

**Minutes**  
**Selkirk Elementary School Council**  
**Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 2017**  
**6:30pm – Selkirk School Library**

**Introduction**

- Call to order at 6:32pm
- In attendance: Cathi Dunham, Michelle Boleen, Peter Gubbe, Sandy Calhoun, Sharon Specht, Melanie Davignon, Lisa Lammers, Cai Krikorian, Lorraine Taillefer
- Guest: Nicole Morgan

**Agenda approved** – Motion by Melanie to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy. Approved by all.

**Approval of meeting minutes from January 11, 2017** – Motion by Sharon to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandy. Approved by all.

**Standing Items**

- Treasurer's Report - updated balance of \$15,647.46
- Principal's Report – see attached.

**Old Business (updates)**

- **Purchase of musical instruments**- Last council meeting, council agreed to fund items in quote #2 (see minutes from January 11 for a list). Cathi and Peter will confirm with Grant he can move forward and order the instruments based on quote #2. Council agreed to fund a bass amp up to \$500. Melanie brought forward the motion. Sandy 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Cold weather policy** – Some parents have expressed concern wishing the cold weather policy would allow kids to be outside in temperatures colder than -25 (including windchill). Other elementary schools policies were discussed. Some have temperature cut offs of -25, but many had a colder cut-off or made a decision each day as to whether recess would be outside or not. Discussions revolved around how it is hard to fit needs of all parents/children. Many kids do come to school dressed well for the temperatures, but others do not. Staff need to juggle safety of kids. The school does not have much of a wind break from south winds. On "red days", teachers do have access to pantheon boards and "noodle" to help engage kids and keep them a bit active during red days. Council will revisit the cold weather policy at the next council meeting, with the aim to have either a survey or updated weather policy to present to parents and ask for feedback. Any changes will not take effect until the next school year. The school administration will gather feedback from teachers on the current policy, as any changes would affect teachers as well as students. Administration will also look into the policies and the process used to get to the cold weather policies at Christ the King Elementary, Elijah Smith Elementary and Jack Hulland.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Presentation on upcoming changes to new curriculum by Nicole Morgan** – the curriculum is changing for students in Grades K-9. Yukon will be implementing these changes for the 2017/18 school year. It is a competency based curriculum, which most jurisdictions are moving towards. The Yukon curriculum redesign is based on the BC frameworks, but it is Yukon-based and has First Nations/local components. The curriculum allows for more hands on learning.

Nicole presented a PowerPoint presentation. It, along with other information on the curriculum can be found at: <http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/curriculum.html>

- **School Growth Plan** – The plan has been updated. A copy was distributed to council members to review and provide feedback at the next council meeting.
- **Selkirk Elementary School dual track facility study** – The Department of Education commissioned a report on the SES facility, and how the school might be expanded or added on to in order to meet the anticipated growth in the number of children attending the school, as the French Immersion track grows. The document was very detailed with proposed building layouts and cost projections. Peter will send the document to council members to review.

There was discussion around the value of keeping the school dual track.

**Meeting with Minister of Education** - Melanie will confirm if the DM of Education will be attending with the Minister of Education at our next meeting.

**Every Student, Every Day funding** – Money is available to schools that have initiatives to promote attendance. Peter will talk to Grant Hartwick about potential ideas and potentially writing a proposal.

**Adjourned at 8:25p.m.**

**Next meeting will be 6:30pm at the Selkirk School library on Wednesday, March 8.**

## **Principal's Report to Selkirk Elementary School Council 2017 Feb 15 6:30pm Library**

- 1 Updated draft information vis-à-vis the implementation of new curriculum in Yukon schools over the next number of years was presented to school administrators Feb 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, along with inclusions of First Nations cultures and ways of knowing and doing. When finalized by YE, this information will be forwarded to schools and councils. School calendar information will also be sent to school councils soon for their consideration and feedback.
- 2 SGP updates are now being reviewed in preparation for pre-planning for 2017 2018. Professional development at Selkirk will continue to focus on further developing strong inter-relationships and assessment for learning as central to best practices in the teaching/learning process as we move to the new curriculum next year. This approach also coincides with current YE goals to increase awareness and understanding of Yukon First Nations cultures, ways of knowing and doing in relation to student-centered assessment
- 3 Programs for 2017/2018 will include Intensive French, Pre-intensive French (Core French) and French Immersion for K, Grade 1 and Grade 2. At this time, SES has been asked to accept two French Immersion Kindergartens again next year. Pre-registration for Kindergarten 2017/18 began on Monday, February 13, 2017. Applications have already been received for 35 of 36 available spaces for FIK and 12 of 18 available spaces for EK. Preferences and final school placements will be confirmed as soon as possible.
- 4 School staffing for 2017 2018 will begin shortly, as soon as entitlements are distributed to schools. Total school enrolment is expected to approach 250 in September.
- 5 French Immersion Week is currently in progress for the second year at Selkirk. Both immersion and English tracks have been enjoying a variety of activities presented by our Immersion teachers and staff. We are continuing to enjoy the dual track nature of SES!!
- 6 Selkirk staff were pleased to work with the First Nations Initiatives Branch of Yukon College on our Professional Development Day Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. This session provided links to incorporating First Nations ways of knowing and doing into the redesigned curriculum for Yukon schools, with discussions and presentations focused on history, heritage and culture, governance, residential schools, contemporary topics and world views.
- 7 School staff are in the process of preparing second term student progress reports, to be sent home March 13<sup>th</sup>. Parent/teacher conferences will be Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:15-8pm and on Fri. March 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00pm. Students do not attend classes on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. (Spring Break Mar 20-31 back to school April 3)
- 8 Parent involvement in school activities continues to grow, including participation in Learning Together, Family Night and at school assemblies.
- 9 Recent student activities have included Family Literacy Day, Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, Gr 6 Polar Games and Senior Boys/Girls Basketball tournaments, Student Valentine dance and French Immersion Week.