

GOLDEN HORN SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
November 3, 2022
GHEs Library

“School Council would like to acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Kwanlin Dun First Nation People, Ta’an Kwach’an Council and Carcross Tagish First Nation and thank them for allowing us to live and work on their traditional land.”

Present: Council Members:

Christine Aikens: Chair
Emily Woodruffe
Amber Hirsch
Caitlin Knutson
Jessica Boyd

Administration:

Jesse Ward: A/Principal
Emily Quarton: A/Vice
Principal

Guests:

Shelly Peters - Treasurer
Barbara Ruf – Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM. Congratulations extended to Jesse & Emily on their new positions for the 2022-2023 school year!

2. **Administration:** Amendments and approval of the October minutes:
Moved by Caitlin, seconded by Emily THAT the revised minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 6, 2022 be adopted. CARRIED
Moved by Emily, second by Caitlin, THAT the Agenda for the, November 3, 2022 be adopted. CARRIED

Financial Report: Balance in account is \$23,768.25 (includes the grant and ESED payment) Council’s account has been set up for e-transfers.
Action: Shelly will research potential grants and send out a list of grants for Council to consider

3. **Correspondence:** AYSCBC’s 2022 Yukon School Councils’ Fall Gathering will be taking place on November 4-5, no GHEs Council Members are able to attend. Amber filled out the survey to provide feedback.

4. **Guest Presentation:** None scheduled. Scott Kent sends his regrets.

5. **Principal's Report:**GHES Administration has requested 2 additional EA's and anticipates having an update from the Superintendent by November 16th. The LAT and First Nations Language Teacher vacancies have not been posted yet. Council inquired if they could advocate to have the FN Teacher position expanded to include FN teachings and on the land learning. Admin replied that the focus does need to be language based.

Action: Check with Jesse to see if he can inquire if the funding allocated for the FN Teacher could potentially be used for a more land-based learning teacher.

The GHES grade 6 & 7's recently participated in a Health and Health Behaviors Survey (HBSC) that is statistician run and occurs every 4 years. The results from the 2018 survey are available online through YG's website: https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/hss/hss-imgs/hbsc_yukon_report_2018_final.pdf

6. **Student Transportation Committee:** Update from Amber - The first meeting was held on Oct 26th, most driver shortages have been alleviated, although but #39 was recently impacted. There have been concerns with some of the mechanical crossing arms not functioning and a maintenance report has been requested from Standard Bus.
7. **School Growth Planning:** The finalized plan has been received by the group and is ready to proceed with. RTI (Response to Intervention) data will continue to be worked on. The school is determining if there is a standardized way to use RTI. The triangle is new to staff and there is a varied range of understanding.

Council expressed that reporting of student's academic progress needs to be expanded on to give indication of potential learning deficiencies. The common terms used in report cards such as '*proficient*' and '*with support your child can*', can be a catch all, and actual assessment data, and clear communication of where kids are at may be more valuable for parents. Some families have been reaching out to LDAY for assessments. Report cards and benchmark reporting will remain as standing item for the 2022/2023 School Council meeting agenda.

8. **Community Engagement:** As per the request from Council, Admin has agreed to send volunteer requests to the entire parent/guardian body opposed to asking school council to fill the gaps. All Council meeting minutes have now been uploaded to Council's website and the 'contact us' button on the website has been replaced with Council's email address.

Action: Jesse to confirm that there are no nut allergies and then the nut friendly policy may be reiterated with families. Council's meeting schedule also needs to be updated on the school's website.

Community Engagement continued...

For the **Speaker Series**, a presentation on ADHD was suggested as a topic for community engagement. Life Coach Aaron Bailey recently led an event locally where he discussed his own experience with ADHD and shared what has helped him. Emily and Christine will explore this potential subject further. It was determined that the film 'Upstander' would not be selected for viewing. Movie Night is set for November 25th, and a few staff have already volunteered and Admin may reach to parents if more are needed.

9. **Capital Planning and Infrastructure:**

YG's Engineering Department has indicated that jersey barriers could present a safety hazard for vehicle occupants and issues for snow plows. They have suggested raised curbing instead and 'city barriers' to block off the parking spots that back into the drop off/pick up lane. **Action:** Once the new signage has been installed, Jessica will arrange for another meeting with Trevor and Chris from YG to discuss further plans to direct and slow traffic; Jessica will continue to take the lead and Shelly has offered to attend the meeting. Suggestions were made for adding saw horses with sand-bags for temporary barriers and children silhouette cut outs to alert drivers. A speed bump to slow traffic would cost \$8000

10. **Fundraising:** Jessica has created a poster for the Christmas centerpiece fundraiser which will be distributed to the school's mailing list. There is no minimum or maximum number of centerpieces that need to be purchased and the cut off for orders is Dec. 1st, pick-up will be December 12th.

Council has arranged for e-transfers for Council based fundraisers to go directly into their account opposed to thru the school's account. There were a couple of suggestions from GHES staff for a fundraising goal such as new stage lighting. The sound system from last year's fundraising initiative is on back order and Council is ready to contribute the funds as agreed.

11. **Communication:** An appreciation and congratulations email on behalf of Council was extend to Trine Dennis on her acceptance of the Principal position at HVES, this email was also shared with the school community.

Jesse confirmed that the Safer Schools training was completed by GHES staff as required by the Government's [Action Plan](#); and that the school's Joint Health & Safety Committee (JHSC) is meeting Legislated requirements including meeting and facility inspection frequencies.

Action: Jessica will check in with Lori Chouquette regarding Council Liability Insurance

12. In Camera Session: N/A

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Deferred Items:

YFNED Presentation: request for Spring 2023

Revision of School Conduct Plan – Fall 2022

RCMP Presentation / visit regarding student safety – 2022/23

Action Items from 2021-22 school year:

- Trine/Jesse will determine the priority areas to include in the glass door funding

Attachments: October Principal's Report

