

JACK HULLAND SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
September 1, 2021
School

“School Council would like to acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Kwanlin Dun First Nation People and the Ta’an Kwach’an Council and thank them for allowing us to live and work on their traditional land.”

Present:

Council Members:

Misty Ticiniski: Chair
Aura-lea Harper
Sheri Graham
Rachel Hrebien
Lea Pigage
Kirsten Pattimore
Jesse Bouchard
Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer

Administration:

Ann Larnder: Principal
Nita Daniels: Vice Principal
Pam Booth: Vice Principal

Guests:

Donna Miller-Fry: Superintendent of Schools
Lori Choquette: School Council Liaison
Nicole Morgan: DM, Dept. of Ed.
Ryan Sikkes: ADM, Dept. of Ed.
Karen Campbell: Dept. of Ed.
Geraldine VanBibber: MLA Porter Creek North
Ranj Pillai: MLA Porter Creek South
Plus 17 parents and 2 staff members

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:02PM.
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Sheri, second by Lea, THAT the Agenda be adopted. CARRIED
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Aura-lea, second by Lea, THAT the Minutes of AGM, September 4, 2020 be adopted. CARRIED
4. **Report from Superintendent:**
Donna Miller-Fry provided an interim report to School Council – 2021 - 2022:
The school year is starting under near normal conditions. Schools are open and teachers and students are reconnecting again.
In May, a new Minister of Education was appointed, The Hon. Jeanie McLean.

New Minister released the Review of Inclusive and Special Education in ceremony on June 1.

Focus of Superintendents this year is to focus on ensuring students are healthy and safe, pandemic recovery, school growth planning and advancing the provision of more inclusive education practices in the Yukon.

Dept. of Ed:

Minister Jeanie McLean

DM: Nicole Morgan

ADM: Schools and Student Services, Ryan Sikkes

ADM: Policy and Partnerships, Kelli Taylor

ADM: First Nations Initiatives, Lori Duncan

Director of Student Support Services, Karen Campbell

Director of Technology and Student Information, David McInnes

Director of Operations, Chris Hanlin

School Council Liaison, Lori Choquette

Other 2 superintendents are: Area 1: Paul McFadyen,

Area 3: Marilyn Marquis-Forster

and Area 2: Donna Mills-Fry

The approach this year is: there are over 5000 opportunities each and every day to make a positive difference in the lives of students, their families and communities. The dept. is holding an unapologetic focus on excellence of teaching and learning through equity and inclusion.

The K to Gr. 12 Education Recovery Plan is designed to facilitate excellence in learning through equitable and inclusive programming. The Office of the Superintendents is fully committed to serving schools as a unified team.

Focus areas for the 2021 – 22 school year:

- **Pandemic Recovery:** There were 3 surveys completed by parents/caregivers, students and educators across the territory. The Yukon K to Gr. 12 Education Recovery Plan Guidelines for Schools for the 2021-22 school year has been formulated to ensure clear expectations for all Yukon educators and provide support in the process each learner is on track.
- **Inclusive Education:** The release of the Review of Inclusive and Special Education in the Yukon final report, collectively embarks on a journey to ensure inclusion and success for each child and youth. Document is available on line at: gov.yukon.ca; dept. of education
- **School Growth Plans:** schools continue using a disciplined inquiry approach to frame School Growth Plans. Some key questions that staff moves through

to support growth:

- What is going on for our learners?
- What does our focus need to be?
- What is leading to this situation?
- How and where can we learn more about what to do?
- What will we do differently?
- Have we made enough of a difference?

This enables educators to plan effectively using measurable data and an inquiry process to support student and school growth.

School Growth Plans are developed collectively by the school administration, school staff, school councils, local First Nations and other representatives as appropriate.

