Selkirk Elementary School Council

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, June 12, 2023 6:30pm in the library

Or via Zoom

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**Call to order:** 6:32

**Introductions:**

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

principal), Janna Swales (Council), Melanie Davignon (Council Chair), Nicholas Vienneau (principal), Colleen Madore, Marilyn Marquis-Forster (Superintendent).

**Regrets:** John Coyne (Council)

**Approval of Agenda-** Tim to move, Janna to second. All in favour.

**Approval of May 8th, 2023 meeting minutes- Council to review updated minutes.** Janna to move as amended. Tim to second. All in favour.

**Treasurer’s Report-**

**Principal’s Report**

May 2023

1. Staffing Update – fully staffed for next year.
2. Construction update around Selkirk (Parking lot, tiles new space and more). Waiting to hear more details about back parking lot. Bid closes tomorrow.
3. School Growth Plan - Literacy focused through a NME Lens, will be implemented in the fall. Ready to upload on school website soon. Literacy coach, focus on primary initially in both languages.
4. Still looking for EA positions for this year- 18 of 22 hired. Could be 19 depending on reference check.
5. Calendar for last week – tomorrow is Sports Day. Wednesday is graduation for Gr. 7’s. School is out at 2:45 Thurs but buses pick up normally.
6. Library Clerk – Tried a back to work accommodation. Going through resumes, goal is to have someone hired by Aug 17th.
7. Lots of amazing field trips happening – ☺
8. PLC groups and idea’s – finished. Presenting later the meeting.
9. Looking forward to next year (class lists, classrooms, EA assignments).
10. Asking for an extra PD day in August.
11. Parent Concerns – school wide approach to addressing issues on some students using racialized language. Typically at the upper grade levels and noting non awareness from some students that this is an issue. Admin has connected with families involved. Exploring ways to ensure the space is safe. Marilyn mentioned an approach that has appeared successful for Elijah Smith Elementary School. It was mentioned that maybe victim services would have resources. Mel to email out information on Community Building Youth Futures. 2 strange incidents at school, staff dealt with those.
12. Blue Slips tracking – 24 slips – 11 students one slip, 5 students 2 or more slips
13. Shining stars! Going to get a special prize at assembly

**Old Business (Updates):**

**Letters –**

1. Letter sent to the minister re: general issues (see questions for Marilyn). Response back noted trying to get back council by end of school (Thurs).
2. Mel to initiate a letter representing many school councils concerns after noting that at recent AGM for ASCBY most school council issues were re: capital and security issues. Mel spoke w/ Paolo to flag that a letter is coming w/ issues from all councils. Mel to get it to council for review.

**Parking lot/Selkirk St Safety update- BID closing tomorrow. It is not clear when it would be started. Mel noted Operations & HPW need to make that back area accessible for Selkirk Community. Parking lot needs to be done before the whole campus could be completed. Mel has not heard back from the mayor and council to walk around back parking lot. It was suggested to set date for a Mon AM ~ Aug 28th (8am) in the unfinished parking lot. Mel to contact Mayor and Council, traffic and signage committee, and contractor.**

**FNSB Update – Janna. The group is updating council in the fall.**

**Questions for Marilyn - It was noted that many other schools are experiencing similar issues and joint letter is going to go to the minister.**

**It was recommended that HPW form their own maintenance department for schools. These issues were flagged for Marilyn but mostly because they were in the letter to the Minister.**

**Evaluation of Selkirk done by the Minister- Section 114(2)** – Marilyn noted this has not been done in the last 3 years. Lots has changed since this was in the Act. Superintendents provide annual updates/reporting to the Minister and noted there are more regular accountability measures that are annual. Colleen raised many questions about public accountability and the need for school evaluations to be made public. Colleen to email Mel language around request for school evaluations to be made public.

School councils can request FSA results and other evaluations. My school website. It was mentioned that there is not enough information available to make evidence based decisions about the schools in Yukon.

**Flags** – Marilyn started having conversation recently and increased knowledge of flag flying capacity recently. Issue w/ vandalism previously but there is an internal mechanism.

**Issues with emails going to all caregivers** – One email from the school recently had not gone to a parent. Admin to follow up. Some emails previously had not gone to all parents from Yukon Education Communications, not clear why. Parents would need to ensure email address is correct.

**August 16th PD approval?** Marilyn needs to follow up to see if financial options e.g. honorarium. Working on PD’s in July. Mel to follow up.

Wall in old room

FTE for librarian –

Parking lot

New room – safety and furniture

PA system

Busing

Flooring

Lighting in the playground

**New Business:**

**School Supplies** - $40 for each student is going to be requested for school start and each teacher is going to purchase their own supplies for each class. This will save parents from having to purchase school supplies.

**Lunch/treats for staff –** Janna moved to spend up to $300 on pizza and beverages for school staff one day this week. Tim to second. All in favour. Admin to order and charge to school council.

AYSCBC Strategic planning meeting – June 19th at 8:30 am via zoom.

Professional learning community presentation

**Information Items:**

**Next regular meeting: Monday, Aug ?? at 6:30pm in person and via Zoom**