffing ability to do that
  - School Budgets – discussion
  - Frustration: purpose of school councils, minimal communication with department
  - Increased coordination on issues
  - Increased academic rigour for schools

## 7. Standing Business

- a. Project Advisory Committee
  - Sarah will resign from PAC, Johanna will take over
    - **Action 01.31.04:** Sarah will contact Chris Hanlin
- b. School Growth Plan
  - Sheila will replace Johanna on School Growth Committee
    - Motion to approve by Gary, Seconded by Alisha. All in favour
- c. Transportation Committee

- Admin provided a list of transportation issues
- d. Community Events
  - School Council will coordinate an April movie night
    - En francais, with subtitles
    - **Action 01.31.05:** Johanna will reach out to the Yukon Film Society to book
  - School BBQ
    - **Action 01.31.06:** Alisha will rent bbq from Yukon Service Supply

**8. Next Meeting – Monday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30pm**

**9. Adjournment of Council Meeting at 8:02pm**