

Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards & Committees

2015 Annual General Meeting

Chair's Report

It has (again) been an honour serving the membership of the Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards & Committees in the capacity of Chair; indeed, being given the opportunity to work with such an amazing group of highly motivated individuals continues inspirational.

This past period was yet another important year in the on-going evolution of our mainly volunteer organization. The Executive consists of: Bob Laking (Chair), Neil Salvin (Vice Chair), Chris Bookless (Treasurer), Sandra Henderson (Director), Rick Halladay (Director), and Ted Baker (Director). Carol Coote is our Executive Director.

In February of 2015 we signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Education that runs until 2018. Through this (and previous) MOU(s) we have established a financial framework that ensures our organization will be able to fulfill its mandate. Key to this mandate is our commitment to work cooperatively with the Department to deliver training and support services towards the more effective functioning of our members.

There are a multitude of committees working on providing advice and guidance on improving education for our students. I've been serving on a few of these – Policy Review, School Growth Planning and Rural Advisory – among them. Recently a new committee has been struck – ADM Advisory Committee – comprised of individuals from several different groups. This body will be trying to coordinate the various recommendations that come from the other committees. There are about 24 of them. You will see emails from our Executive Director from time to time seeking persons to participate and please let us know if you can contribute.

School Council Conferences have been held for a number of years in the Spring and Fall. The current Conference marks a bit of a departure from past practice. As a result of a resolution at the last AGM this Association has been largely responsible for the planning and organizing. Of course that has meant that we have relied heavily on Carol and we owe her a great debt of gratitude. The Conference held in the Fall of 2014 was a Department of Education responsibility. We will be providing you with a financial and administrative report in due course after this Conference. Whichever model is used for planning these events in the future we will continue to seek out speakers and other resources to ensure a great learning opportunity for participants.

I am confident that even more great things are to come, simply because of the all great people involved. A special “thank you” goes out to the Executive, Staff, Volunteers and Membership of AYSCBC. I thank you for everything you do.

Submitted by:

Bob Laking

Report from the Executive Director AGM 2015

While it has only been just over six months since our last AGM (Fall 2014)--those have indeed been busy months.

In the last year, I have been fortunate to be able to get to all Yukon communities with the exception of Old Crow (on my wish list!) and meet with School Council members on their home 'turf'. In Whitehorse, I also attend meetings of our Member School Councils whenever possible. I really appreciate the opportunity to do this--it helps us build and maintain relationships throughout the territory. Communication and information sharing flows both ways, I learn from your discussions and am always happy to follow up on questions and suggestions.

Some of the other activities I have been involved with include:--

--Advisory Committee work, most recently with:

Anti-Bullying

Student Transportation

School Growth Planning

Technology Advisory

Digital Citizenship

Staffing Allocation

As I receive minutes from these committee meetings, they are posted on our website under the SCHOOL COUNCILS tab > ['Committees'](#)

--Providing training to School Councils as requested;

--Meetings with Ministers as well as Deputy Ministers of Education;

--Participating in relevant professional development opportunities such as:

Summer Institute August 2014

YTA Conference Sept 2014 (along with 4 School Council members)

FNEESC Annual Conference Dec 2014

Cyber Safety Workshop Feb 2015

CYFN Education Summit March 2015

--Maintaining and updating the AYSCBC website as well as producing monthly newsletters

--Working with the Planning Committee in preparation for this Spring School Councils' Conference;

I would like to acknowledge the great interest, input and time that our volunteer Co-Chairs, Cathy and Neil, as well as Bob and Amanda at Yukon Education have dedicated to the planning of this event.

--Planning and promoting the third AYSCBC Long Service Celebration, honouring those who have served 10 years or longer on a School Council, School Board or affiliated associations since our last one in 2010.

Whether fielding questions at meetings or via email and phone, or planning for upcoming events, I am always conscious of, and grateful for, the support of the Membership as well as that of the Executive Members. A lot of important work is being done by all of you volunteers!

TOGETHER We Make a Difference!

Submitted by Carol Coote