Selkirk Elementary School Council

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, April 3rd, 2023 6:30pm in the library

Or via Zoom

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[**https://yukonedu.zoom.us/j/63532052938**](https://yukonedu.zoom.us/j/63532052938)

**Call to order:** 6:31

**Introductions:** Robyn Burns (parent), Patti Ballslie (Consultant for Dept. of Ed)

**In attendance:** Tim Kucharuk (Council), Tina Busetto (Council), Leslie Doran (vice-

principal), Janna Swales (Council), John Coyne (Council), Melanie Davignon (Council Chair), Nicholas Vienneau (principal), Colleen Madore (parent), Robyn Burns (parent), Patti Ballslie (Consultant for Dept. of Ed)

R**egrets**: Marilyn Marquis-Forster (Superintendent),

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

**Approval of March 6th, 2023 meeting minutes -** John moved to approve the amended minutes, Janna to second. All in favour.

**Whitehorse School Capital Planning presentation**

Patti spoke to her role as a consultant to Department of Education. There is an online engagement focused on 2 components.

* ranking system for school replacement and school build
* school enhancements or renovations

Survey open until 05/15/23. Patti requested that this be shared widely to the school community.

Department of Education is looking to gather a “laundry” list of school owned and family led ideas for the next 10 years. In addition, there are going to be focus groups with senior students.

5 public open houses end of April. Details on engagement is here:

<https://yukon.ca/en/engagements/whitehorse-school-facilities-capital-planning>

**Treasurer’s Report-**

Balance: $19, 500. John to follow up re: transaction history to ensure commitments are reflected in balance. It was suggested that council prepare a letter to staff re: ways Council could support.

Admin has reviewed this with team previously. Mel noted Colleen created a rubric for council re: how to assess applications for funding. Mel to send this out to council. Janna to draft letter to school staff.

**Principal’s Report-**

1. Staffing Update – interviewed for all open teaching positions. Offers have gone out.

2. Construction update both Selkirk Street and the addition – addition is on hold because of supply chain issues for LED lights. Selkirk St – no barricades and people were driving down this street next to the school. Mel followed up and noted that contractor has to put up permanent barricades next Summer. Temporary barricades to be placed when street is clear?

3. School Growth Plan - Literacy focused through a NME Lens – draft plan. 2 meetings so far. A literacy coach has been hired and verbally accepted. This approach would be combining approaches not replacing the current one for another. Literacy focus on K-2 next year. It was suggested that council may support purchasing materials. Next meeting April 11th at 3:15pm.

4. Still looking for EA positions for this year, Admin should know around the end of April. Nicole presented rationale for positions to Students Support Services and Selkirk’s school based team received positive feedback.

5. We have a teacher for the Grade 1 French Immersion class as well as plan to support the

teacher. Starts April 17. Catalina Gomez, YNTEP grad.

6. Grade 7 transitions meeting happening at FH. Discussed re: Shared resource rooms and new requirements for students to have an Ed Psych report to be accepted. Admin following up with Marilyn and Student Support Services to ensure all students who need it get in.

7. List of Grey Mountain transfers has been sent to us, will have a transition meeting in May. 11-12 students.

8. Interim Reports go out next Friday

9. Spring Carnival happened on March 31. Was a great success. Thank you to Fred and Brian! Hockey tournament!

10. Library Clerk concern. Have a 0.29 position posted. Same as before. This position won’t increase because Selkirk is not over 400 children. Admin to discuss with Marilyn because the school is likely going to be over 400 students in the fall.

11. Attendance initiative – Admin met with Marilyn who mentioned Dept of Ed is looking at creating positions within schools to look at attendance problems, starting at a few schools. More info to come.

12. In Camera Topics

13. Blue Slips tracking – 9 slips – 7 students one slip, 1 students 2 or more slips.

**14. Cultural Language position – this individual is currently outside Yukon however is going to start when they return.**

**Old Business (Updates):**

**Parking lot/Selkirk St Safety update- tree removal needs to be done before April 15th.**

**Dates for meeting with Mayor etc reviewed. Mel to reach out to Kristin (Mayor’s admin) to look at April 20th (evening after 5:30).**

**FNSB Update – Janna, Katelyn and Karen meeting next Tuesday April 11th. Mel to email Janna.**

**New Business:**

**Tiles** – HPW replaced 4 tiles that contained asbestos when students were here on Thursday. Everyone (council/admin) wanting confirmation if this was a risk or not. YG HPW stated this was contained. Mel has been following up and Admin flagged this immediately. Mel to phone Workers Compensation in the AM to guide council/admin.

**Pizza from Friday, March 10th**- Tim moved that council pay for pizza for Selkirk Staff on Friday, March 10th,. John to second. All in favour.

**Question from parent re: Evaluation of Selkirk done by the Minister- Section 114(2)** – Mel could email Minister to check in on where Selkirk is at for this.

Information Items:

**Posting to our website**-Dept of Education will strive to send out communications that can be posted online.

**Next regular meeting:** Monday, May 8 or 15th at 6:30pm in person and consider via Zoom. It was suggested that April 20th re: Selkirk street safety be a separate meeting.

**In Camera information**- 2 items at 8:08pm

Tim moved at 8:24pm that meeting be adjourned. John to second.