

Strong School Council Leadership Supports Student Success

Spring 2012 School Councils' Conference

Thursday, April 19th to Saturday, April 21, 2012

Westmark Whitehorse

Agenda

NOTE:--There will be an OPEN HOUSE at the Department of Education between 4 and 6pm on Thursday, April 19th with displays and refreshments. All are welcome.

Thursday, April 19th evening

6:30pm Registration & Meet 'n Greet

This is a great time to connect with delegates from other Yukon School Councils!
Refreshments available.

7:00pm Presentation of the Minister of Education's Accountability Framework

"How are we going to improve outcomes for students?"

Presentation and Q & A by Assistant Deputy Minister, Christie Whitley

8:00pm Dispute Resolution

"How do we develop a process to resolve differences and deal with conflict?"

The role of School Councils will be discussed and samples of policies and best practices will be shared.

Panel presentation with Rebecca Parnum, Bob Laking & Greg Storey, then Q & A

Friday, April 20th morning

7:30am Breakfast for delegates

8:30am Chunday K'anat'a Dancers (from Elijah Smith Elementary School)

8:45am Welcome and Introductions

9:00am Roundtable Reporting

All School Councils share some of what is going on in their school community.

11:30am School websites

"How can your school website increase community understanding and involvement in student learning?"

Every school has a website that can be used as a great way to outreach to parents and communicate with your community. You'll learn how easy it is to make it work for you.

Demonstration and Q & A session with Joanne Davidson & Jane Downing

12 noon Lunch (provided)

12:30pm Student Performance ☆ ☆

M.A.D. (Music, Art & Drama) students will share a tidbit of their upcoming production of "Pirates of Penzance"

Friday, April 20th afternoon

1:00 pm "What is assessment FOR learning? "How has assessment changed?"

All cultural groups engage in playing and they all develop games. Games can be an effective vehicle for motivating students and parents to think and reason about reading, writing and mathematics.

Classroom assessment practices will be demonstrated using the game "Rock, Paper, Scissors" like you have never seen it before!

In this hands-on and minds-on activity we will demonstrate how teachers plan lessons, analyze some student samples and responses and see how it all fits together using the BC/Yukon Performance Standards.

Workshop/Q & A with Val Collins, Paula Thompson & Jeanette Gallant

2:45pm ***“How do we build a community-based secondary school trades program?
“What is the 3 year apprenticeship program at Robert Service School?”***

Canada's shortage of skilled trades workers has forced education systems to re-think Industrial Arts within the public school system. Come learn about Robert Service School's 3 year Pre-Apprenticeship Pilot Project. Major themes are Essential Works Skills, Academic Math and community based learning. The presentation will be of interest to those keen on establishing Industrial Arts (i.e., shop), Cooking and Multi-media (ie. film, radio, graphic design) programs.

Presentation/Q & A with Peter Menzies and others

3:45pm **Recommendations**

**4:15pm Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards & Committees
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Member School Councils & all others welcome

Hosted dinner to follow AGM for AYSCBC Member Councils (RSVP to Carol)

Saturday, April 21st morning

7:45 am **Breakfast for delegates**

8:30am ***“What do School Councils need to know about the Yukon school calendar?”***

What are the stories behind how our students are doing? How does attendance relate to school calendar? How do we provide more learning opportunities in all Yukon school communities?

Panel discussion/Q & A

10:15am **Leadership Practices Framework for Yukon School Councils (Draft)**

“What leadership practices do effective School Council members use to support student success?”

In this session, there will be a brief overview of the draft document followed by small group work sessions to gather feedback and input.

Four Areas of the Framework: Ethics and Code of Conduct, Building Partnerships, Learner Growth and Development, and Process Skills

Presentation Workshop/Feedback facilitator Corine Clark

12:15pm **Lunch (provided)**

Saturday, April 16th afternoon

1:00pm ***“What role do School Councils have in the evaluation process for principals?”***

Evaluation is a critical element in the professional development and growth of all workers. The Department of Education created a working group to review the annual evaluation process for Yukon school principals and vice-principals. Valerie Royle, Chair of Christ the King Elementary School Council, is the School Council representative on this working group led by Judy Arnold. In this session, you will learn about the proposed new evaluation methodology and seek your input to bring back to the working group before the new process is finalized.

Presentation and Q & A with Valerie Royle

2:15pm **Recommendations**

3:00pm **ADJOURN**