

Minutes
Selkirk Elementary School Council
Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
6:30 PM

Introduction

- Called to order @ 6:39 p.m.
- In attendance - Cathi Dunham, Michelle Boleen, Peter Gubbe, Sandy Calhoun, Sharon Specht, Melanie Davignon.
- Regrets - Laura Davidson

Approval of Agenda – with additions to new business. Motion by Michelle to approve and 2nd by Sandy. Approved by all.

Approval of meeting minutes from November 9, 2016 – motion to approve by Melanie and 2nd by Sandy. Approved by all.

Standing Items

- Treasurer's Report - \$17,897.46 is current balance
- Principal's Report – see attached.

Old Business (updates)

- Application for musical instruments – In the end the application to Music Counts was not made in November. A large amount of information was required in a short time, including letters of support from parents and administrators. We will consider making an application in 2017, and start compiling necessary information in the spring.
- New multi-lingual sign – the new Selkirk Elementary School sign is up, and looks great. It is in English, French and Southern Tutchone.
- Nutrition/food used for fundraisers and Health Promotion Branch – We don't need to invite the Dietitian from Health Promotion at the moment. We will consider inviting the dietitian at a later date.

- French Immersion and school space/growth – the school understands that it will remain dual-stream, offering both an English and French Immersion stream, all the way until Grade 7. Melanie Davignon offered to draft a letter to the Department of Education to ask for a meeting with council to discuss next steps in terms of how the Department will accommodate more students at Selkirk, and if the Department has plans to expand French Immersion into other elementary schools in Whitehorse.
- School Council Orientation Kit – Sharon had found a wealth of information on the Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards and Committees website. This includes a council planning calendar with important dates of items that occur annually, advice for councils and a code of conduct. Sharon will scan and send to other council members to review. The idea would be to create a binder for all new council members so everyone is on the same page and understands their roles and responsibilities as a school council member.

New Business

- Professional Development ideas for school council members - As each school council gets \$500 for professional development, we can decide how our money is spent. If not spent this year, it can carry over to the next. This money can be used to reimburse members who need to take time off of work to attend the Annual School Council Conference from April 27 to 29.
- Cold Weather Policy – there was much discussion regarding the current cold weather policy, which is -25 degrees Celsius including windchill, based on Environment Canada’s weather. Administration does not want to change the policy this school year, but may consider for next year. We all want to balance the benefits of physical exercise with the threat of frostbite. Many schools have a colder cut-off. Melanie and Michelle will look into policies at other schools, and will bring forward for discussion to another school council meeting this spring, for further discussion.
- Musical Instruments for after school music program – When the application to Music Counts did not go forward, it was discussed that some of the funds that were left over from the school supply project from the department of Education could

be used to fund the instruments. The program benefits many children, some of whom many not have access to music lessons if it were not for this program. The list Grant Hartwick supplied totals \$3090 (See Quote #2, attached). It was decided to go with quote #2, as while it is slightly more expensive (\$620) than quote #1, the instruments are of a higher quality, and should last longer. It was also decided that a guitar amp could also be purchased, which Grant had requested at an earlier meeting.

Motion by Sharon to approve Grant Hartwick purchasing instruments in quote #2, as well as a guitar amp. Seconded by Melanie. Approved by all.

- T4A memos – these were signed by all members at the beginning of the school year. No further action needed.
 - Purchase of jerseys for Selkirk Coyotes school teams. A request has come forward to buy jerseys for Selkirk sports teams. They would include numbers on the back, and the school logo on the front. A quote will be brought forward to the next council meeting for discussion and possible approval for school council to fund or assist in the purchase of the jerseys.

Rendezvous – Melanie will work with Peter and Cathi to arrange the Rendezvous Snowshoe Shufflers to do a show for the children in the gym. Event will likely take place on Thursday, February 23rd – the day before Heritage Day.

Adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

NEXT MEETING- Wednesday, February 8th, 2016 at 6:30 pm Selkirk School Library

Principal's Report to Selkirk Elementary School Council 2017 Jan 11 6:30pm Library

- 1 Pre-registration for Kindergarteners starting the 2017/18 school year in Whitehorse begins on Monday, February 13, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. Information about pre-registration will be published on the Education website by Monday, January 23, 2017.
- 2 A parent information meeting date to include French Immersion at Selkirk and WES has been set for Tuesday Jan 31st from 7-9 pm in the school library. Details about the meeting format from YE are pending as is the number of FIK classes to be accommodated at SES. As a designated dual track school, our programs for 2017/2018 will include Intensive French, Pre-intensive French (Core French) and French Immersion for K, Grade 1 and Grade 2
- 3 Next steps in relation to curriculum redesign and implementation plans have not yet been relayed to reflect discussions with Minister McPhee and YE. However, 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 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. In support, our Pro-D Friday Jan 20th will involve interactive work with Yukon College First Nations Initiatives and Skill Development personnel re their course entitled First Nations 101
- 4 Council members may be interested to know that The University of British Columbia's Faculty of Education is offering a free online course for educators called Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education from January 24-March 7, 2017. The course is designed for educators to learn more about how indigenous histories, perspectives, worldviews and approaches to learning.
- 5 This year's summit with the First Nations Education Commission (FNEC) and the Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) will be held February 8 to 10. School administrators will attend Feb 8th on topics including reconciliation and cultural inclusion standards.
- 6 Sports and experiential programs are continuing with schedules for skiing now in place for the majority of classes. Basketball season is here, with games with other schools and final tournaments scheduled for Feb 9-11
- 7 Family Literacy day at SES will be Friday Jan 27th. Details for family participation will be in the newsletter. Heritage Day is Friday Feb 24th, with the annual spelling bee scheduled in the foyer of the Yukon Government Administration Building for grades 3-9. Hours TBA. Word lists will be sent home for an upcoming spelling bee at Selkirk, to select two student representatives for Heritage Day finals.
- 8 Family Night at Selkirk on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:00 continues to be popular, with new staff volunteers taking on activities for families. Newly started is a PedaYoga class led by Veronique Boivin providing soothing sounds, pleasing scents and lower blood pressures. Come and join! Violin, guitar, and dance classes continue to thrive, with upcoming gigs and the Rotary Festival on the horizon.

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Quote #1

Item Description	Size	Quantity	Price	Total
School GENIAL 1-Oil Violin	4/4	2	\$135.00	\$270.00
School GENIAL 1-Oil Violin	3/4	2	\$115.00	\$230.00
School GENIAL 1-Oil Violin	1/2	2	\$115.00	\$230.00
School GENIAL 1-Oil Violin	1/4	2	\$105.00	\$210.00
School GENIAL 1-Oil Violin	1/8	2	\$95.00	\$190.00
School GENIAL 1-Oil Violin	1/10	2	\$95.00	\$190.00
School GENIAL 1-Oil Viola	15"	2	\$145.00	\$290.00
H793 Dark Blue/Black Violin Case	4/4	2	\$30.00	\$60.00
H793 Dark Blue/Black Violin Case	3/4	2	\$30.00	\$60.00
H793 Dark Blue/Black Violin Case	1/2	2	\$30.00	\$60.00
H793 Dark Blue/Black Violin Case	1/4	2	\$30.00	\$60.00
H793 Dark Blue/Black Violin Case	1/8	2	\$30.00	\$60.00
H793 Dark Blue/Black Violin Case	1/10	2	\$30.00	\$60.00
H793 Dark Blue/Black Viola Case	15"	2	\$35.00	\$70.00
CHOS Student Brazilwood Octagonal Violin Bow	4/4	2	\$30.00	\$60.00
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CHOS Student Brazilwood Octagonal Violin Bow	1/2	2	\$30.00	\$60.00
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CHOS Student Brazilwood Octagonal Violin Bow	1/8	2	\$30.00	\$60.00
CHOS Student Brazilwood Octagonal Viola Bow	15"	2	\$35.00	\$70.00

Sub-Total \$2,470.00

Quote #2

Item Description	Size	Quantity	Price	Total
Student GEMS 2 Violin	4/4	2	\$185.00	\$370.00
Student GEMS 2 Violin	3/4	2	\$165.00	\$330.00
Student GEMS 2 Violin	1/2	2	\$155.00	\$310.00
Student GEMS 2 Violin	1/4	2	\$145.00	\$290.00
Student GEMS 2 Violin	1/8	2	\$135.00	\$270.00
Student GEMS 2 Violin	1/10	2	\$135.00	\$270.00
Student GEMS 2 Viola	15"	2	\$195.00	\$390.00
H793 Dark Blue/Black Violin Case	4/4	2	\$30.00	\$60.00
H793 Dark Blue/Black Violin Case	3/4	2	\$30.00	\$60.00
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approved by Council

+ guitar amp