

GOLDEN HORN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Regularly Scheduled Meeting	Date:	December 7, 2023
Location:	Golden Horn School Library	Time:	6:30-8:30

In Attendance: Amber Hirsch (on phone), Christine Aikens, Caitlin Knutson, Shannon Fulop, Shelly Peters – Secretary/Treasurer

Administration: Jesse Ward, Principal
Emily Quarton, Vice-Principal

Guests: Michelle Beaulieu, Grade 6/7 teacher

1. **Call to Order:** meeting was called to order at 6:45pm
2. **Review and Adoption of Agenda:**
 Moved by Caitlin, seconded by Shannon THAT the agenda for December 7 be adopted as presented. CARRIED
3. **Review and Adoption of Minutes:**
 Moved by Shannon, seconded by Caitlin THAT the minutes for November 2 be adopted as presented. CARRIED
4. **Council Administration:**
 Action item logs - Reviewed action items log and updated discussions below;

<p>Action: yearbook pricing/options, less than \$65/unit as previously quoted and Jesse to investigate departmental privacy conflicts</p> <p>Discussion: Shelly to continue to investigate different options from various companies. Jesse will investigate whether there will be a privacy issue should we go ahead with a yearbook; carry to January</p>
<p>Action: GHES spirit wear</p> <p>Discussion: There was a very tight deadline to get our order in, Klondike Printers was able to accommodate. We may be able to place a second order in the spring but will need to wait to find out whether they have sold. A suggestion of Buffs with the school logo was suggested and well received.</p> <p>Action: <i>Caitlin to investigate ordering Buffs for school swag</i></p>
<p>Action: Golf for GOES disbursement</p> <p>Discussion: Michelle spoke on the requests for the 6/7's outdoor equipment (covered in guest presentation), we received a request from Marc Senecal for some disc golf baskets valuing \$13,700 and a written proposal from Kaitlyn Bell for nutrition awareness supplies valuing \$2,000. Council will review all proposals and requests received and meet prior to the regularly scheduled meeting on January 11th at 5:30pm in the school library; meeting in January</p>
<p>Action: ice rink</p> <p>Discussion: Jesse spoke with several schools and long-term staff regarding the feasibility of an ice rink and how it was handled historically. Current long-term staff could only recall of the rink being flooded once and was spearheaded by a passionate staff member that regularly maintained it, as such administration doesn't believe that there are sufficient personnel available to maintain/supervise and oversee the rink; completed</p>

<p>Action: school wellness specialist position Discussion: don't have sufficient information; carry to January</p>
<p>Action: yard light concern Discussion: light has been fixed and no further complaints; completed</p>
<p>Action: address the underlying issues of inadequate availability of ToC's Discussion: as of November, EA's and LAT's are now being utilized in classrooms and some students have been asked (not requested) to be kept home because the needs of the student cannot be met. This is a discussion that was brought forward at the AYSCBC Fall Gathering and is a need that cannot be overlooked, some of the most vulnerable learners are suffering. Administration tracks days that ToC's cannot be called in and EA's/LAT's are being used to cover classroom time, this will be helpful with completing the letter. Action: Administration to forward the data to Caitlin Action: Caitlin to draft a letter and Christine follow up with Elaine at AYSCBC regarding the Fall Gathering discussions</p>

Financial report - As of November 30, there is \$29,044.76 in the bank account – we continue to hold the \$12,293 for the Golf for GOES fundraiser as well as \$1,481 from the 2023 Yukon Garden Hanging Baskets and \$1,025 from the Decora Holiday Fundraiser. Once all monies held in trust have been paid, we will have \$14,240.

5. Correspondence:

- R2L: there were no attendees from GHES or council at the R2L info session. R2L is being rolled out to an additional five Whitehorse schools, two community schools and one virtual school for the 2023/2024 school year. This is a part of the Government of Yukon response to the Review of Inclusive and Special Education (RISE) and the 2019 Auditor General's report on K-12 education in the Yukon. YG plans to introduce R2L to all schools in the Yukon in the next three to five years. R2L is an initiative that Golden Horn is eager to take on. **Action:** Jesse to speak with Trevor regarding GHES becoming a R2L school for 2024/2025.
- AYSCBC Fall Gathering Debrief: suggestion from attendees of gathering is to ensure at minimum one member of council attend, there are opportunities to speak to other councils and meet with the Minister. During the roundtable discussions there was two main themes:
 1. Concerns about new Mental Wellness Counsellor positions, including qualifications too specific, so people with degrees and masters in related areas were not qualified. Department stated that this is new, and they are prepared to pivot (qualifications, placement locations, role) if need be.
 2. Lack of ToCs. Many schools are worse off than GHES (as of fall gathering in early November), system wide issue. Low wages, no job security, difficult job because subbing for multiple classes in one day, no orientation, no child protection training, large list but never enough. Lack of ToCs means all the great work filling LATs and EAs is meaningless because they end up teaching classes. AYSCBC was asked to gather data on wages and qualifications across country, and number of positions unfilled daily due to lack of ToCs. And to assist with urging the DoE to solve this problem. Government's focus on job fairs and letting people know how low the qualifications are doesn't solve fundamental issue that position is poorly paid and difficult. Proof of commitment to solve problem will be seen if there is action.

There was a presentation of the AYSCBC new mission, vision, values, priorities, and objectives. AYSCBC is looking to adopt a new name in this process. *Action: Council to review the new AYSCBC documents and invite Elaine to the February meeting to hear feedback.*

Excellent overview of many of the resources available in the territory to raise awareness of options and support all youth going into the trades. Many panelists stated that high school students receive very little information on how to enter the trades. They stressed the importance of letting kids know early about these options.

