

Takhini Elementary School Council
Meeting Minutes
School Library
Thursday, November 20, 2014, 7:00 PM

Attendance

Present:	Guests:
Phil Willoughby, Co-Chair	Lisa Evans
Malcolm Mills, Member	Amanda Bartell
Candice Francis, Member	
Heather Dundas, Member	Regrets:
Katrina Brogdon, Administrator	Maureen Johnstone, Co-Chair
Debra Jonasson, Secretary/Treasurer	Jackie Shorty, Guaranteed Rep

SUBJECT:

ACTION:

<p>1. Call to Order: 7:15 pm. Introduction of all new members and attendees.</p>	
<p>2. Approval of Agenda: Remove 5. School Growth Plan and 9.1 School Council Planning Meeting; Under New Business and Correspondence, add; 9.1 Banking Signing authority and On-line Banking; 9.2 Lisa Evans Presentation and 9.3 Amanda Bartell Presentation.</p> <p>Motion: To accept the agenda with the changes.</p> <p>Moved by: Candice Francis; Seconded by: Heather Dundas</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>3. Approval of Minutes: October 9, 2014</p> <p>Motion: To accept meeting minutes as presented.</p> <p>Moved by: Malcolm Mills; Seconded by: Candice Francis.</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>
<p>4. Community Issues: Letter on bussing was sent to the Dept. of Education and there was a quick response to this issue. Letters were sent to the RCMP and City By-law. In response there has been more By-law and RCMP presence in the school neighbourhood.</p> <p>Discussion on the issue of having the busses stopping on Range Road and some of the incidents that are occurring when loading children at the end of the day.</p> <p>Discussion about the Dept. changing the parking lot next to the school to make it school bus friendly for loading and unloading</p>	

students.

Discussion about contacting Whitehorse Elementary to discover how they approached having their parking lot changed to accommodate bus loading/unloading in a safer manner.

Phil noted that Katrina would be happy to have School Council move ahead with the initiation of getting the construction started to change the parking lot into a bus loading/unloading zone.

Heather suggested moving the parents' vehicles to the ball park parking lot for loading and unloading and have the busses move into the parking lot and use it.

Phil suggested a fact-finding mission.

Malcolm suggested a call to George Arcand regarding the use of the ball diamond parking lot to start research on the feasibility of using it for parent loading/unloading. Candice also addressed any safety/liability issues associated with parents using this parking lot, i.e. Plowing, lighting, etc. Heather also suggested having a bus driver assess the situation and determine if the turning space in the lot is sufficient.

Phil suggested some fact-finding for now and bring the information back to the next meeting and then some brainstorming on the feasibility of this plan and what will be allowable.

Bring this back to the next meeting.

ACTION: Phil to make a phone call to the Principal at Whitehorse Elementary to find out the procedure of starting this project.

ACTION: Katrina to call Penny Prysuk and ask what the required process is from Department of Education to get this project started.

5. **Principal's Report:** 173 students enrolled as of today. 4 new students next week, a couple of other students are leaving to return to their home communities.

Katrina chatted with Albert Trask at the Principal's meeting about transient children and the related effects on them. This year seems to have more transient children than ever before. Noted that staff have to shift the paradigm on how to deal with this situation and had this discussion with Albert, who asked for ideas on how to address this issue so they can start to deal with it and make transition easier for students. She noted that there is a lot of parents showing up with a new child and wanting them to be integrated the same day which is difficult for staff/teachers to be prepared for them that day. Discussion on this issue.

Right now there is no solution for an interim day for children that are dropped off but the classroom is not prepared for them yet. Albert is very interested in hearing ideas to help resolve this issue.

The new playground equipment has not been installed yet, there is no push to get this finished quickly.

Applied for RPAY grant and got \$500 for a school project for a large spin bike for Amanda's class. It cost \$850 and was purchased from Run for Life.

There is an opportunity to get \$2,500 for the Takhini After School kids program rather than going through the Whole Child program. The School requires a letter from Council which is presented in order to receive the funding for the program. The Department is ok with using our own program. If Council is ok with this then she would like to proceed with this venture and would require the letter to support the School in this program. The Program will be for primary grades and will keep the Program on Wednesday evenings again, same as last year. Katrina can draft the letter and forward to council and then council can sign it.

Motion: School Council to support the School with the After School Program and to sign off on the letter to support this venture.

All primary teachers attended a math workshop and were all very pleased with this workshop. Darcy Leblanc and Paula Thompson have been into the School to work with the teachers.

Two teachers attended a self-regulation meeting within the Yukon.

Great World food Day was hosted by Amanda's class. CBC was in the School and it also was presented in the paper.

