



School Council

**École Whitehorse
Elementary School**

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Agenda

Tuesday October 11, 2016 7:00 pm – ÉWES Staff Room

Members: Hillarie Zimmerman (past Chair) Rachel Moser (Chair) Laura Lang (Vice Chair) Jeff Wolosewich (Secretary) Chrissy McConnell (Treasurer)	Staff: Sharon MacCoubrey (Principal) Greg Storey (Superintendent)
Regrets: Brian Bruckman (SC member) Darcy LeBlanc (Vice-Principal)	Guests: Carol Coote, AYSCBC

1. **Call to Order** Rachel
Meeting called to order at 7:40pm

2. **Approval of Agenda** All
Motion to approve: Chrissy. Seconded: Laura. All approved.

3. **Approval of Past Minutes** All
3.1. Meetings June 14, 2016 & September 13, 2016
June 14 Motion to approve: Chrissy. Seconded: Rachel. All approved.
Sept. 13 Motion to approve: Rachel, with changes re: school supplies. Seconded: Laura. All approved.

4. **Recognition of Community Input** All
Action: Chrissy will organize photos and bios of council members to be put on website and school wall
Action: Brian and Jeff will send photos and bios to Chrissy

5. **Reports** Sharon
5.1. Administration
See Principal Report for full update. Highlights include:
 - 166 boxes of food were donated through the Ground Up project
 - list of field trips
 - school on list to get soccer nets replaced (old ones are not to code)
 - new teacher (music) hired: Rene Rossignol
 - administration is working with teachers to support incidents where students express themselves aggressively

- 5.2. Financial Update and Report Chrissy
 - Bank balance is \$54 021
 - School supplies fees amount will be \$46600 bill will reduce balance to approximately \$8000
 - Tutoring costs still need to be reimbursed by Dept.
 - Financial statements will be filed by Oct. 31 deadline
 - School agreed to contribute \$2500 to greening project

- 5.2.1. Financial Reimbursements and Collection of Receipts All
 - Cheque 96 \$35.94 to L. Lang (Mother's Day Breakfast)
 - Cheque 111 M. Fekete

6. **Business Arising From Minutes**

- 6.1. Review of action items All
- 6.2. School council roles – motion required All
- Motion to approve: Rachel. Seconded: Laura. All approved.
- 6.3. Tutoring program Jeff
- Department of Ed. has agreed to continue funding
- Action: exact amounts to be confirmed by Jeff
- 6.4. School supplies funding Rachel
- Invoices from Staples are still forthcoming
- Rachel has drafted a letter to Bob Walker regarding our experience administering school supplies funding
- Action: Rachel will provide second draft this week

7. New Business

- 7.1. School Council fundraising All
- Tabled to next meeting
- 7.2. School fundraising – July email from parent Chrissy
- Rachel responded to parent, no reply
- A more thorough discussion on council fundraising will happen next meeting
- 7.3. House Colour Laura
- Teachers on house colour committee questioned:
- Whether the vision/goals of house colours were being met
- Counting of the points was becoming onerous
- Whether we should have a different way of celebrating

For some students, there is benefit to the house colour system because it helps create a continuity/sense of togetherness that lasts throughout their school experience. The competitive side of it helped create a fun and motivating atmosphere.

If there is a way for us to work with the idea to make it better, the house colour system might be brought back, and some members of school council support bringing it back.

Some students don't have as much parental support, however, and they can't participate fully and they feel down, so they experience none of the benefits that those with more parental support do.

It is not possible to re-introduce the house colour system without teacher support.

If we ask "Why did we have house colours?" and "What benefits did the system bring?" and connect that to our goals to restructure, to discover "who we are" and what our school identity is, we may be able to start an engaging discussion with teachers, parents, students, and administration.

Action: Sharron will write a letter to parents addressing the house colour system and will send a draft to council before sending to parents

Action: Council members and Administration should consider ways to engage with parents, staff, students, and the community ahead of the November meeting in order to be prepared to discuss an inclusive process by which we can help discover/create improved school identity. Consider how a school "strategic plan" can help guide council actions.

8. Standing Items

- 8.1. New Vision Laura
- 8.2. School Growth Plan Rachel
- Action: Laura will go to meeting tomorrow
- 8.3. ÉWES Greening and Playground Hillarie
- None
- 8.4. Student Transportation Committee Laura
- None
- 8.5. Events All
- Next time
- 8.6. STEM All
- Change to tutoring discussion
- 8.7. AYSCBC Carol
- Newsletter coming out this week

9. Next Meeting

- 9.1. Next regularly scheduled meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 7:00pm

- Parent volunteer engagement
- School council strategic planning

10. Adjournment of Council Meeting

Motion to adjourn: Rachel. Seconded: Chrissy. All approved.