Learning Support: working with Curriculum and Assessment team to help implement the recovery plan including:

- ensure that every student has some benchmark data collected within the first 2 weeks of school to inform planning and instruction for the school year.
- Inclusion of YFN perspectives and ways of knowing and doing. Yukon Schools follow the BC curriculum, with adaptations to include:
 - Yukon content; and
 - Yukon First Nations' ways of knowing and doing

The departments support to the overall pandemic response by leading the implementation of the CMOH Guidelines for K – 12 School Settings through school operational plans; Yukon Education Recovery Plan for 2021-22; including benchmark assessments and local recovery initiatives in Yukon public schools.

The Dept. continues to adapt the curriculum and align teaching practices to our Northern context and Yukon's First Nations cultures and languages.

Council thanked Donna for her report.

5. **Report from Principal:**

Ann provided a report:

2020-21 was a school year full of change and challenges. The pandemic meant that schools were unable to have some of the traditional events such as the dance and BBQ, and the Haunts and Holly Craft Fair. Christmas caroling was also performed via Zoom. Parent/teacher interviews were also largely conducted via Zoom.

Student enrolment was at 399 for the school year. There was a challenge in the fall with a decrease in available LAT time due to reconfiguring of class sizes due to COVID. This meant one of our LAT's was converted to a classroom teacher. In January however, School was allotted a temporary LAT through COVID funding.

There were also some serious behaviour concerns, both in the Grove St. school program and the general school population. There were concerns around safety from staff and school community, which were brought forward and addressed to the best of our ability.

Due to this, safety doors have been installed at the end of the hallway by Grove St. school for security reasons. These doors will be locked which will limit access to the main school should there be a challenging behaviour incident.

Parking and parent drop off on Fir St. is an ongoing issue, however, the City of Whitehorse announced that they will be working on this. Will install curb extensions at the crosswalk, and intersection to calm traffic and reduce crossing distance and as well improve sightlines. (Yukon News, June 4, 2021)
This work was slated to be completed before the beginning of the 2021-22 school year. To date has not been completed.

In spite of COVID, there were numerous field trips completed including:

- Trips to the Wildlife Preserve,
- Skating
- Rock Climbing
- hiking
- canoeing,
- McBride Museum and other events.

Students in Gr. 4 – 7 were asked to wear masks in the hallways and in small group work.

Council thanked Ann for her report.

6. Report from School Council:

Misty provided a report.

Start of school year started out quiet. Lots of discussions regarding the COVID restrictions at the school. Enrolment was down a bit, due to some students learning from home. Concerns were regarding the busing of students and the retention of bus drivers, due to COVID.

School Council elections were held on Oct. 5. New council members are: Kirsten Pattimore, Rachel Hrebien and Jesse Bouchard. Returning members are: Misty Tlciniski, Sheri Graham, Aura-lea Harper, Lea Pigage.

Outgoing members:

Odessa Epp, Don Fitzsimmons, Desiree Hombert.

Concerns throughout the winter due to the unusual amount of snow. Students not showing up due to the snow. City is trying to clear the snow as quickly as possible. Priority routes are completed first.

AYSCBC holds zoom training sessions for all councils with breakout sessions on:

- Communication and Dispute Resolution
- Roles of the First Nations Education
- Roles, Responsibilities and Accountability of School Councils.

Elaine Taylor, Executive Director of AYSCBC attends council meeting

Donna Miller-Fry becomes our new Superintendent of School in January

Special meeting held with Dept. of Education regarding the support of students with behavioral issues and the health and safety of staff and students. (Done in camera) Lots of discussions held regarding Grove St. handbook and the joint space between Grove School and rest of school. Door to be installed between the two.

School Growth Plan is added to the website in March.

Primary teachers engage in play based learning for the next school year and 10 steps to create a trauma informed resilient school, to begin in Sept. discussed. (Part of school growth plan)

Issues with some Gr. 6 - 7 playground equipment. Floor is breaking and there are sharp edges. As well, Primary playground is lacking wheel chair access and the swing set on the backside playground is not being used.

Air North agrees to help transport any equipment parts that are ordered.

AYSCBC holds a successful AGM in April. Presentation by Chief Dana Tizya-Tramm and Melanie Bennett, re: Creating First Nation School Board.

- 7. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM
Next AGM: September 7, 2022

Misty Ticiniski:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer