**Selkirk Elementary School Council**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Monday, April 11th, 2021**

**At 6:30pm via Zoom and in-person**

**Call to order:** 6:35 PM

**Introductions:** Melanie Davignon (SSC Chair), Tamara Boiteau (Principal), Leslie Doran (VP), Cheryl West (returning officer for elections), Marilyn Marquis-Forster (Superintendent), Laura Davidson (SSC Member), Tina Busetto (parent), Ian Parker (SSC member), Sue Glynn-Morris (SSC member), John Coyne (parent), Lisa Rawlings-Bird (parent), Kristine Carruthers (parent), Michelle Boleen (parent), Erin Adshead (parent), Meagan Lang (parent), Jim Snider (parent)

**In attendance:** See Introductions

**Regrets:** NA

**Approval of Agenda**- Ian move to approve the agenda, Sue to second, all in favour.

**Approval of March 21st, 2022 meeting minutes** Ian moved to accept minutes and Laura to second. All in favour.

**Cheryl West** – School Council Elections – nomination packages available at the school, online or contact Cheryl West by (867 332-5832) Before noon on Thursday April 21, 2022. Cheryl will be at the school between 10am-noon that day. You can also contact her in advance. If there are more than five there will be an election. If there are fewer there will be an acclamation. Election day is May 2 from 3-8pm or you can vote between 10am-4pm M-F between April 27 and May 2 at Main Admin building. 5 +1 TKC or KDFN guaranteed YFN representative.

**Treasurer’s Report (**attached) A number of commitments outstanding. $5,030 remaining, which can be carry forward to next year.

**Principal’s Report**

1. Staffing.

We continue to have on-going posters for two EA vacancies and our Southern Tutchone Language and Culture teacher. As for our FI jobs for next school year, we had to repost one position and are awaiting language testing results. We are pleased to welcome back Simon Hoareau, EA, to staff from his return from another department in government. As well, Maryse Levesque will be fulfilling our LAT role and Eunice Angui will continue as the FI gr 2/3 classroom teacher to the end of the year.

2. Sports.

Artic sports and floor hockey tournaments were a great success. We were happy to host one of the floor hockey divisions and support the return to sports. Badminton will be fast approach for our grade 7’s and we look forward to any other additions to the schedule for students.

3. Reporting.

Our next informal reports will be going home on Thursday April 14. They will focus on literacy and numeracy. Learning standards with current proficiency of each will be included with a general overview of assignments and projects corresponding to the standards.

4. Building Addition.

The addition will be taking longer than anticipated. The door entry placement has created some additional work needing to be completed. A load bearing post will need to be moved. Having looked at the options, the best choice is to continue with the decided door location. This ensures ease of use, less congestions in the event of an evacuation, and will serve the school for years to come.

5. Bike Racks.

A big shout out to Ian Parker for organizing our bike rack makeover. The racks look great and are very functional. They have happy bikes being locked to them every day.

6. Our School Survey.

A survey for grades 4-7 will be conducted (a student voice tool). This is a survey initiated by the department Yukon wide. Students can choose to not answer questions or participate. All students are anonymous by using a computer-generated username

and password handed out at random. The questions range in topic from safety, bullying, supports in class, learning, and how to make the school better. Brian Lardner will be leading the classes in the survey.

**Old Business (Updates):**

Parking lot/Selkirk St Safety update-site visit and transportation master plan updates – no update

Busing – update?

Application for funding bus and swimming lessons-Every Student Everyday - waiting to hear

Response to the Minister – The Minister of Education sent a follow up letter from our last Council meeting regarding the second FI kindergarten. Marilyn and Pascal (French Programs) may have access to additional funding for French programming. Mel and Tamara asked Marilyn what the next steps are in following up to the Ministers’ letter (e.g., additional staff for the post-intensive French program). Mel will draft a response letter to send back to the Minister.

Motion and approval of funding for the First Peoples Storytelling Program – SES VP inquired if School Council would support a school wide Yukon First Nation’s art and literacy project through Artist in the Schools. SES is seeking $1,615.00 to cover the cost of materials. 30 hours allocated to Selkirk through AIS and will likely get an additional 30+ hours. Because it’s been a unique year, many teachers and schools have not yet used their AIS allocation, and if we don’t use it, we lose it.

The art produced will be displayed, either virtually or in person, on May 12 during Selkirk’s Spring Showcase- A Celebration of Leaning. Ian made the motion to pass. Sue seconded it. All in favour.

End of year celebration – Council discussed moose stew and Bannock. Classes could make Bannock and freeze it. Ian could speak to the Nutrition Program staff at YFNED to see if they are ok with SES kitchen staff helping. Mel will talk to the kitchen staff and see if they have ideas.

**New Business:**

SART Yukon – Sexualized Assault Response Team services. Mel will share this information with school administration.

Spring Litter Clean Up – Tamara expressed concerns about safety issues with litter pick up in town. Decision to not send it along to teachers.

Status of the flag poles – Head custodian is waiting until the snow melts to put up a ladder to replace the broken mechanism.

Education planning initiative at FH – Wed April 20 at 6:30pm (Zoom). Mel and Sue will attend.

Education planning, as it pertains to the future delivery of education programming and capital infrastructure, are top of mind issues for many school communities in Whitehorse and across the territory. With increasing demands on the delivery First Nation education and French programming, increased pressure on experiential programming, curriculum changes and continued growth in our population, schools across the territory are facing a variety of pressures when being asked to allocate education resources.

Last year, the F.H. Collins Secondary School Council asked the Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards and Committees (AYSCBC) to lead an education planning process that would engage school councils in a broader community discussion about education priorities (programming & infrastructure needs) and possible solutions. Areas to assess (but not limited to) could include: catchment areas and a review of school assets to determine what is possible programmatically and/or determining which students should be served by different programs and limiting or expanding resources for them.

AYSCBC AGM – Saturday, May 28, 10am-4pm

The Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards and Committees (AYSCBC) will be hosting the 2022 AYSCBC AGM on Saturday, May 28th from 10 am – 4 pm. The meeting will address the required business elements of an annual general meeting including the presentation of financial statements, workplan, resolutions and other annual reports. Members will receive more information regarding registration and other details via email within the coming weeks.

Film info from Golden Horn Council-Angst – Goldenhorn Elementary And École Whitehorse Elementary School Councils are sponsoring a week-long screening of a film called ANGST which deals with the topic of anxiety. They are planning to send it out to all parents in their school communities as well as offer it to any teachers who may want to show it in their classrooms and have discussions about it. The film Angst is built around elementary to high school students’ experiences, with young people talking candidly about how they have been affected, how they have coped, and their optimism for the future. Tamara will look at age appropriateness. Possibly best for grades 6-7. It might be best to show in a couple of classes. Mel will request the link so we have it.

**Information Items:**

Health Week Debrief and HBSC-Ian – Health Survey of Yukon students grades 6-10 re health risks and health behaviours. The survey has found consistent findings about girls in grades 9 and 10 (in particular), especially in communities. Increasing mental health concerns too. There is a 10 min video that Ian will share out. Discussion followed about the interconnection between health and education.

Brian and Nicole got $ from for portable bike fixing station for older kids to mentor younger kids.

**In camera-1 Item**

**Next regular meeting:**

Monday, May 9th, 6:30pm in person? and via Zoom