Selkirk Elementary School Council

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, January 5th,2023 430 pm in the library

Or via Zoom

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**Call to order: 4:34**

**Introductions:** Leo Lane (parent), Jen Laliberte (parent)

**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), Marilyn Marquis-Forster (Superintendent), Ian Parker (parent), Nicole Schroder (School Counsellor). Jen Laliberte (parent), Leo Lane (parent) Monique join

**Regrets:**

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

**Approval of December 12th, 2022 meeting minutes-** Tina moved to accept minutes as amended, Tim to second. All in favour.

**Treasurer’s Report-** No change since previous meeting.

**Principal’s Report-**

**1.** Festive Follies – Had great feedback from staff and parents. Do another one in May.

2. Construction and the Library – Starting on Jan 16. Losing 6 ft in the library. ~ 1 month estimate.

3. School Growth Plan - Literacy focused through a NME Lens – Will be our topic for the Jan 16 PD. Joint w/ Whitehorse Elementary and FH Collins. French immersion focused. Knowledge sharing.

4. We have five EA positions to fill – 0 applicants

5. Interviewing a candidate tomorrow at 9:00 am for grade 1 French Immersion.

6. Open house for Grade 3 parents from Grey Mountain is Jan 19 from 5:00 to 5:45 pm. Could become an yearly thing.

7. Jan 27 is community literacy day – we will invite parents and caregivers from 2:30 until 3:00 pm. YFNED may prepare snacks.

8. Blue Slips tracking – 4 slips (only a few days in school since last meeting).

9. Admin has not been able to address truck parking in the front.

10. Grade 7’s do early transition to French Immersion at FH.

**Old Business (Updates):**

**Parking lot/Selkirk St Safety update- nothing new.**

**Director liability insurance-approval of letter.**

**Marilyn met Lori Choquette school council liaison.**

* **Dept of Ed. supportive of coverage but could take time.**
* **Marilyn mentioned there was a legal opinion provided from 1995 that referenced low probability because school councils are incorporated.**
* **Councils have low assets. YG not separate from school councils. YG may be representing and looking after interest of JH school council.**
* **Elevated level of concern from other councils. Perhaps Dept could fund councils to get legal opinion.**

**Mel to send Letter to Minister and response requested by end of January 31st.**

**New Business:**

**YFNSB** –

Janna moved that Selkirk Council vote to bring forward a Yukon Elections referendum to the school community regarding joining the First Nation School Board. Tina to second.

Discussion:

* Importance of school community to have a voice.

Council represents school community/parent group. Each council member spoke to the motion and various perspectives, insights and experience shared.

* Mel has emailed FNSB about French Immersion – response from Trustees to come.

Council achieved consensus to defer motion until Jan 24th special meeting (Tuesday Jan 24th @ 6:00) so that we could get more information and encourage school community to attend.

* + Open to the Selkirk Community
  + Mel would moderate the meeting.

**Information Items:**

Child and Youth Advocate Office.

Presentation by: Anya Braeuner, Shawna, and Annette King.

* Overview of the role
* Advocate office in 12 jurisdictions. Children accessing government services that are provided to children.
* Some areas they focus on are: housing, mental health, justice, education.
* Child and Youth advocate act – legislated. Non-partisan.
* United Nation Rights of the Child.
* Systemic advocacy.

Education

* Attendance
* Academic
* 138 open issues, 19 open issues at Selkirk Elementary
* Issues increasing every year.
* Mel raised it appears the biggest challenges at Serlkirk are need for general supports for the school (both for students and staff). Could this be approached together in a clear, concrete way?
* Mel requested that Colleen could prepare a letter that council and CYAO to represent the needs of Selkirk Elementary and council to review. It was mentioned about social workers in school.
* Marilyn had questions on chronic non-attendance (very complex).

**Next regular meeting:**

**Monday, February 13th at 6:30pm in person and via Zoom**