Selkirk Elementary School Council

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, December 12th, 2022

Or via Zoom

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**Call to order:** 7:16

**Introductions:** Melanie Bennett (Executive Director Yukon First Nation Education Directorate), Melissa Flynn (Interim Executive Director Yukon First Nation School Board)

**In attendance:** Tim Kucharuk (Council), Tina Busetto (Council), Leslie Dorian (vice-principal), Janna Swales (Council), Nicholas Vienneau (principal), Melanie Davignon (Council Chair), John Coyne (Council), Colleen Madore (parent), Melanie Bennett (Executive Director Yukon First Nation Education Directorate), Melissa Flynn (Interim Executive Director Yukon First Nation School Board), Zoe Morrison (Parent on zoom), Marilyn Marquis-Forster (Superintendent)

**Regrets:**

**Approval of Agenda-** John moved to approve the agenda. Tim to second, All in favour.

**Approval of November 14th, 2022 meeting minutes-** Janna moved to accept minutes, small amendment to attendees. John to second. All in favour.

**Treasurer’s Report-** Bank of Montreal closed today. **$**6360.00 still to come from Department. Tim and John to follow up re: bank closure.

**Principal’s Report-**

December 2022

1. Report Cards are on Track to be sent home Dec 16, keep reports on Aspen.
2. Festive Follies is going well. We can make a few adaptions for next year. YFNED cooks are making cookies for every night.
3. Arctic Sports, Hand games all great success.
4. Monthly Assemblies are happening and are a huge success.
5. Working on school issues, such as mats, sound systems, speakers, black mold in a few classrooms, carpets, etc.
6. Construction and the Library – have not heard anything. LAT office room including First Nation Teaching Room not finished until March.
7. We have a weekly schedule on our school website now of extra curricular activities
8. School Growth Plan - Literacy focused through a NME Lens is our hope.
9. Lots of successful field trips are happening in classes. Limited applicants.
10. We have five EA positions to fill plus the grade 1 French Immersion still.
11. Open house at Selkirk for Grade 3 parents for Grey Mountain in January.
12. Jan 16 is a PD day, want to focus on Literacy.
13. Jan 27 is community literacy day, 30-45 mins that families could come, admin to check in with staff. Parking could be an issue.
14. Blue Slips tracking – 37 slips, 14 students only one slip, 8 students two or more slips.

**Information and Q & A FN School Board-Melissa Flynn**

Melanie Bennett and Melissa Flynn provided update on First Nation School Board (FNSB) and process to join the school board.

Some main points:

* Optional for school council to make a motion for resolution
  + See Elections Yukon information and https://www.fnsb.ca
* Minister agreed to hold a second referendum
* Referendums that are successful would assume into school board Aug 2023.
* Trustees in place for ~ 3 weeks
* Many great successes noted. Student-centred decisions. Increasing communication with families to feel that they are a part of their child’s education. Recruitment strategy.
* Many questions have come up too, concerns on increased stressors on school community especially since pandemic, curriculum and community committees.
* Question re: would Selkirk remain a French-immersion school if it joined the First Nation School Board. Melanie Bennett mentioned she would take this back to the Trustees for a response ~ Dec 19/20th.
* Petition for the referendum– 20% of attendance area + 50% of FNSB are OR Minister has authority
* Referendum requires 50% + 1 of those who vote to vote in favour

**Information from Elections Yukon:**

**https://electionsyukon.ca/en/content/first-nation-school-board-referendum**

**Prior to January 5, 2023:** Resolution and petition processes ongoing in school communities. Information on petition processes is available from the Department of Education, including the number of signatures required for petitions.

**Thursday, January 5, 2023 to Monday, January 30, 2023 – Submission Period:**The Department of Education will accept resolutions from school councils and petitions from community members requesting their school join the First Nation School Board.

**Thursday, February 16 to Monday, February 27, 2023 – Referendum Voting Period:** Eligible electors will have multiple options to cast their vote; mail-in ballots, early voting in person (Saturday, February 25), Polling Day (Monday, February 27) and walk-in service at Elections Yukon.

**Monday, February 27, 2023 - Polling Day:** Final day for eligible electors to cast their vote. Polling will close at 8:00 PM with unofficial results being posted as they are reported.

**Tuesday, February 28, 2023 – Official Addition:** Official results released. Schools where 50% plus 1 of the votes cast support joining the First Nation School Board will for the start of the 2023-24 school year.

Council could visit a school under the FNSB.

**Old Business (Updates):**

**Parking lot/Selkirk St Safety update – waiting to hear back with what we are going to get after meetings. Noted parking on certain school days is blocking the other parking spaces. Admin to and address.**

**Bus update – incident on the bus, admin handled it and the bus had not run the next day. Standard posted something on Facebook and have been provided a script on what can be shared.**

**Grade 8&9 French immersion – Marilyn confirmed that the Department of Education is not considering Gr. 8/9 French Immersion moving to Porter Creek.**

**EA allocation – update. See principals report.**

**New Business:**

**Director liability insurance – Dept. is looking into this. John looking into cost etc. School council should get clarification from the Dept of Education. Important to clarify what information we need to operate competently. Tim to initiate writing a letter to Department and provide quote. Council should seek legal advice.**

**AYSCBC meeting January 5th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Council could zoom and do in the library.**

**Information Items:**

**Next regular meeting:**

**Thursday, January 5th, start at 4:30- 6:30pm in person and via Zoom**

**Child and Youth advocate is coming at TBD.**