

# GOLDEN HORN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Type:** Regularly Scheduled Meeting **Date:** February 1, 2024  
**Location:** GHES Library **Time:** 6:30-8:30  
**In Attendance:** Amber Hirsch, Caitlin Knutson, Shannon Fulop, Christine Aikens (Zoom),  
 Shelly Peters – Secretary/Treasurer  
**Regrets:**  
**Administration:** Jesse Ward, Principal  
 Emily Quarton, Vice-Principal  
**Guests:** Elaine Taylor, Executive Director AYSCBC

1. **Call to Order:** meeting was called to order at 6:37pm
2. **Review and Adoption of Agenda:**  
 Moved by Shannon, seconded by Amber THAT the agenda for February 1 be adopted as presented. CARRIED
3. **Review and Adoption of Minutes:**  
 Moved by Caitlin, seconded by Shannon THAT the minutes for January 11 be adopted as presented. CARRIED

4. **Council Administration:**

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

<p><b>Action:</b> yearbook pricing/options, less than \$65/unit as previously quoted  <b>Discussion:</b> Jesse to ask teachers at next meeting about buy in on a full school yearbook, otherwise Shelly/Amber will work to make a 6/7 yearbook. – carry</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> GHES Buffs with new school logo  <b>Discussion:</b> Caitlin will reach out to Buff with vector image to find out costs (<a href="https://www.buff.com/ca/custom/designbybuff">https://www.buff.com/ca/custom/designbybuff</a>) -carry</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Golf for GOES disbursement  <b>Discussion:</b> due to availability this has been postponed to February 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm in the school library. -carry</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Student conduct plan  <b>Discussion:</b> Council to review and discuss via email -carry</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Administration to provide and update on the purchase(s) made for the Flex room and/or sensory equipment with the Decora holiday fundraising  <b>Discussion:</b> Mikayla has taken the lead on setting up the flex room and has done an amazing job and continues to source new material requests. Council to attend a tour after the meeting. -completed</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Amber to speak with Superintendent regarding GHES becoming a R2L school for 2024/2025  <b>Discussion:</b> Amber spoke with Trevor about GHES becoming a R2L school and we are not one the schools in the queue right now, we don't know when it will happen, but YG's goal is all schools by end of 2025. -completed</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Letter to Minister to address the underlying issues of inadequate availability of ToC's</p>

<p><b>Discussion:</b> letter to be sent to members for one final review, we will send the letter out and ensure AYSCBC is CC'd as well as all members that have residents within the catchment -carry until a response is received</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> Disc Golf January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting debrief</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> YG hosted meeting regarding the disc golf land lease coming due in May, residents of Golden Horn discussed their concerns. Council supports the school's decision to apply for a renewal. -completed</p>
<p><b>Action:</b> ESED 2024/2025 application</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b> Council will assist with the application but require a teacher participant to assist. Administration will bring forward at the next staff meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Discussion of a pergola/outdoor classroom was discussed. -carry</p>

Financial report - As of January 30, there is \$25,300.76 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. YG has issued notice they will be depositing \$12,000 related to the 2023/2024 ESED into our account on Friday this will go to pay the Coast invoice for the next round of ski orders, Christine can speak more on that. We have January-June honoraria to pay out, \$500 in PD spending as well as an estimated \$500 in watermelons for the Pine Grove Run, we are estimated to close out the school year with \$6,200.

**5. Correspondence:**

- Response to Education Questions (Scott Kent 01/08): reviewed and no further discussion required.
- Meeting of School Council Chairs ASYCBC Debrief (Amber attended 01/16): Amber attended the meeting and felt that little progress on the discussions had occurred, lots of follow up on discussions that have already happened during the fall conference). Amber felt it was not a productive use of time.
- Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust applications (L Choquette 01/18): Shelly presented an option to submit a proposal for a “safe alone” project that would extend to 6/7 students allowing them to obtain first aid certifications as well as how to react in emergency situations at home and in the wilderness. Shelly will try to have this prepared and submitted before the February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- Ready-to-Learn (R2L) Schools (L Choquette 01/19): Amber discussed with Trevor, and we are not in the queue, but Emily confirmed that we do use many of the practices.
- 2023/2024 ESED Update (YG 01/31): Christine has ordered the final ski equipment which will complete Emily's ideal wish list. Council is expecting a deposit of \$12k from YG for the payment of this equipment and once that payment is made, we can issue payment to Coast. With all the new gear now on order a suggestion of bringing back the Carcross Corner Kickers ski club was suggested, this was an after school cross country ski program that utilized the older grades to assist with teaching the younger grades. This would require cooperation from the 6/7 groups. *Action: Further discussion with teachers that would host/plan would need to occur – discussion of Carcross Corner Kickers program return.*

