

**PORTER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Regular Council Meeting**  
**December 9, 2020**  
**School Library/Zoom**

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

**Present:**

<b>Council Members:</b>	<b>Administration:</b>
Dale Cheeseman: Chair	Peter Giangrande: Principal
Angela Drainville: Vice Chair	Nicole Cross: Vice Principal
Misty Ticiniski	Candice Deo: Vice Principal
Sheri Graham	
Jennifer Kozmen	
Rosemary Waugh-Wilson (Zoom)	
Deanna McLeod (Zoom)	
Andrew Robulack (Zoom)	
Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	

**Regrets:** Amanda Leas: Council Member

**Guests:** Sylvie Binette: Parent

- 1. Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:35PM
- 2. Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Misty, second by Angela, THAT the agenda be adopted. CARRIED

**2.1 Guest: Sylvie Binette: Presentation:**

Sylvie Binette introduced herself to council. She discussed her past experience with her son. (He is now 26) She moved to the Yukon in 1985, was a French Monitor at PC and FH.

She wanted to emphasize her concern about the Gr. 10 -12 students who are in school part time due to COVID. She would like to see them be in full time.

Her son went to EET, then they moved to Sweden for a while, then back to Whitehorse. Son attended Whitehorse Schools, including FH Collins. He expelled indefinitely. Sylvie then sent him to a private school to try and help him. However, it did not work. Son left school, with others, and has been struggling with drugs and alcohol.

She feels that is a big cost to society and feels school should be full time as there are consequences in not attending full time. Kids get into trouble. According to data from 2016, 46% suffer with issues, and kids 10 – 24 are 3 times higher than the national average for drugs and alcohol.

She is very surprised by the Minister of Education for not considering full time attendance for the Gr. 10 -12 students. Especially the students on IEP's.

School Council thanked Sylvie for her presentation and will keep her comments in mind as we deal or speak with the Department of Education.

- 3. Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Misty, second by Angela, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 9, 2020 be adopted. CARRIED

**4. Parent/Community Issues:**

Council held roundtable discussions on the part time of the Gr. 10 -12 students. It is a big concern. Discussions with respect to the students who are in need of help and struggling, their mental health, counselling.

Will the Gr. 12 students be ready for University only participating part time? Will their achievement be enough?

Peter advised they are communicating with parents as much as they can and will continue to do as much as they can for the students at the school.

Other discussions on the morning sessions vs. afternoon sessions. How will students adjust? Will it be an easy adjustment or not.

**5. Reports: Committees:**

5.1 Health and safety: Discussed under Principal's Report. Meeting was held today.

5.2 Field Trips: Discussed under Principal's Report.

5.3 Transportation Committee:

Sheri provided a report.

Committee held a meeting on Dec. 1. 2020.

Colleen (from Selkirk) is the Chair

Amber (from Golden Horn) is the Vice-Chair

- 3 more buses have arrived and should be ready to roll for next semester. Families will be contacted with seat assignments.
- Approx. 750 – 800 transit bus passes are going out to high school students each month.

- Over 1600 masks were issued to Standard to provide to kids who show up with none. The bus is considered an extension of the school in regards to masks. If child refuses the mask, and incident report will be submitted to the school and dispatch, discipline such as bus suspension or bus expulsion comes from the school level.
- Hoping to have some variety of electronic registration ready for next school year use by parents
- This year there have been many problems that have all been magnified by busing (e.g.: Jan 2020 there were approx. 2000 registered riders, this school year approx. 1900 seats have been assigned; and there are approx. 500 outstanding registrations still waiting for bus seats; approx. 25% students were not properly registered in the system last year). Superintendents are now keeping a list of students that are attending school outside of their catchment area and the reason why.
- City of Whitehorse has ongoing projects in school zone areas, such as: Signage, expanding school zone areas, cross walks, improving sightlines
- In February next year, there should be a city wide study made of school zone signage and placement with opportunities for public input, school councils and community associations who will be encouraged to consider the issues they face as turnaround time on consultation may be short
- Data trackers have been installed at select schools to determine speed, number of cars passing through the zones, etc.
- Next meeting of the committee to be held end of January or early February

**6. Principal's Report:**

- Enrolment: 475
- Peter provided the Southern Tutchone name for the school:  
**N'tsaUw Chu'Kedts'edan Ku**
- COVID 19 funding received for 2.5 FTE TEMPORARY positions for asap/  
2<sup>nd</sup> semester  
This has allowed for LEAD hockey to be re-established and a posting for a Learning Assistance Teacher, Supported Learning Teacher (parents can reach out to ) and a Math/Foods teacher for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester  
Becky Miller has joined to finish the semester for Astrid Sidaway-Wolf to teach Eng. 11 and Work Experience in 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester  
Amy Dawe (on Mat leave) backfill process is in process (Math 8/9)
- Ryan Sikkes (former Principal of Catholic Secondary School) is the ADM for Schools and Support Services as of Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. (David Wipf is retiring)
- Donna Miller Fry has been hired as the third Superintendent of schools
- 2.0 FTE staffing for ALL Whitehorse schools student support.

