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MAY 2012 NEWSLETTER



Like a strong branch...
**STRONG SCHOOL COUNCIL
LEADERSHIP SUPPORTS
STUDENT SUCCESS**

Our great appreciation goes out to all School Council members who made the time to attend the Spring 2012 School Councils' Conference, April 19-21st in Whitehorse. Thanks to all who travelled in from their communities and participated in workshops and discussion about many topics and issues that affect our students, our work as School Councils and Yukon education in general. Over the course of the 2 ½ days of sessions, 18 of 26 School Councils were represented.

Sessions included presentations and discussions on: leadership; improving outcomes for students; how assessment has changed; resolving differences; the role of School Councils regarding the school calendar and administrator evaluation; building a community-based secondary school trades program.

Students from the Elijah Smith Elementary School's **Chunday K'angat'a** Dance group and the Wood Street **Music, Art & Drama (M.A.D.)** program provided lively musical, multi-cultural and historical content to the delight of attendees.

Some of the feedback highlights include:

- "Being able to meet members from other Councils, validates what you're doing well and provides insight on what you can improve."*
- "I liked the small group work, everyone had a chance to be heard. Friendly atmosphere."*

The AYSCBC Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, April 20th after proceedings finished for the day.

Following the AGM, there was a dinner for AYSCBC Members hosted by the Association and it gave us a great opportunity to share a meal with discussion and laughter after a full day of meetings!

We have posted many documents related to the conference and AGM on our website.

--[Post Conference Letter to Education Minister Kent with Recommendations](#)

--[Spring 2012 Conference Presentations](#)

--[AYSCBC AGM 2012 Reports](#)

--[AYSCBC 2012 Workplan](#)

Check back often as we will continue to receive presentations from our guest session leaders.



SCHOOL GROWTH PLANS AND INNOVATION GRANT DEADLINES ARE FAST APPROACHING...

All School Councils should already be very familiar with the annual School Growth Planning process. These Plans, which are a shared responsibility of your school's Administration, staff, School Council and members of the community are due for submission to the Department of Education by May 30th.

Also a reminder that the deadline for any applications for the Leaders in Innovation Grant Fund is also May 30th.

More information is available at: http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/psb/school_growth.html

☒ SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

School Councils elections will be taking place this fall on **October 1st**. Nomination papers will be in school offices as of **September 10th** and **need to be filed with your returning officer by September 20th at noon**. In order to assist you as you talk among yourselves and with other people in your community about the important role that School Councils play and finding out who might have an interest in putting their name forward for nomination, we have posted some simple documents on our '[Resources](#)' webpage that we hope might be of use.

These are:

[-Encouraging Parents to Run for Election](#)

[-Raising Awareness about School Councils and the Role they play in Public Education](#)

[-A Sample School Newsletter article for School Council Elections](#)



☆ CELEBRATE ☆
YOUR STUDENTS &
SCHOOL COMMUNITY EVENTS

SCHOOL COUNCILS WHO ARE CURRENT MEMBERS OF AYSCBC

Nelnah Bessie John	Ghuch Tla
Chief Zzeh Gittlit	St. Elias
Del Van Gorder	Ross River
Robert Service	Tantalus
Eliza Van Bibber	J. V. Clark
Selkirk Elementary	Teslin
Takhini Elementary	Watson Lake
Grey Mountain Primary	Kluane Lake
F.H. Collins Secondary	
Porter Creek Secondary	
Hidden Valley Elementary	

Together
we can make a difference

If you'd like us to attend one of your meetings, or meet with you at another time, let us know—we'd be happy to do so.

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