

JACK HULLAND SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
February 1, 2023
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
Rachel Hrebien
Jesse Bouchard (Minutes)
Randi Lopushinsky

Administration:
Jeff Cressman, Principal
Andrew Nobel, Vice Principal
Valerie Ireland, Vice Principal

Guests: Marilyn, Taylor Eshpeter

Regrets: Lea Pigage, Aura-Lee Harper

MEETING AGENDA:

#	Topic	Speaker
1.	Call to order	Taelor Mason
2.	Review & adoption of Agenda	Taelor Mason
3.	Review & adoption of Minutes – January 4, 2023	Taelor Mason
4.	Treasurer’s Report	Randi Lopushinsky
5.	City of Whitehorse Traffic Update	Taylor Eshpeter
6.	Principal’s Report	Jeff Cressman
7.	Committee Reports: 1. Transportation Committee 2. Health & Safety Committee 3. School Growth Plan	1. Jesse Bouchard 2. Rachel Hrebien 3. Lea Pigage
8.	Old Business & Correspondence: 1. Centre of Excellence Proposal	1. Lea Pigage
9.	New Business: 1. AYSCBC School Council Chairs Meeting Update 2. First Nation School Board 3. JH Traffic Study 4. School Community Engagement	1. Rachel Hrebien 2. Taelor Mason 3. Taelor Mason 4. Taelor Mason
10.	Other Business	
11.	In-camera Motion: Time In/Out:	
	Adjournment	

1 Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

2 Adoption of Agenda:

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

3 Adoption of Minutes:

Review of Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 4, 2023

Moved by Randi seconded by Rachel that the minutes be adopted.

4 Treasurer's Report

- Not much of an update, will have financials for the next meeting.
- The Grant money for stipends has been deposited.
- Jack Hulland was awarded a \$1,500 from the Go Wild Fund (World Wildlife Fund).
- We may have an opportunity to get some funding through the Fire Smart Program – Taelor will update.

5 City of Whitehorse Traffic Update

- This project was tendered with minimal submissions, they are working on awarding this right now and work is planning to start this summer when school is out (2023).
- The City of Whitehorse is planning on changing the project requirements – raising the intersection, bulb out's (narrowing the road way) and improving lighting to stay within budget.
- It was requested that potentially the City Bus stop be moved to around the corner to allow for more parking and less congestion.
- With the bulb out and raised intersection, to make these effective in the wintertime – snow removal will have to be kept up.
- "Safe Routes to School Plan" was done with Selkirk and it turned out well. They had a great consultant working with the City (available on the website). It was advised that JHSC look into this and apply for Jack Hulland.

6 Principal's Report

Principals report was presented. Highlights are:

- From 405 to 415 students this month and families are still inquiring.
- Feb 13th is the next School Growth meeting.
- There were 2 letters that were sent to households last week about outside of school issues (no safety/threat issues to students).
- 11 incidents for January. The admin team is trying to create records to track trends with individual reportable issues.
- Cyber bullying has been happening frequently with intermediate students (in and outside of school).
- The Admin Team is discussing bringing bathroom passes back.
- School Council will look into the "White Hatter" which is a resource for parents, schools and students
- The 2023/24 school staffing plan is being worked on right now, the plan should be submitted by Feb 10th.

7 Committee Reports

1. Transportation Committee:

- Kids still waiting for bus registration.
- “Bus Awareness” month is being planned for May 2023.

2. Health and Safety Committee:

- Light up vests have been working great – a few more vests could be used.
- *The accessibility assessment has not been complete yet.*
- *The cellular data testing has not been complete.*
- People with medical issues have been invited to meet with Marilyn to discuss data issues. Rachel will contact Marilyn.
- The PM from YG Property Management was supposed to come to an inspection of the door needing accessibility upgrades and that has not been complete. Marilyn will follow up with him. The door FOB issue has not been fixed either.
- The ATCO lights got fixed and changed to LED. The light at the bus loop is a YEC light and Jesse will look into this.
- The staff suggestion box has resulted in issue with on-going allergy like symptoms. Council will work to follow up on this and other outstanding health and safety concerns with the department.
- The request to increase janitorial staffing was denied by the department. The current janitor is working longer hours to take care of the school and she is working 9-2. There are problems now with after school use and groups not cleaning up after themselves.
- The AED was installed where the payphone used to be (Jan 13th).

3. School Growth Plan:

- Was held on January 20th. Lots of good discussion.
- The next meeting is Feb 13th.

8 Old Business & Correspondence

1. Centre of Excellence Proposal:

- Lea had a meeting with school counsellors in January to identify areas of inclusion to include in the overall plan. There were 7 areas identified and will be included in our planning.
- The Dept has budget for outdoor structures this year and Jack Hulland has requested to be included in this.
- Lea met with Chris Hanlin and the outdoor structures for Holy Family and Elijah Smith were around \$75K.
- There is a planning meeting for the CoE with Council happening next week.

9 New Business

1. AYSCBC School Council Chairs Meeting Update

- The meeting was on January 25th. There were 18 SC Chairs there. 49% of students have reported that the pandemic negatively affected their mental health.
- There were discussions on how schools can help these students that are affected (stress, depressed, anxiety).
- The change of information on how documents (IEP's/SLP's) work and what the different plans are for.
- All schools are having a tough time right now with similar issues (no resources, things breaking).
- It was expressed that there is general frustration with the FN School Board process.
- There is a spring conference and Elaine Taylor will be talking about everything shared in the meeting.

2. First Nation School Board

- There was no information shared in December regarding this and the only information received by JHSC Chair was January 5th – which was after our January meeting.
- The information package was sent out by the Dept of Ed 3 days before the deadline.
- Due to the time constraints JHSC discussed this over email and unanimously decided to not join the FN School Board at this time as it was too much of an on the spot decision and was not fair to staff or the school community. Consultation and further discussion is needed.

3. JH Traffic Study

- Included with item #5.

4. School Community Engagement

- FN School Board: We need to get a sense of how the community is feeling about this.
- Survey the families to see how they are feeling in general, post-covid and with all the things going on in the community right now. Survey will aim to be around 10 questions including topics such as the FN School Board, cyber bullying, learning outcomes, etc. Another pancake breakfast with a comment box? Create an annual survey for JHSC feedback in general? Council will confirm questions and send them off to admin for comments and distribution.
- Do parents even know how to interact with School Council?
- Tutoring/Learning support issues that parents are struggling with post-covid.
- The school system (ASPEN) is great if the information is entered. The staff need training on this program.
- The admin team will report more about ASPEN. The Dept of Ed has changed the benchmark assessment program and the school has received half of the kits. Marilyn has indicated that the school can reach out to her with an inventory of what they have received and coordinate for the rest of these supplies. This is all being talked about in the School Growth meetings.
- Tosh hosted a Zoom meeting to take on results of student outcomes. There will be session for teachers in the next few weeks.

10 Other Business:

- Student Council has come up with an idea that the school get new sweatshirts (with new designs and logos) for people who wanted to buy them.
- It was requested that School Council can sponsor this (\$5/sweater) to reduce the cost per sweatshirt for students. Council will get back to Val in about a week with how we might be able to support.

11 In Camera

Motion for in camera at 9:11 pm:

Moved by Jesse seconded by Caitlyn that Council move into camera.

Motion out of camera at 9:50 pm:

Moved by Randi seconded by Rachel that Council move out of camera.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm

Next regular meeting: March 1, 2023 at 7:00 pm.