GOLDEN HORN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regularly Scheduled Meeting **Date:** November 2, 2023

Location: Zoom **Time:** 6:30-8:30

In Attendance: Amber Hirsch, Christine Aikens, Caitlin Knutson, Shannon Fulop, Shelly

Peters – Secretary/Treasurer

Administration: Jesse Ward, Principal

Emily Quarton, Vice-Principal

Guests: Scott Kent, MLA for Copperbelt South

1. Call to Order: meeting was called to order at 6:32pm

2. Review and Adoption of Agenda:

Moved by Shannon, seconded by Christine THAT the agenda for November 2 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Review and Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Christine, seconded by Shelly THAT the minutes for October 5 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

4. Council Administration:

Action item logs - Reviewed action items log and updated discussions below;

Action: Safer schools action plan discussion follow up to November agenda

Discussion: Department is working to get all DoE employees training completed; completed

Action: yearbook pricing/options

Discussion: Shelly to investigate a lesser priced option that may work, \$65USD is too

expensive; carry to December

Action: Golf for GOES disbursement

Discussion: Jesse hasn't spoken with the teachers yet for a list, he has spoken with Michelle who has already prepared a list. This will be discussed at the next staff meeting and should have a list to us for December meeting to solidify disbursement for January; carry to December

Action: Ice rink feasibility (insurance/safety, additional resources, etc)

Discussion: what is needed to get the rink operational and is this a feasible option. Supervision may become an issue and is currently being used by the younger grades to play soccer on. Amber will write an email addressing council's support along with the concerns of the administration to Jesse and Superintendent. Action: Amber will write an email addressing council's support along with the concerns of the administration to Jesse and Superintendent.; carry new actions to December

Financial report - As of October 31, there is \$26,180 in the bank account – our YG operating grant of \$6,200 and the PD grant of \$500 was deposited on October 26. We have two outstanding cheques.

5. Correspondence:

- AYSCBC fall gathering on November 2-3: Christine and Amber will attend
- YG School Wellness Specialist Position (October 20 email): little direction on how the position will roll out, we will continue to monitor and hopeful for an update in December from administration. *Action: Administration to provide update in December*.
- 6. Guest Presentations: Scott spoke of recent discussions that have been happening in the Legislative Assembly regarding education and the recent school bus notifications, conversation around a live tracking system like the CoW transit busses was discussed. As a member of the Transportation Committee, Amber hasn't heard anything, but will bring this forward at the next scheduled meeting. Action: Amber to discuss a live tracking system, like CoW transit for school bussing. There has been a significant increase in costs related to bussing over the last couple of years with some schools cancelling off site activities.

Other Whitehorse schools have expressed that, due to a lack of ToCs, they are in a staffing crisis situation (e.g. LATs and administration frequently called on to teaching classes, sending students home because their EA was teaching a class). GHES is not experiencing the problem to the same degree. While GHES is regularly short staffed due to an inadequate availability of ToCs, Jesse has been able to juggle staffing and make everyday work. Council pointed out that this is still not acceptable and that we expect our specialist staff and administration to be able to do their jobs, and not be pulled into the classroom. Council feels the Department needs to address the underlying issues of inadequate availability of ToCs. Action: address the underlying issues of inadequate availability of ToC's.

Discussions regarding the parent advisory committee was brought up as HVES has one in place and whether other schools will be following and how it will work with councils and administrators. Discussion will be brought forward again in the next sitting.

A Golden Horn constituent has brought forward a concern regarding one of the newer yard lights located near the school that shines down Duncan Drive and can, at times shine into the oncoming traffic making it difficult to see the road. *Action: Jesse to speak with YG about getting this light dampened or adjusted so as not to cause safety concerns*

7. Principal's Report:

Presented by Jesse: 241 students enrolled, Library Clerk position vacant, 1 vacant EA position. Scheduled bells still aren't working, and more rodents are being seen due to garbage and surfaces not being cleaned adequately; concerns have been raised.

8. Committee Reports/Updates:

- Transportation committee: next meeting is scheduled for January/February major focus will be unifying reports between the schools, department, and Standard Bus.
- School growth committee (SGP): meeting took place on October 17, Shannon attended, and it
 went well. Discussions and Venn diagrams were made to show outside/experiential and project
 based and supports that are needed; possibility of sharing those at the next meeting
 anonymously. Discussions regarding a parent volunteer list was had and will be investigated
 further. Transportation costs have increased exponentially, and more asks have been brought to
 council for assistance, start looking into closer to school activities that do not require bussing.

- Community engagement: defer to next meeting
- FNSB committee: defer to next meeting
- Fundraising committee: Decora wreath making, winter pots and swag have been confirmed,
 Facebook posts to start today, all funds raised from the sale of the Decora items will go towards
 purchasing sensory and self-regulation tools and equipment for GHES classrooms and Flex
 Room. Amber is working to get the finalized GHES logo redesign completed and prepped to
 order hoodies/t-shirts/water bottles/bags
- Advisory Committee for Yukon Education (ACYE): there was a meeting in October, but Amber was unable to attend. Next meeting will be in the new year.

9. Capital Planning and Infrastructure:

Amber will email HPW regarding the tarmac concerns and ensure that it is on the queue for proper repairs or replacement. *Action: Amber to email HPW to ensure tarmac is on the queue*

10. New Items:

No new items for discussion

Action Item Log

Action Item Person Responsible Due			
		December	
yearbook pricing/options, less	Shelly Peters	December	
than \$65/unit as previously			
quoted	A wale and thing also	Danamakan	
GHES swag order Amber to get logo finalized and place	Amber Hirsch	December	
order			
Golf for GOES disbursement	All council	December	
Email addressing council's	Amber Hirsch	December	
support of ice rink along with			
the concerns of the			
administration to Jesse and			
Superintendent			
Student Conduct Plan	All council	December	
School wellness specialist	Administration	December	
position update			
concern regarding one of the	Administration	December	
newer yard lights located near			
the school that shines down			
Duncan Drive and can, at times			
shine into the oncoming traffic			
making it difficult to see the			
road			
address the underlying issues	All council	December	
of inadequate availability of			
ToC's			
Reach out to KISS Naturals in	Shelly Peters	Mid-January	
January/February re: spring			
break fundraising opportunity			

Transportation committee	Amber Hirsch	Next Transportation
meeting discuss live tracking		Committee meeting in
system like the CoW transit		January/February
busses was discussed in		
legislative assembly		
Soccer field assessment follow	Amber Hirsch	April
up		
Email HPW re: tarmac repair in	Amber Hirsch	April
queue for April		
PD funding disbursement	All council	May/June