



School Council
École Whitehorse Elementary School
Kwanlin Kets'edan Ku
4181 4th Avenue, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 1J7
Phone (867) 667-8083
Fax (867) 393-6211

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 20, 2025 @ 6:30 pm – ÉWES Staff Room

Sarah Gallina, Chair, regrets Gary Whittle, Vice-Chair, acting Chair Kelly Jiang, Member, via zoom Sheila Merkley, Member Micah Quinn, Member	Johanna Havelaar, Secretary-Treasurer Ashley O'Brien, Member, regrets Sharon MacCoubrey, Principal Valerie Long, Vice Principal Richard Poirier, School Council Liaison
---	---

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'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. Add 6 a. School Calendar e-mail from Trevor Ratcliffe
- b. **Motion 25.01.01** to adopt Agenda by Sheila, Second by Micah, All in favour

4. Adoption of December Minutes

- a. **Motion 25.01.02** to adopt Minutes by Kelly, All in favour

5. Recognition of Community Members

6. Correspondence

- a. School calendar e-mail from Trevor Ratcliffe
 - Advocate school start date, end date, and holidays be released earlier
 - Richard will bring this comment to the department at the next meeting– January 21st – and will report back to council

7. Reports

- a. **Administration Report – Sharon**
 - \$100 donation to garbage truck Santa
 - Accidents due to ice continue to be an issue
 - Currently looking for 1 EA

- Started staff surveys
- Looking for a 0.5 VP for next year
- Building issues:
 - Snow mound is gone, but carpet has been ripped off again
 - Water – lead levels exceed guidelines in certain fountains– fountain was not turned off and administration was not notified
 - Problem with transparency and communication on lead levels
 - Richard will bring concerns to department meeting and report back to council
 - Administration may come back to council to follow-up with the department
 - Chain-link fence still needs repair, Richard will follow-up
- Presentation of 2025-26 draft school calendar

b. Financial/Treasurer Report – Johanna

- Account balance approx. \$19 000

8. New Business

a. Teacher Job Action

- Awaiting the results of the vote before the end of January

b. Policy Reformatting

- Standardized formatting of policies that school council has written
- Sharon will send policies to review to the council gmail
- Gary will be the lead on reformatting
- **Action 25.01.01** School council members should review policies once shared and suggest reformatting changes at the February meeting.

9. Standing Business

a. French Second Language – Sharon

- January 30th is the next meeting

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

- Parent Handout – proofed and approved – should be available to share soon
- PAC: resignations (Fahad, Jamie), interviews happening now
- Traffic study has been completed – waiting to be shared with PAC
- Newest school report to be shared with PAC soon
- Next meeting of PAC has not been set, will depend on hiring

c. School Growth Plan – Sheila

- No updates

d. Transportation Committee – Micah

- Feb 25th is the next meeting.
- Micah will consult with Sharon at next council meeting if there are any current issues that need to be addressed

e. Community events

- Christmas Family Movie Night – Le Boréal Express
 - Tuesday December 17th @ 4:30pm
 - 68 people attended

- School BBQ – June 11th, 2025 @ noon
 - BBQ rental
 - **Action 25.01.02:** Micah will contact Yukon Service Supply to book the bbq and discuss delivery

10. Next Meeting – February 17th, 2025

11. Adjournment of Council Meeting – 19:21