

**JACK HULLAND SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**March 6, 2024**  
**School**

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

**Present:**

**Council Members:**

- Caitlyn Carey
- Taelor Mason
- Randi Lopushinsky
- Jesse Bouchard
- Lea Pigage
- Aura-Lea Harper

**Administration:**

- Jeff Hills, Principal

**Guests:** Ranj Pillai, Valerie Ireland, Janet Clarke, Micah Olesh

**Regrets:** Rachel Hrebien, Andrew Noble

**MEETING AGENDA:**

#	Topic	Speaker
1.	Call to order	Taelor Mason
2.	Review & adoption of Agenda	Taelor Mason
3.	Review & adoption of Minutes – February 7, 2024	Taelor Mason
4.	Treasurer’s Report	Randi Lopushinsky
5.	Principal’s Report	Jeff Hills
6.	Committee Reports: 1. Transportation Committee 2. Health & Safety Committee 3. School Growth Plan	1. Jesse 2. Rachel 3. Lea
7.	Old Business & Correspondence: 1. Centre of Excellence Update/2023 ESED a. Grant Updates 2. Fundraising Planning & Updates a. Cookbook b. Flower Baskets 3. Review & Update February Meeting Action Items 4. HASE Curriculum 5. School Allergy Policies	1. Lea/Jesse a) Randi 2. a) Jesse b) Rachel/Randi 3. All 4. Taelor 5. Caitlyn
8.	New Business: 1. Learning Commons Presentation & Library Tour	1. Valerie Ireland

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9.	Other Business	
10.	In-camera Motion: Time In/Out:	Taelor
	Adjournment	Taelor

**1 Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm.**

**2 Adoption of Agenda:**

Moved by Jesse seconded by Lea that the agenda be adopted.

**3 Adoption of Minutes:**

Review of Minutes of Regular Meeting, February 7, 2024

Moved by Jesse seconded by Caitlyn that the minutes be adopted.

**4 Treasurer's Report**

- No updates.

**5 Principal's Report**

- Enrolment dropped last month.
- 80-150 students projected to leave to Whistle bend school. No actual data has been received – lots of miscommunication.
- Teacher and EA allocations have been submitted for next school year.
- Jeff was able to meet one on one with most teachers during the student/teacher conferences.
- Council advised Jeff that he has our support with teacher allocation issues from Dept of Ed.
- Issues with the kindergarten registration – Whitehorse wide.
- Council received a reply from the department that school light upgrades will be included in the 2025-2026 budget. In the interim, Jeff reported that light covers have been installed in primary wing areas.

**6 Committee Reports**

1. Transportation Committee:

- Criminal record checks are completed every 2 years; more than teachers. Action: Council will reach out to AYSCBC on criminal record check frequency for teachers and employees of Dept of Ed.

2. Health and Safety Committee:

- No meeting for February.
- Bylaw will increase their presence during pick up and drop off. Lots of speeding has been happening on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue – bylaw will put a speed radar cart on 14<sup>th</sup> once the snow melts.

3. School Growth Plan:

- Jeff and Council are eager and excited to get this plan in motion. Meeting is set for March 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:25 PM.

**7 Old Business & Correspondence**

### 1. Centre of Excellence Update/2023 ESED:

- The gazebos are stuck at customs, Lea is working on this.
- Ted Tucker created a Yukon wildlife series – we can speak to him for his consent to add to our signage. Action: Lea to reach out to Ted Tucker to see if this is something we can do.
- Jesse will get designs done for the other signs.
- Picnic tables need to be procured. Action: Randi will reach out to her contact for pricing on picnic tables and report back.
- Follow-up on the outdoor learning centre – there was a procurement holdup this fall and no updates have been provided. Action: Taelor to follow up with Chris Hanlin on the status of the outdoor learning area.
- Greenhouse boxes need to be built. Action: Council was advised to contact Bob Sharp to see if he can donate his time for this.
- We were not successful on the Best Buy Grant and were told to reapply next year.
- World Wildlife Fund sent a survey out for our previous funds.

### 2. Fundraising Planning & Updates

- Cookbook: We will not be proceeding with this. There was not enough interest. Action: Council will put an ad out to parents and the school will return the money and order forms.
- Flower Baskets: This is a go; order forms will be handed out the week after spring break. Flower basket fundraiser will help support the learning commons project. Council plans to revise the order form template this year to allow a more efficient collection process on day of pick up. Action: Randi to draft the order form for the flower baskets.

### 3. Review & Update Action Items from February 7, 2024 Meeting:

- Parent concerns form was created but was never put live. Action: Get the parent concerns form link on the website & Facebook page.
- Action items were reviewed.

### 4. HASE Curriculum

- Council is concerned about a lack of programming and education around substance use. As well, there are concerns that no curriculum updates were made after the legalization of marijuana. Council has the ability to make curriculum recommendations to the Department and feel that as a school community this is something that needs to be addressed and the kids need some level of education on. Action: Taelor to do some research, into what other jurisdictions are doing for their HASE Curriculum as it relates to substance use.

### 5. School Allergy Policies

- Caitlyn put some questions together and circulated to Council prior to the meeting.
- First step would be to conduct the survey to determine how the school staff and parents feel about the idea. The school will send out the survey after spring break for feedback.
- Action: Taelor to put the allergy survey together with the questions from Caitlyn.

## **8 New Business**

### 1. Learning Commons Presentation & Library Tour

- Val and Janet provided everyone a tour of the current library/music room set up. Discussions about what is envisioned for the space to be a learning commons/area for multiple uses instead of just a library. A short presentation was provided after.
- What they need to make it a reality: i)Spaces (virtual/open/cultural) ii)Staffed full-time iii)Support from the Department of Ed iv)Training for teacher-librarians.
- It was identified that a proper learning commons space and programming has significant ability to improve academic outcomes, opportunities for more staff collaboration, amongst numerous other benefits for staff and students. Council is supportive and ready to mobilize to help make this happen.
- The Porter Creek South MLA has indicated his support to develop this area for the school community: opening the temporary walls, combining learning spaces for more flex room, putting a door in to connect the learning commons to the garden, movable furniture, etc.
- Family Fun Day: Council would like to use this day to show case to families the work we've been doing – outdoor learning centres, gazebos, kicksleds, etc.
  - **ESED 2024 Application**  
Action: Taelor to circulate an application to support the learning commons this for a quick review/turn around. The deadline for applications is March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.

## 2. AYSCBC

- Council would like to invite Elaine Taylor to a future Council meeting to address some community school wide issues addressed at the that AYSCBC AGM:
- AYSCBC is putting a letter together on behalf of supportive school councils on school community wide issues. Council agreed to be a signatory on the letter and is supportive of the issues as currently proposed, which include TOC shortages, rural staff housing, and school capacity/capital issues.

## **9 In Camera 9:23 Jesse/Taelor**

### **Out of Camera 9:44 Taelor/Randi**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM**

Next School Council Meeting: April 3, 2024 at 6:00pm