



**School Council**  
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## Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 16, 2024 @ 6:30 pm – ÉWES Staff Room and Zoom

Sarah Gallina, Chair Gary Whittle, Vice-Chair Kelly Jiang, Member Sheila Merkley, Member Micah Quinn, Member	Johanna Havelaar, Secretary-Treasurer Ashley O'Brien, Member, via zoom Sharon MacCoubrey, Principal Valerie Long, Vice-Principal
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### 1. Call to Order – 18:30

### 2. Land Acknowledgement

- a. We are meeting on the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'an Council. We recognize their deep connection to this land and express our gratitude for the opportunity to live and work here.

### 3. Adoption of Agenda

- a. Added 8.b. Children Safety Issue
- b. **Motion 24.12.01** to adopt Agenda by Sheila, Second by Micah, All in favour

### 4. Adoption of November Minutes

- a. Changed some terminology in the Finance section
- b. **Motion 24.12.02** to adopt by November Minutes by Sarah, Second by Micah, All in favour

### 5. Recognition of Community Members

- a. None present

### 6. Correspondence

- Scott Kent – Yukon Legislature Education Questions
- Special report on 2022-23 graduation rates
- ATIP Request for 10 years of council minutes (2014-2024)
- Del Van Gorder School – concerns with Dept of Ed communication

### 7. Reports

- a. **Administration Report** – Sharon
  - FSAs complete, some data has already been compiled

- Grade 4 and Grade 7 literacy is doing well
- Students in grade 7 with numeracy challenges had already been identified as needing extra support
- EWES does well when compared to other schools in the Yukon
- Arctic sports – the number of kids attending were reduced
- Injuries due to icy conditions – none hospitalized in November

**b. Financial/Treasurer Report – Johanna**

- Cheque withdrawn twice from account - resolved
- Honouraria payments
  - Johanna forgot cheque book at home but will deliver cheques to everyone this week.

**8. New Business**

**a. Teacher Job Action**

- YG release
- Recommendations were submitted to the reconciliation board of 3 people today – government response by Wednesday
- No timeline on job action – January is the earliest

**b. Children Safety Issue - Gary**

- Primary side/black steel – fence bar is bent out of place and dangerous at eye level
  - Staff will check the entirety of the fence line

**c. Treats for teachers**

- **Motion 24.12.03** to ratify expenditure for teacher appreciation within existing budget by Gary, All in favour

**9. Standing Business**

**a. French Second Language – Val**

- Trying to develop a French immersion day but no date was set

**b. Project Advisory Committee: New School Build – Sarah, Johanna, Gary, Sharon**

- No recent meeting
- Sharon requests that council advocates for EWES to have a separate soccer field at the new school site
- Parent Handout – Sharon & Martin
  - Moving through the approval process, hopefully by the end of December/before next meeting

**c. School Growth Plan – Sheila**

- No update

**d. Transportation Committee – Micah**

- Use of public transit by elementary classes
- Micah raised Sharon's list of concerns at the meeting and also forwarded them to Standard Bus
- Next meeting is Feb 25, 2024
- EWES: 1-3 buses late every morning

- **Action 24.12.01** Sarah and Johanna will contact Standard us – Bus 11 driver needs better child management training and is consistently late in the morning

e. **Community events**

- Christmas Family Movie Night – Le Boréal Express
  - Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm

**10. Next Meeting – January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**11. Adjournment of Council Meeting – 19:25**