Selkirk Elementary School Council

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, September 11th, 2023 6:30pm in the library

Or via Zoom

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**Call to order**: 6:37

**Introductions and attendance:** Tim Kucharuk (Council), Tina Busetto (Council), Leslie Dorian (vice-principal), Janna Swales (Council), Nicholas Vienneau (principal), Melanie Davignon (Council Chair), Grant Hartwick (teacher), Kristin Cauley (parent), Zoe Morrison (parent), Karen Routledge (parent), Erin Johnston (parent), Shawna Vedress (literacy coach, LAT), Nicole Schroeder (school counsellor), Kelli (parent on zoom), John Coyne (Council on zoom)

**Regrets: Trevor Ratcliffe (**Superintendent)

**Presentation by Mr. Hartwick –** Selkirk Music Room funding requests (in order of priority)

* 22 week after school dance program, which could accommodate up to 24 students (gr. 4-7) - $1320.00
* Unän tä tląy zhra Southern Tutchone Month of short nights (December theme of Festive Follie show), Linda Harvey is leading. Drum, mallets and lights production needs for festive follies - $281.21
* Mural phase 1. Would like to complete only for the cost of the material (have scaffolding)
	+ $300-5000, no charge for artist fees (This could be done on Christmas, spring break OR start of summer)
* New mixer amplifier to replace the old mixer amplifier cost $1539.00, would get lots of use (e.g assemblies)
* Doronn Fox Singing Drum Workshops, original request for students 30 students (each make 2 drums), ~ 20 drums cost - $12, 430. Other sources of funding, would want to have them for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation next year. Even 6 students could participate and the drums could be showcased at the front of school

**Approval of Agenda-** Additions noted. Janna moved to accept, Tim to second. All in favour.

**Approval of August 28th, 2023 meeting minutes-** Janna to move to accept amended minutes, Tim to second. All in favour.

**Treasurer’s Report- $**19, 294.69 balance.

* John to connect w/ Mel to review. A few outstanding items owed to school for end of year projects.

**Principal’s Report-**

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1. Welcome back open house Tomorrow from 5 to 6:30
2. Oct 05 and 06 parent/teacher conferences. Thursday evening and Friday until noon.
3. Field Trips – have started. Planning a three day Culture Camp Oct 04, 05 and 06th. Oct 06 will be for parents and students. Grey Mountain requested to join for culture camp.
4. Sept 29- starting to plan with Linda Harvey what the afternoon ceremony might look like. Moved admin meetings so principals could be at school. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation recognized on this day at the school because it is on the weekend. Question re: are more orange shirts for families this year? Admin to connect w/ YFNED.
5. PE position Filled – Starts Oct 03. David Rawlings from Dawson. Mr. Juan Pablo (?spelling) has been filling in.
6. Construction on Selkirk St– This is supposed to stop before the end of October before resuming in new year.
7. Health and Safety concerns – PA system, new space no speaker, (getting worse), buying more whistles so kids can hear when it’s time to come in. New room is sound proof so cannot hear. Miss Jerome’s class?, 7 schools need PA systems. Vandalism on the outside of school. Staff questions re: getting security cameras however this had been investigated by other schools and privacy concerns were raised.
8. Bus 10 has been resolved. There was an issue on Bus 8, students now back on Bus 10.
9. 9 staff went through the NVCI Training. More staff will take the next course.
10. Clubs and Sports teams have started. Volleyball, Rock Band, Rainbow Club, Math Club, Improv Club. Multicultural Club starting soon. Kids getting engaged. Most happen during lunch.
11. Still Hiring EA positions - more applications and working through that.
12. Blue Slips – 16 total. 4 students received 2 or more. 5 students received 1. A bit higher than last August.

Other comments: YFFLA pays for the fruit bowl.

**Old Business (Updates):**

**Parking lot/Selkirk St Safety update- No update or complaints.**

**FNSB Update – Committee presented and prepared written information package.**

**Committee was formed to find out more information about Schools Boards in Yukon. There was a list of questions identified from previous meetings on the First Nation School Board and possible Whitehorse School Board and the group tried to answer them.**

**Discussion points:**

* **Kim Ramsay (Principal, Grey Mountain Primary), has offered to host anyone from Selkirk School Council, to talk through changes, challenges, transition. etc, Action: Mel to email to set this up.**
* **Karen noted that it would be great to have parents notified if a resolution has gone through**
* **One Community Agreement now in place Champagne and Aishihik First Nation.**
* **Many policies available on their FNSB website.**
* **More information available as schools are further in.**
* **What are the other options for school boards? Learn at the pace that is doable.**

**Tim wondering about AYSCBC approach re: Whitehorse School Board and if any information had been gathered on this topic. Mel noted some other school boards have taken years to get in place. Mel to email Elaine re: Whitehorse School Board.**

**New Business:**

**Bike racks on south side of the school** – could we pull it away from wall to permit more space? Currently this is an area that water drips on bikes. Mel to follow re: more bike racks and contact Ian Parker.

**Method for staff to ask for funding.** A few tweaks on document Janna had developed e.g note how much is being requested. Janna to adjust. Budget needs to be confirmed.

Admin to send 23/24 school council funding request form to staff, rubric goes with the form.

2 requests –

1. Shawna requested funds to purchase the Starfall learning app for a 1 year subscription (currently using the free version). Primary centric, focused on literacy and math in English. Cost yearly $500.00, per student well under 10 dollars per child. Meet them where they are at
2. Katharine Grenier
	1. Forest school materials – $500, sit spots, tarps, 24 small backpacks
	2. Started a math club – requesting $400 for smart games, reasoning games.

**Meeting with Deb Bartlett,** contractor for Association for Yukon School Councils Boards & Committees (AYSCBC)–

AYSCBC is the umbrella association for all the school councils.

Deb provided overview of strategic planning:

* AYSCBC recognized the changes in the education landscape in Yukon
* They want to look at bigger picture, gather feedback from councils and look at changing context and identify how they change/adapt, what they should keep on doing, etc.
* Report of all school council responses goes to AYSCBC executive.
* Present the plan to the fall conference first weekend in November

Council answered questions requested by Deb. It was noted that the executive director position is part time.

**Information Items:**

2 motions over email

Tim moved over email to have the AGM and regular school council meeting on Monday October 16th at 6:30. Tina to second. All in favour.

Tim moved over email to provide up to $250.00 for cookies and fruit for school welcome day. Tina to second. All in favour.

In camera 8:27

**Next regular meeting and AGM: Monday, October 16th at 6:30pm in person and via Zoom**