**6. Guest Presentations:** Elaine spoke on the new strategic plan that has been adopted by the AYSCBC. Dr Bartlette met with councils and members as well as YG DoE and AYSCBC to prepare the strategic plan, there was a resounding theme in discussions that communication tends to break down between councils/DoE/AYSCBC. Resource material will be updated in the coming months. While the new strat plan covers the forward progress of AYSCBC we did not see any notations of advocacy for academic excellence, currently DoE nor the AYSCBC are doing this. Suggestions of more support to councils is required; the ToC shortage has been felt by many councils, but AYSCBC has not come out in support of councils and the advocacy of staffed ToC positions or other solutions. Major keynote speakers will create a larger draw for attendance at the gatherings in the spring and fall. Elaine has asked council to forward any persons to her to investigate further.

**7. Principal's Report:**

Presented by Jesse: 241 students enrolled, a new EA has been hired to replace an EA that will be departing shortly, there was no successful applicants for the grade three position, Emmalee Agnew (LAT) will be stepping into this position for the next five weeks and will also continue to fill a small portion of her LAT job as well, the library clerk position is looking promising to being filled, will be able to confirm in February. Scheduled bells still aren't working.

**8. Committee Reports/Updates:**

- Transportation committee: next meeting is scheduled for later in February.
- School growth committee (SGP): there has been positive discussions around using cross country skiing as the launching point now that we have a large amount of new gear due to the ESED grants. There was discussion about including more first nations initiative within GOES planning and outdoor events, suggestions around reaching out to C/TFN about a circle training session that could be used during wind down at overnight camping trips.
- Community engagement: defer to next meeting.
- FNSB committee: defer to next meeting.
- Fundraising committee: The dance was well attended, and positive comments have been heard. We spent a total of \$471.00 (not including donated items) and raised \$936.50 in canteen sales for a total profit of \$465.50. The glow table sales to raise money for the dry bags that were requested by the 6/7 classes had \$0 in expenses due to the donations and raised \$225.00; there was a shortfall of \$56.93 which council has opted to cover. Dry bags have been ordered and should arrive shortly.
- ESED 2024/2025 Grant: Council is ready to assist on completing an application for an outdoor classroom/pergola, however, we will need the assistance of a staff member. Deadline to apply is March 15.
- Advisory Committee for Yukon Education (ACYE): Amber attended and was advised the structure of the committee may be changing, discussions of subcommittees was had.

**9. Capital Planning and Infrastructure:**

No capital planning and infrastructure items for discussion

**10. New Items:**

- Prior to the holiday break in December, we had discussed bringing back the annual alternating science fair/heritage fair, this seems to have fallen off the radar. Jesse explained that to bring this event(s) back we would need a person to spearhead it, currently Anne has been looking into bringing a science club forward, however, this would be too late for students to enrol in the 2024 Science Fair.

**11. In Camera:** no in camera discussion

**12. Adjournment:** at 9:28pm

**Action Item Log**

<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Person Responsible</b>	<b>Due</b>
yearbook pricing/options, less than \$65/unit as previously quoted	Shelly Peters	March
GHES Buffs for school swag with new logo	Caitlin Knutson	March
Golf for GOES disbursement	All council	March
Student Conduct Plan	All council	March
Transportation committee meeting discuss live tracking system like the CoW transit busses was discussed in legislative assembly	Amber Hirsch	Next Transportation Committee meeting in February
ESED 2024/2025 application	All Members	March
wellness position/TOC follow up	Caitlin Knutson	March
discussion of Carcross Corner Kickers program return	Administration w/teaching staff	March
Soccer field assessment follow up	Amber Hirsch	April
Email HPW re: tarmac repair in queue for April	Amber Hirsch	April
Parking lot spring repairs	Shelly Peters/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