Skills Canada, Yukon Chapter could come to GHES and give presentations to grade five and higher, there are kits (robotics, construction, beading) available that they can work on at school or home. *Action: Christine to reach out to Skills Canada, Yukon Chapter regarding a "Trades Day" at GHES for grades 5-7.*

Action: Christine to contact Jeff Wolosewich, Department Head for the School of Trades and Technology at Yukon U regarding a tour of the facility and "try-a-trade" event in the welding shop for grade 7 students.

6. Guest Presentations: Michelle attended and spoke on the needs of GOES equipment for the 6/7's. Currently the high priority needs for this group are:

- Lightweight tents
- Thermarests

Currently the tents that are being used are around 13 years old and showing signs of wear and age, some have been able to be sent for repair, but at some point, they will need to be retired. Reliance on the Parks Canada tents has been high in recent years, but those too are heavier for smaller stature people to use when backpacking as well as wear and tear on them is becoming noticeable. MSR Hubba Hubba tents are the preferred option and retail for approximately \$680; there is a request for at least 12 tents (\$8,160)

Thermarests that pack up small and are lightweight while still providing support have been requested; no quantity was specified

Cascade Designs (parent company of MSR and Thermarest) has grant opportunities for school outdoor programs, this may be something we can look to them for sponsorship

Action: Proposal to be forthcoming with detailed information

Action: Christine will speak with Corrinne at Coast Mountain regarding bulk purchase discounts

7. Principal's Report:

Presented by Jesse: 241 students enrolled, Library Clerk (6 hours/week) position vacant. Scheduled bells still aren't working.

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, bussing notifications.
- School growth committee (SGP): meeting the third Tuesday of the month at 3:30pm in the school library, council is welcome to attend. There will be no meeting in December, January SGP meeting is on the 16th. January's meeting will discuss the results of the parent survey that was sent out. Shannon will help with compiling the information and ways to support teachers that aren't as comfortable with a trade off method for GOES support.

- Community engagement: defer to next meeting
- FNSB committee: defer to next meeting
- Fundraising committee:
 Decora fundraising raised \$1,025.
 Moved by Amber, seconded by Shelly THAT the funds raised from the 2023 Decora Holiday fundraising be issued to the school via cheque with the understanding that administrators will provide an update on how the funds were spent in January.

CARRIED

Action: Jesse/Emily to provide and update on the purchase(s) made for the Flex room and/or sensory equipment with the money raise from the Decora Holiday fundraising.

Council has agreed to organize another school dance for February. We will discuss and organize at the January meeting.

Action: discuss/plan February school dance during January meeting

- **ESED 2022/2023 Grant:** ESED 2022/2023 report has been extended to December 2024 and will need to be reported on after the school has had one complete winter with usage details and pictures.

Action: Administration to start tracking ski usage such as classes utilizing, number of kids and the possibility of planning an open media family event to allow for pictures of the skis being used

Action: Christine to complete the ESED 2022/2023 final report in May 2024

- Advisory Committee for Yukon Education (ACYE): Next meeting will be in February/March

9. Capital Planning and Infrastructure:

No capital planning and infrastructure items for discussion

10. New Items:

No new items for discussion

Action Item Log

Action Item	Person Responsible	Due
yearbook pricing/options, less than \$65/unit as previously quoted	Shelly Peters	January
GHES Buffs for school swag with new logo	Caitlin Knutson	January
Golf for GOES disbursement	All council	January
Student Conduct Plan	All council	January
School wellness specialist position update	Administration	January
Letter to Minister to address the underlying issues of inadequate availability of ToC's	Caitlin Knutson	January
Administration to forward ToC/LAT/EA coverage to Caitlin for letter to Minister	Administration	January

Reach out to KISS Naturals in January/February re: spring break fundraising opportunity	Shelly Peters	Mid-January
Council to review the new AYSCBC documents and invite Elaine to the February meeting to hear feedback	All council	January
Christine to reach out to Skills Canada, Yukon Chapter regarding a "Trades Day" at GHES for grades 5-7.	Christine Aikens	January
Christine to contact Jeff Wolosewich, Department Head for the School of Trades and Technology at Yukon U regarding a tour of the facility and "try-a-trade" event in the welding shop for grade 7 students.	Christine Aikens	January
GOES funding request proposal with detailed information	Michelle Beaulieu/Administration	January
Christine will speak with Corrinne at Coast Mountain regarding bulk purchase discounts on tents and Thermarests	Christine Aikens	January
Administration to provide and update on the purchase(s) made for the Flex room and/or sensory equipment with the money raise from the Decora Holiday fundraising	Administration	January
discuss/plan February school dance during January meeting	All council	January
Administration to speak with Superintendent regarding GHES becoming a R2L school for 2024/2025	Administration	February
Transportation committee meeting discuss live tracking system like the CoW transit busses was discussed in legislative assembly	Amber Hirsch	Next Transportation Committee meeting in January/February
Soccer field assessment follow up	Amber Hirsch	April
Email HPW re: tarmac repair in queue for April	Amber Hirsch	April

Administration to start tracking ski usage such as classes utilizing, number of kids and the possibility of planning an open media family event to allow for pictures of the skis being used to forward to Christine for her ESED 2022/2023 report	Administration	May
Christine to complete the ESED 2022/2023 final report	Christine Aikens	May
PD funding disbursement	All council	May/June