**Selkirk Elementary School Council**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Monday, February 8th, 2021**

**6:30pm Zoom Meeting**

**Call to order:** 6:33 pm

**Introductions:** Trevor Justason, Facilities Project Manager, Dep’t of Ed, Ryan Sikkes, ADM Dept of Ed.

**In attendance:** Ian Parker, Sue Glynn-Morris, Mel Davignon, Laura Davidson, Tamara Boiteau, Leslie Doran, Colleen Madore, Michelle Boleen. Ryan Sikkes, Trevor Justason

**Regrets:** None

**Approval of Agenda**- Motion required - Moved by Ian and seconded Colleen by to approve the Agenda as presented. All in favour.

**Approval of January 11th, 2020 meeting minutes**- Motion required - Moved by Colleen and seconded by Ian. All in favour.

**FI Kindergarten**-Registration started this morning. 14 of 18 available spots filled (all siblings in the school). The Chair stressed the limited physical capacity at SES and the importance of maintaining dual stream at SES. The principal expressed concerns about another modular taking outdoor learning and play space, the quality of the contractor installing the modular, student and teacher access to the bathroom, challenges adhering to COVID protocols, and SES’s ability to staff french positions. Ryan explained that the Dept has not decided if SES will be capped at 1 FI class. To be determined based on demand and logistics. Anticipating three at WES and 1 at SES - communicated to parents. If great demand occurs they may need to consider an additional class. SES is #1 on the list for another modular (not yet tendered).

**Parking lot/Selkirk St Safety update (Trevor)**

**storm water upgrade** - Mid-June to mid-August: Selkrik St. to education reserve

mid-August to mid-October: from education reserve to Lewes Blvd.

**staff parking area** - New lot at the back intended for staff. Parallel spots will be used for drop off (not parking). This will mean those parents dropping off and picking up will be funnelled to the front parking lot, which is problematic because there will be a lack of spots and parents will be directed back into Riverdale to the round about. The City will be responsible for clearing snow on the street and YG will be responsible for clearing and removal for clearing and removal of snow in the lot. Lot can’t be extended because of cost. Tamara recommended speed bumps and connecting a trail on Selkirk to the sidewalk up the east side of the lot so students can safely navigate the parking lot. Late in the design phase. Little opportunity to provide input at this point. In YESAB process. Complete design. Next to tender. Plan to start mid-June, ideally done Aug but could be Sept/Oct.

**traffic calming efforts on Selkirk Street** - Selkirk St will no longer be intended as a drop off at the back which might reduce traffic. Trevor (YG) is talking to the City about creating a temporary, artificial s-curve on selkirk street for traffic calming and a 1-1.5 m corridor down one side of the road for pedestrians. The Chair said it is not about speed but a safe path. Trevor said if there are specific things we want regarding a path. Long term city will need to plan for storm drainage, lighting, and a proper sidewalk.

**Treasurer’s Report**- Report shared electronically in advance of meeting. Bank balance as of Feb 4, 2021 $8,942.81. Once cheques go through we will have $6,379.81. Tamara will send a note to staff after parent teacher conferences. We could review as a batch at our April 12 meeting.

**Principal’s Report**

**Staffing** - Staffing Allocations should be out shortly. This is the first step to develop a staffing plan. Simon Hoareau, EA, has taken a temporary position with another department. His last day will be this Wednesday. We were able to backfill one of our bilingual positions. We are pleased to welcome Delphine Sauzeat who has been a regular in our building for TOC positions. We will be reposting for another bilingual EA position.

**Riverdale Campus MOU**. All principals from the Riverdale campus and Superintendents met to review the final document. We will be meeting quarterly to ensure clear communication and to address any issues. There will be a calendar developed to facilitate booking us of that shared outdoor spaces. Thus far, all meetings have been positive and collaborative meeting. There will be further discussions for pathways which will be lite and the development of play structures for students.

**Kindergarten Registration**. Pre-registration began today. Our FI stream has 14 families with siblings currently in French Immersion and have pre-registered, leaving 4 remaining spots. In total, we have had 28 registrations for FI and 9 registrations for English (three registrations are out of catchment). FI Registration closes on Monday February 15 at 4pm. Lottery will take place the following day if needed.

**Reporting**. Student Led Conferences will be February 11/12, 2021. Online booking is open and anyone who has not signed up by Wednesday February 10 at 12pm will be assigned a time. Same protocols as October conferences.

**PD**. Grant, Brian M, Martin will be participating in a PD with Gerry Quarton to gain their certification for wood working. Through this PD a class will constructing a set of Ukuleles, which will then be gifted to the music program.

**Old Business (Updates):**

**Review strategic session document (ID priorities/project(s), leads, next steps, timelines)**

Not discussed.

**T4 information**

Mel dropped of our paper work to the Dep’t of Ed but it is lost. She has not gotten an answer. They need to start a privacy brief protocol. Mel will follow up.

**New Business:**

**Healthy Eating**

Concerns about healthy eating practices at school. Being prescriptive about what people need to bring in their lunches, watching movies while eating, using food as a reward - these are not best practices for developing healthy eating habits. SES provides healthy food if students don’t have lunch. Parents should reach out to classroom teachers with concerns. YG Health Promotion has someone who can support healthy eating in schools if SES is interested. Leslie and Tamara have discussed a cap on tv at lunch for next school year (should be educational purposes).

**Meeting with Child/Youth advocate office- Sue and Ian**

The YCAO is currently conducting a review of school attendance and the reasons Yukon children and youth are missing school. Stated goal is to identify common themes so that they can best advocate for children and make recommendations for change. YCAO’s mandate is to offer Dept of Ed recommendations that are w/in influence of schools (i.e at school). Questions remain re. “who” is responsible for embedding FN culture w/in schools (Language teacher? Classroom teachers? Administrators? According to AG report, teachers are motivated and interested to do this work but don’t feel supported to do so and are reluctant to proceed for fear of getting it wrong. Many school councils continue to have designated FN seats that remain vacant. Many issues affecting school attendance are NOT happening w/in walls of the school (i.e health issues), so to limit recommendations to those that Dept of Ed/schools can directly influence seems inadequate. School Councils are technically responsible for developing attendance policies and while they may be helpful in outlining the steps that will be taken if there is an issue. Attendance needs to be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

**Sensory Room at Autism Yukon** [Sensory Room | autismyukon](https://www.autismyukon.org/sensory-room)

Staff went last year as part of training. No one has been this year due to covid. Would SES want a $10 membership? Tamara recommended leaving it until after Covid. Students and EAs would otherwise likely use it.

**Crime Prevention funding**

In past, Katie was sent to Mayo. Mel was involved. If Council were to be involved in this funding again we should manage the budget. Due Feb 15 or Aug 15. Consider applying for Aug 15.

**Every Student Every Day Funding**

We received $13K last year (outdoor gear). Can we apply again? You can submit multiple proposals in a year. Sets of fat bikes (primary and intermediate). Increase activity, outdoors, hands-on, . Ride for Focus application. Tamara will review the application and see if it can be tweaked for this funding.

**Information Items:**

**COVID surveys**

**Mms Genevieve’s class project**

Mel presented in the class about the reflective tape and street safety.

**Next regular meeting:**

Monday, March 8th, 6:30pm