Selkirk Elementary School Council

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, March 6th, 2023 6:30pm in the library

Or via Zoom

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**Call to order:** 6:30

**Introductions:** Erin Johnston (parent), Kaitlin Friendship (parent), Karen Routledge (parent), Martin Lehner (parent)

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

principal), Janna Swales (Council), John Coyne (Council on Zoom), Nicholas Vienneau (principal), Colleen Madore (parent), Erin Johnston (parent), Kaitlin Friendship (parent), Karen Routledge (parent), Martin Lehner (parent on Zoom)

**Regrets:** Marilyn Marquis-Forster (Superintendent)

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

**Approval of February 13th, 2023 meeting minutes**- Tina moved to accept the minutes, Janna to second. All in favour.

**Minutes from Jan 24th special meeting -** Janna moved to accept the minutes, Tim to second. All in favour.

**Treasurer’s Report-**

Tim moved to defer Feb/March report to next meeting. Janna to second. All in favour

**Principal’s Report-**

March 2023

1. Posting for next year – 3 vacancies in FI.
2. Construction in the library is finished. Addition should be done for March Break because construction staff are able to work complete days while school is out.
3. School Growth Plan - Literacy focused through a NME Lens – First meeting happened, second meeting will be March 29.
4. We have filled 3.6 of the 5 EA positions, may have a part-time Southern Tutchone teacher after March break.
5. We have a potential candidate (graduating from YukonU) for the Grade 1 French Immersion class as well as plan to support the teacher.
6. Grade 7 transitions meeting happened at FH last week, individual transition meetings for students with exceptionalities.
7. Tomorrow is our monthly assembly, Grey Mountain will be attending
8. Spring book fair and health week all this week
9. Spring Carnival is happening on March 31. We are planning it with YFNED. Brian and Frederique (Selkirk Staff), and Darcy from Yukon First Nation Education Directorate to lead. More info to come home. 19 classes, all kids go through.
10. Library Clerk concern – same 0.5 FTE since this position started and has not increased to parallel school growth. Staff has been working extra hours to support more students. Discussion re: ways council could support Admin in requesting this increase e.g is there a policy? Action: Mel to email Marilyn re: increase FTE.
11. In Camera Topics

1. Blue Slips tracking – 25 slips – 13 students one slip, 5 students 2 or more slips
2. Kwanlin Dün Cultural centre performance went really well!
3. Selkirk went to Basketball finals, Floor Hockey intermural gr. 4/5 practicing for tournament
4. Kindergarten – 14 registered in French and 5 for English

**Old Business (Updates):**

**Parking lot/Selkirk St Safety update- Council received a response from Mayor Cabott, Mel read this letter. Discussion and suggestion re: potential meeting where we could walk down Selkirk St. and possibly invite Mayor Cabott, Trevor Gustafson, Minister Clark, and City of Whitehorse Engineer.**

**Council noted that concerns were not addressed in response. It was noted there is a land transfer required between YG and City of Whitehorse to do this project.**

**Director liability insurance-letter from Minister. This was reviewed at previous meeting.**

**IXL Funding**- new quote $2494. Admin purchased 150 licenses from school expenses budget. There was a need to clarify policy for school sponsorship because Janna had found local sponsor of this program. Janna to email Marilyn to discuss options..

**Staffing** – Provided in Principals report. This information is in the newsletter!

**New Business:**

**Ideas on how to move forward with information and communication with parents and FNSB** -Mel brought Q&A from Faro School Council that has been posted on AYSCBC and was wondering if council should send this out to school community.

Discussion:

- Many felt that having more information on this topic is important

- Some felt the questions were very specific to Faro School Council

- It was noted to avoid leading questions

- Some parents had questions re: how is Council supporting gathering information on FNSB?

- Many expressed they would like to hear from FNSB schools themselves and the school community.

- It was noted that it is important to ensure both perspectives on this topic and that there is opportunity to provide feedback in various ways.

It was suggested to explore holding an information session/meeting possibly in May vs. sending out Q&A broadly to allow for Selkirk School Community to explore. Karen and Erin volunteered to organize and advertise, Janna to take lead from council.

Suggested potential invites: Dept of Ed. Rob Provan (?), representatives from Ta’an Kwäch’än Council and Kwanlin Dün First Nation, representatives from Takhini and Grey Mountain Primary, and Yukon First Nation Education Directorate.

Colleen reviewed referendum possibilities again. More information coming out all the time.

Mel to email Melissa Flynn, Katharine Sandiford and send notes to Janna.

**Information Items:**

**Progress report from Department of Education** – Clarification needed on if this could this be posted on Selkirk website. Mel to follow up.

**RISE and SSS update from Department of Education** – email forwarded to council. Mel to follow up if this could this be shared.

**Next regular meeting: Monday, April 3rd at 6:30pm in person and via Zoom**

**In Camera information**

Tim made a motion to go in Camera at 7:35, Janna to second. All in favour.