Starting a ski program on Fridays to get the kids outside on the trails around the School. Received skis/snowshoes from RPAY, through their lending program.

Running club for the younger students is still going on every Monday.

Action: Katrina to draft the letter required to support the School in the Takhini After School program and forward it to Council so that Council can sign off.

Vote: Unanimous

<p>6. Treasurer's Report: Debra has no report for this meeting as there has not been enough time to access the financial information and review the bank statements; will provide up-to-date information and statements at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>7. Old Business and Correspondence:</p> <p>No old items to address.</p>	
<p>8. New Business and Correspondence:</p> <p>8.1 Banking: Signing authority changeover is required,</p> <p>Motion: To authorize Debra, Phil and Maureen to have signing authority at the bank and to set up the account with on-line banking if it is not already established.</p> <p>Motion by: Malcolm Mills, Seconded by: Heather Dundas</p> <p>7.2 Lisa Evans: Lisa made a presentation to School Council to have herself and Katrina attend a special presentation in Calgary on the William Roper School. They are requesting financial support from Council in the amount of \$1200. The Department will provide some funding but asking if Council can support the balance of the trip for both people to attend this workshop as it is felt it would be very beneficial to the School students and staff.</p> <p>The program is Neural Metrics Therapeutic Model which provides the foundation for the programming in that School.</p> <p>Lisa and Katrina explained their reasoning for wanting to participate in this presentation and answered any questions that were raised by Council.</p> <p>Discussion on what this program is and how it will benefit this School.</p> <p>Phil asked if there is success stories/what the response has been to this and how the kids are doing coming out of this school? Lisa noted that the Calgary Education Department supports this school and its programming.</p> <p>Phil stated that there is no idea on the payback to the School at this time and there is an element of trust in Katrina and Lisa that</p>	<p>Action: Debra will set up a meeting at the bank to have Maureen, Phil and herself as signatories on the account and to set up on-line banking.</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>

this is a supportable presentation for this School but understanding the amount of time and energy required to handle 'at risk' students and the usefulness of this information.

Phil suggests supporting and financing this initiative for Katrina and Lisa.

Motion by: Phil that Council will support this initiative and to financially assist this trip by paying for the airfare for one person and the hotel rooms required up to \$600 for hotel and per diem expenses.

Moved by: Candice Francis; Seconded by: Malcolm Mills

They will report back to council on after the trip. Phil thanked Lisa for her presentation.

8.3 ^{Bartle} ~~Amanda Bartell~~ Presentation: Amanda is looking for support in purchasing an industrial-sized popcorn maker for the School. She explained that her class has been fundraising for both her class and Takhini's Sister School. Half of the money raised will be sent to the sister school in Kenya to help support them with funds in improving their school situation.

They would like to purchase a popcorn maker for fundraisers within the school and lessen the need to borrow and could also use this machine for other events within the School.


Candice asked if there are any options in Whitehorse of possibly purchasing a second hand popcorn maker before purchasing new. Candice does know of one and will need to look into whether it is in working condition and if it would be for sale. Lisa noted that her husband could possibly take a look at the machine to determine if it is useable. Candice will check into the possibility of purchasing a used popper from her workplace and bring back this information back to Amanda before any decision is made on purchasing a new one.

Heather also suggested contacting the Arts Society to see if there are any other organizations that may have a popper that could be purchased.

Vote: Unanimous

Action: Candice to inquire about the possibility of purchasing the used popcorn popper that is at her workplace.

<p>General Discussion: Heather noted that the College has come up with a new plan to obtain and develop 57 hectares of land in between the established residential areas. She also asked if there is currently any connection between the College and the School in regards to using their bouldering wall. Some discussion on this and its feasibility. Heather open to looking into what is available for the School to use at Yukon College in regards to using their facilities for School activities. Heather will look into getting information on this and then provide this information to Katrina for her review. Phil does not believe it is necessary to bring this information back to Council before forwarding to Katrina, Candice feels that cc'ing council in the email when she sends this information to Katrina will be sufficient. Discussion about how many students at the School would be children of students of the College and if this link would help with the idea of accessing some of the facilities that the College has. Phil does not want Katrina to feel that this issue is one that needs to be pursued but that the option is there and Council can help support if required.</p>	<p>Action: Heather will inquire with Yukon College what facilities may be available for the School to use for school activities.</p>
<p>10. Adjournment:</p> <p>Motion: To adjourn the meeting @ 8:54 pm.</p> <p>Moved by: Candice Francis; Seconded by: Malcolm Mills</p> <p>Next regular meeting: December 11, 2014 @ 7:00 pm In-camera @ 6:30 pm</p>	<p>Vote: Unanimous</p>


 Phil Willoughby
 Co-Char


 Debra Jonasson
 Secretary/Treasurer