

**PORTER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**January 13, 2021**  
**School Library/via 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.”*

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

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:36PM.
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Angela, second by Sheri, THAT the agenda be adopted. CARRIED
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Misty, second by Sheri, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, December 9, 2020, be adopted. CARRIED
4. **Parent/Community Issues:**  
Discussions on Scholarship advertising. How to get it out to students in a timely manner.  
Advise the Gr. 12 students. Perhaps reach out to the Grad Committee to advise students of scholarship.

Gr. 10 – 12 Part Time discussions: This is still an issue. Discussions on how well are the Gr. 12 students are doing going forward after graduation.

Duct Cleaning: how long ago was this done in the old wing?

**ACTION:** Peter will check into and advise.

5. **Reports: Committees:**

5.1 Health and Safety: Meetings are held monthly. Discussed more under Principal's Report.

AED has been updated. 1<sup>st</sup> Aid kits are being "refreshed".

5.2 Field Trips:  
SASE ski trip, Snowshoe trip,

Bison Hunt: March 1 – 5: Will be with some students from Elijah Smith School  
Approx. 12 students Gr. 10 – 12 participating (maybe some Gr. 9 students may join).

5.3 Transportation Committee: A meeting to be held on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. Principal's Report:

- Enrolment: 491
- Staffing changes/updates for Semester 2:
  - T. Tripp to teach Math 8 and 9. (A. Dawe on leave)
  - M. Muscardin is Student Learning Support Teacher. Liaison for both teachers and parents
  - K. Clarke to teach Eng. 9 (T. Ratcliffe will do while Ms. Clarke is isolating (came from BC)
  - K. McDade, B. Estabrook, M. Prysuk (EA) and M. Kelly are back
- 2.0 FTE EA postings reposted
- 2.0 FTE staffing for Whitehorse Schools student support – TBD
- Whole school turkey dinner, drive through share the spirit breakfast-success
- Gym and library opened for lunch time access on Dec. 1.  
This now includes all grades
- Mini Assemblies: Jan 25 – 29: "Fresh start" beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester
- White Hatter:  
Gr. 8, 9, 10 and optional for Gr. 11 and 12:  
Feb. 3 and 9:  
Will include Social Media Safety and Digital Literacy, Bullying and Sexting  
The RCMP will also come during/after these dates to discuss some of what they are seeing within Whitehorse with classes.  
Parent Session: Feb. 3, at 7:00PM, Social Media Safety and Digital Literacy  
Invites to be sent out. 1 ½ hour sessions, ½ question period
- Course selection information evening Jan. 27, 2021  
On line for parents
- Schulich Scholarship Nominee decided: A name was put forward towards the scholarship, which can be \$60,000. To \$100,000.
- School Fees: How they are used: The White Hatter sessions is a part of how these monies are used. Peter will compile a list.
- Excellent participation in Basketball, Interschool competition not planned.  
More females participating than in the past 5 years!

- New offerings in 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester: include graphic design and WILD
- School Growth Plan meeting scheduled for Feb. 3, 2021, at 9:00 -11:30AM
- Our School Survey: Teacher survey Jan. 15. Parent survey week of Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>
- PD Day Jan 15
- Numeracy and Literacy Assessments during the week of Jan. 25 – 29
- Health and Safety: Update COVID 19 operational plans on Website
- Gym opened to both Gr. 8 – 9 students each day. Max. of 50
- Gym divider walls have been removed.
- Feb. 22 – March 31 the gym will be closed for installation of new walls.
- Looking at options for gym classes during that time
- WILD: Part of program is sled trip, repairs to sleds, avalanche safety, leadership component.
- First Nations Education Directorate meetings with Administration and FNED Education. Advocates/Supports involved in school
- Girls group planned and will be every Wednesday.
- Boys group in planning
- Southern Tutchone Teacher posting remains open

**7. Treasurer’s Report:** Balance in account is \$6,181.20. Funding agreement signed and forwarded to Dept. for processing.

**8. Old Business and Correspondence:**

**9. New Business and Correspondence:**

9.1 School Calendar: 2021-22:

**MOTION: Moved by Angela, second by Sheri, THAT the PORTER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL makes a MOTION to approve the School Calendar for 2021-22 as presented. CARRIED**

9.2 School Survey: Council and administration held roundtable discussions. Some questions raised: i.e.:  
 “Please tell us some of the things you like about your child’s school or things that would make it even better. “  
 “Which PCSS programs would you like to see?”  
 “What is your preferred way of communication?”  
 Whether to do multiple answers: with programs as respond options  
 Amount of feedback from teachers?  
 Different formats of communication, program questions, clarity.  
 Discussed communication broad, general feedback, thinking about school communication.

**ACTION:** Peter will work on and advise

9.3 In Camera: No in camera session was held, however a MOTION was passed.

**MOTION:** Moved by Angela, second by Misty, THAT the PORTER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL makes a MOTION and accepts the recommendation to place 2 students on an extended suspension for the remainder of the 2020-2021 School Year.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ACTION:** Peter to draft letters to be forwarded to Chair of School Council.

**10. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:33PM  
Next regular Meeting, February 10, 2021

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Dale Cheeseman:  
Chair

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Jerry Zahora:  
Secretary Treasurer