**Selkirk Elementary School Council**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Monday, October 4th, 2021**

**6:30pm in person or Zoom**

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**Call to order:** 7:05 pm

**In attendance:** Council members: Ian Parker, Laura Davidson, Mel Davignon, Sue Glynn-Morris, Leslie Doran (VP), Tamara Boiteau (principal), Meagan Lang (parent), Scott Kent (Education critic), Currie Dixon (Leader of Yukon party), Tina Busetto (parent - Zoom), Zoe Morrison (parent - Zoom), Anne ? (parent - Zoom), Colleen Madore (parent), Marilyn Marquis-Foster (Area superintendent)

**Approval of Agenda** - Ian made a motion to accept and Laura seconded. All in favour.

**Approval of September 13th, 2021 meeting minutes** - Ian indicated a correction to be made to the minutes. Sue had already made the change. Laura made a motion to approve the updated minutes. Ian seconded. All in favour.

**Treasurer’s Report** -See AGM $4911 remaining + $6,360 for this school year. Sue moved to approve and Ian seconded. All in favour.

**Principal’s Report** -

Hiring. 5/6 FI we are doing reference checks for a candidate and are hopeful to complete the process this week. We are still short EA’s and will be putting out a new poster in hopes it may spark interest instead of continue with an “on-going” posting.

There still are no applicants on out Southern Tutchone posting.

Modular. The modular classroom is set to be complete this week with students in on Tuesday October 12. The HRV system was shipped last week with install and final inspection set for this week.

Sports. Volleyball league has started with games and practices. Games are on Mondays and the final tournament will take place in November.

OutRide Riding for Focus Grant. Bikes will be delivered Thursday afternoon and we are working out details to make it an event. We are hoping a group of students can participate in a ride around the area to test out the new equipment. Two teachers, Colleen Latham and Lindsay Hutchinson, have been trained to deliver the program to their students and support research.

Student-Parent-Teacher Conference Oct 14/15. Conferences will be led by the teacher focusing on student progress in literacy, numeracy, and social emotional learning. Students are asked to attend, as it is their learning journey being discussed. Full reporting plan will be sent home tomorrow with the link for online booking for the upcoming conference.

Changes to the annual Terry Fox Run - there were issues with behaviour between intermediate students on the playground recently (inappropriate language, not listening, hands-on each other). This, along with the high water levels on the river, influenced administration to restructure the annual run (small groups and Riverdale route). This week intermediate student classes were separated on the playground and this has helped.

**Follow up discussion from Principal’s report:**

Staffing There has been a French teacher shortage across the country. Current policies and procedures impact the hiring process. The Department of Education is well aware of the situation. Marilyn described that the Department is taking an active staffing approve. French language assessment is a stumbling block. YTA would need to agree to a change in approach. Housing is also an issue. Meagan Lang would be happy to assist in any way possible to support the school to ensure we are not short teachers at the start of the school year in August.

Numerous knock on effects of having a second FI kindergarten each year. Reduced gym time, lack of teachers and EAs, Language and other special area teachers are in classrooms and not able to fill their roles, students in library as modules not ready, etc. Takhini is the one school in the city that has space. Could FI be moved to Takhini?

Christmas potluck celebration - the administration is working on a christmas meal that can happen in a safe way

YFNED Lunch Program - it is going well. Still waiting on the opt-out letter from YFNED.

Re: a question from a parent about volunteering as a lunch monitor - Tamara confirmed it is not possible to have volunteer parents on the playground but could volunteer with clubs or teams.

**Old Business (Updates):**

Parking lot/Selkirk St Safety update Mel sent Trevor (YG) our questions about the parking lot. No word back.

Playground update - still waiting. Equipment was back ordered. May have to wait for the Spring.

Modular update see principal’s report

Education for students at the school cycling/walking on roads - no update - Mel will try other avenues.

School Health sub-committee update 4-5 parents and two teachers are interested. Look to have a meeting in the next couple weeks. Will be taking a slow approach so as not to overwhelm. Leslie said this sub-committee could help organize parent coaches. Tina would volunteer with the running club.

School Council funding criteria Ian made a motion to adopt this rubric. Laura seconded it. All in favour. Mel will send a message to teachers with the rubric and ask for requests/proposals. We can gather feedback and tweak for next year.

Next FSL advisory committee meeting – Nov 17 in the afternoon Mel will attend. Mel attached terms of reference.

AYSCBC October meeting Oct 27-29. Mel can attend Thursday night and Friday morning. Other Council members will look into it as well.

Review of Inclusive and Special Education meeting Nov 12. Details to come

**New Business:**

Staff Shortages Aug/Sept 2021 - Only two days in 25 didSelkirk have full staff. Some days were as high as 7 staff short. Marilyn explained that they have a new HR position at the Department to look into the Teacher on Call (ToC) issue (e.g., retired teachers need to reapply - cumbersome and time-consuming).

Funding Agreement-information $6,360 confirmed for this school year.

Yukon First Nations School Board

Background: The Association of Yukon School Boards and Committees (AYSBC) and Yukon First Nation Education Directorate (YFNED) hosted a Zoom meeting a few weeks ago for Councils to invite schools to join a YFN school board. The process is for school councils who are interested to table a resolution by the end of October 2021 to go to a referendum (which would happen within 90 days of the resolution) to see if the school catchment area wants to join. A 50+1 vote would mean the school would join. Council shared this information with the administration and staff.

Next steps: Selkirk School Council will decide in the next couple weeks whether to vote on a resolution. If School Council decides not to table a resolution to hold a referendum (or if the resolution is not passed) 20% of the catchment area population could sign a plebiscite by Oct 30, 2021 to force the minister to host a referendum. Ian feels that at a minimum a motion should be tabled for school councillors to share their options, ideally in a public forum. Tamara shared that she thinks if we are to pass a resolution we should do it sooner than later to get the information out through a FAQ and one or more town halls. Tina has offered to help organize the conversations/town halls.

Mel will send a letter to YFNED with some more questions, including to confirm that the School Council does not need to dissolve before a referendum achieves 50+1 votes.

Selkirk email - Mel monitors the Selkirk email. Not much traffic.

Colleen’s resignation + appointing a new Council member Colleen Madore resigned from Selkirk School Council, effective October 4th, due to a potential conflict of interest as a result of her new role with Elections Yukon.

Council can approach an eligible individual to take Colleen’s place on Council or any interested party can put their name forward. If we have more than two names it must go to a bi-election. Tina ([tina.busetto@gmail.com](mailto:tina.busetto@gmail.com)) expressed possibly being interested. It was proposed we might consider seeking an English stream representative. The remainder of the term is very short (until May 2022). It is up to the Minister to approve appointments.

**Information Items:**

FSL Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

YFNSB Agreement with Dept of Education

Education Act (<https://laws.yukon.ca/cms/images/LEGISLATION/PRINCIPAL/2002/2002-0061/2002-0061.pdf?zoom_highlight=education+act#search=%22education%20act%22>)

YFNSB Process document

**Next School Council meeting:**

Monday, November 8th, 6:30pm in person and via Zoom