

GOLDEN HORN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regularly Scheduled Meeting **Date:** September 7, 2023

Location: Golden Horn School Library **Time:** 6:30-8:30

In Attendance: Amber Hirsch, Caitlin Knutson, Shannon Fulop, Shelly Peters –
Secretary/Treasurer

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

Regrets: Christine Aikens

"School Council would like to acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation, the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and Carcross/Tagish First Nation and would like to thank them for allowing us to live, learn, and work on their traditional land."

1. Call to Order: meeting was called to order at 6:38pm

2. Review and Adoption of Agenda and Summer Business:

Moved by Amber, seconded by Caitlin THAT the agenda for September 7 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Summer business:

Moved by Amber, seconded by Caitlin THAT the electronics policy presented on August 17 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

Moved by Amber, seconded by Christine THAT council purchase a thank you gift valued at \$100 for Jessica Boyd.

CARRIED

3. Review and Adoption of Minutes:

Deferred to October 5th to allow all members to review minutes in more detail *Action: add June 1 minute review and adoption to October agenda*

4. Council Administration:

Action item logs - Reviewed action items from June 1st meeting, updated action log

Meeting reimbursement – when should members be reimbursed for meeting attendance. What committees/meetings will result in reimbursement. *Action: follow up via email with all members to come to a consensus.*

Financial report - As of August 31, there is \$25,500 in the bank account – this does not include our annual operating grant or PD funding from YG. Last year we received the deposit in October but will follow up with YG. We have no outstanding cheques.

Golf for GOES raised \$11,674.70 after paying Meadow Lakes and Kit's Kitchen, there should be one more invoice coming in for the sound system that will be approximately \$200.

5. Correspondence:

Update on new members - Awaiting appointment of Shannon and Shelly to council, swearing in will take place after. Once this is completed Amber to update ASYCBC/Bank on new members. *Action: Amber to follow up on appointment and swearing in*

Contribution agreement/PD funding - since funding wasn't received until October in previous years, we will monitor October bank statement. *Action: Shelly to follow up with Lori on PD funding for this year*

6. Guest Presentations: no guests present

7. Principal's Report:

242 students enrolled, one library clerk vacancy, one EA vacancy. Discussion around the counsellor position and what is being taught by this position. Social/emotional learning is being taught in all classrooms, self regulation/awareness. *Action: council to check in, in December to gauge the progress*

Sexual Orientation Gender Identification (SOGI) policy review and discussion on transparency in how events and curriculum will be communicated.

New photo policy issued by the department was discussed. Currently, there are digital cameras that have been purchased for use by the teachers on trips, we will await more information to come forward from the department. Is there a way we can put all the pictures together at the end of the year in a yearbook style for students/guardians that cannot receive pictures throughout the year.

Action: Shelly to investigate yearbook pricing/options

8. Committee Reports/Updates:

Transportation committee - next meeting is scheduled for September 27th. There have been some concerns around the bus stops on the highway, some vehicles are not stopping – *Action: Shelly to make a Facebook post reminding people to stop when the bus has its lights and signs out.*

School growth committee (SGP) - discussed the literacy night presentation, was well received by attendees. First SGP meeting will be September 20th

Community engagement - defer to next meeting

FNSB committee - defer to next meeting

Fundraising committee - School will be going ahead with Purdy's order for Christmas. Council will look into centerpieces again this year *Action: Shelly to reach out to a couple vendors to gauge interest.* Golf for GOES was reviewed in the financial update, council will need to decide how to disburse the funds raised. *Action: council to discuss via email and confirm to administration how we will go forward with disbursing the monies.* Defer the Kiss Naturals fundraising to February for March (spring break) arrival.

Advisory Committee for Yukon Education (ACYE) – integrated student outcomes will be forthcoming, GHES should start integrating this into our SGP. Safer schools action plan report was released today (September 7) and will be discussed in October once all members have had a chance to review in depth. *Action: add Safer schools action plan discussion follow up to October agenda*

Ready-to-Learn (R2L) is a universal support initiative for all Yukon students. The initiative is based on the understanding that children can only be ready to learn when they feel calm and safe. Before children can learn, we need to support their basic needs.

A key part of the initiative is teacher training in a model called the Neurosequential Model in Education, or NME. This model was developed by brain development and trauma expert Dr. Bruce Perry and is informed by more than 30 years of research. We are currently not a school that is under the pilot initiative, but unofficially we follow the practice. YG is aiming to have all schools join the R2L initiative in the next 3-5 years.

9. Capital Planning and Infrastructure:

Parking lot - parking lot email from September 5th requires further clarification and follow up.

Playground/tarmac - Pictures of the tarmac showing an incomplete repaving, rather a top coat temporary patch is not considered acceptable as the large cracks that can cause injury are still there

Action: Amber/Shelly to work on an email to follow up on tarmac and parking lot.

Rink/soccer field – after the June 5th visit from the Minister we have had some action in that we have been confirmed to be on the list for a review in the spring for our soccer field assessment.

Action: add “soccer field follow up” for spring to action items. In past years the ice rink was flooded for the kids to use for skating rather than going to the CGC. Flooding the rink would save travel time and reduce environmental effects on transportation. Previously parents would volunteer to keep the rink shoveled and ready for flooding. What would be the requirements (insurance/safety, additional monitoring during recesses, etc) of flooding the rink for this year. Is this a feasible option.

Action: report back in October

10. New Items:

AGM planning – AGM will take place on October 5th from 6:30-8pm, regular council meeting will take place beforehand at 5:30pm. Administration does not need to attend the regularly scheduled council meeting the principal's report can be sent before the meeting and we will review. *Action: Shelly to pull the 2022 AGM minutes and school council report and forward to Amber, send the invites to the regularly invited attendees (Minister, MLAs for attendance area, DM, ADM, Area Superintendent, School Council Liaison, AYSCBC Executive Director, administration) create an invitation for posting on Facebook and forward to Cynthia to pass on via School Messenger to parents/guardians. The financial report for 2022/2023 will need to be prepared as well.*

Action Item Log

Action Item	Person Responsible	Due
June 1 minute review and adoption to October agenda	Shelly Peters	October
follow up on appointment and swearing in for new members	Amber Hirsch	October
Contribution agreement/PD funding follow up	Shelly Peters	October
when should members be reimbursed for meeting attendance. What committees/meetings will result in reimbursement	All council via email	October
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Executive Director, administration)		
create an invitation for posting on Facebook and forward to Cynthia to pass on via School Messenger	Shelly Peters	October
financial report for 2022/2023	Shelly Peters	October
School council report for 2022/2023	Amber Hirsch	October
Follow up on results re: capital engagement survey	Amber Hirsch	October
Facebook post reminding people to stop when the bus has its lights and signs out	Shelly Peters	October
reach out to a couple vendors to gauge interest in partnering in centrepieces/wreathes	Shelly Peters	October
council to discuss via email and confirm to administration how we will go forward with disbursing the monies raised from Golf for GOES	All council	October
work on an email to follow up on tarmac and parking lot	Amber Hirsch/Shelly Peters	October
Safer schools action plan discussion follow up to October agenda	Shelly Peters	October
Ice rink feasibility (insurance/safety, additional resources, etc)		October
yearbook pricing/options	Shelly Peters	November
Progress of new counsellor position	All council	December
Reach out to KISS Naturals in January/February re: spring break fundraising opportunity	Shelly Peters	Mid-January
Soccer field assessment follow up	Amber Hirsch	April