**ACTION:** Council members to email Peter with ideas/suggestions as to how these positions can be used. i.e.: credit recovery; study group; stem group;

- Cultural Food Day: Nov. 19 = Gr. 8/9 students: Stew and bannock
- Gym and Library are opened for lunch time access as of Dec. 1.  
There are approx. 20 – 25 students each day using
- Share the Spirit: Drive through – Dec 2. Over \$1300 was raised, which is pretty similar to previous year
- Grad Cttee: have been making and selling butter tarts. 12,000 butter tarts have been sold, which is double the previous sales!!
- Turkey Dinner: Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, Gr. 10 -0 12: for the morning classes, before they leave in the am (11:30)  
afternoon classes: after 1:00
- Positive feedback from Student Led conferences. Less rushed, no driving, phone calls productive and zooms could include larger support groups, e.g.: grandparents.
- Positive feedback about the Student Learning Support environment from First Nations, parents and students
- Plans for All City Band Virtual concert were cancelled
- Volleyball wrap up event for CGC was cancelled. School had a fun wrap up with staff vs. students tournament
- when doing volleyball in the gym, masks are not required within the gym as per CMO guidelines
- Our School Survey: Completed during the week of Nov. 2.  
PC has 6 years' worth of data (Surveys)  
Data: Jan 2019  
Data Now: 2% increase in anxiety  
                  4% increase in depression.  
Survey went to student's end of October  
School has signed a 3 year term to do a teacher survey: on Jan. 15  
and a Parent Survey: Universal URL  
Peter provided some data:  
Effective Learning Time: came in at 6.8: Canadian normal  
Advocacy at school:
  - 2019: Jan: 3.2
  - 2020: Nov: 3.4
  - Canadian norm: 2.7
- PD Day Nov. 20: Continue relationship mapping and afternoon will focus on mental health and wellness  
Inclusive Education: Dec. 8: participated with Nikki Yee: Consultant hired by the Dept.
- Health and Safety: Mtg. held Dec. 9: New operational plan re: masks,  
Outside user groups have begun to use the facility, bookings through the City Facility:
- MAD has moved back to Wood St. Centre Theatre, opening the space necessary for SASE for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- No update on P1A to date: will not be used as a classroom, maybe for storage

- Working with Facilities and Property Management on:
  - Outdoor garbage bins
  - Gym Divider Walls: Demolition to be done during Xmas holiday break (Dec. 21 – Jan 1); installation of new walls approx. Feb. 22 – March 31/21
  - Clocks not functioning; carpet replacement in new wing, light replacement in new wing; further security for van parking compound near gym parking
  - Jordan's Principle: distribute food to FN Students
- Field Trips: NONE
  - Trips within Whitehorse continuing
- COVID supplies being covered separately by federal funding
- Fire Smart work to begin in identified areas
- Working on hosting White Hatter sessions (Social media safety, digital literacy ) for parents in late January or February 2021
  - 2 sessions for students at beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
  - Social Literacy: Sexting and online bullying
  - RCMP would like to come in after this and speak with students as well
- School lost 12 students when cases were on the rise in Whitehorse

**7. Treasurer's Report:**

Balance in account is \$7,196.20. Waiting for Contribution Agreement funding

**8. Old Business and Correspondence:**

8.1 School Council Scholarship:

Deanna provided an update to the Council Scholarship.

Council discussed best ways to get students to apply. School Council provides 2 -- \$500. Scholarships.

To be put on website.

**9. New Business and Correspondence:**

9.1 Letter to Minister McPhee (From 3 high school chairs)

Council reviewed letter from chairs to the Minister and the response from the Minister to the Chairs.

**ACTION:** Dale to discuss further with Cynthia, Chair of Vanier, and Sandra, Chair of FH Collins.

9.2 Inclusive and Special Education review:

Members were encouraged to complete the review.

**ACTION:** Jerry to email to Angela

9.3 In Camera

**MOTION:** Moved by Angela, second by Misty, THAT the PC School Council move  
in to camera at 8:29PM. **CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Moved by Jennifer, second by Sheri, THAT the PC School Council move  
out of camera at 9:04PM. **CARRIED**

**10. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM  
Next Regular Meeting, January 13, 2021

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Dale Cheeseman:  
Chair

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Jerry Zahora:  
Secretary Treasurer