

Association of Yukon School Councils Boards and Committees
2017 Annual General Meeting

Chair's Report

As of January 2017, Cathy Deacon took over Chair responsibilities from Bob Laking. Ted Baker has assisted Cathy in a co-chairing capacity in his position of vice-chair.

Discussions about the financial situation of the organization occupied considerable time for the Executive over the last several months. Maintaining our MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the Department of Education was paramount. A surplus funding proposal was submitted to Deputy Minister of Education, Dr. Judy Arnold; the proposal was accepted and news of this fund will be shared with Members at the Association's AGM during the Spring School Councils' Conference.

AYSCBC is looking forward to once again hosting this year's conference on April 27, 28 and 29. Our Executive Director, Carol Coote, with input and guidance from the other members of the planning committee, has put together this year's conference entitled, "**Valuing Diversity and Supporting Student Success**". Among other ideas, Sandra Henderson has assisted Carol in reaching out to some high school students for the "*Student Voice*" session on Saturday morning.

There are big changes happening in the field of Education that require our input: changes to the curriculum, student assessment and teacher evaluation. Watch for these topics at the school council conference!

Hope to see you at the conference and AYSCBC's AGM.

Cathy Deacon
Chair, AYSCBC

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Report from the Executive Director

As you can read under the ABOUT US information on the [AYSCBC website](#), this organization was formed by delegates at the Fall 1999 School Councils' Conference giving their unanimous support to its creation. Just like with children, throughout these 18 years of life, there's been a lot of growth and learning, expanding and experimenting, and maturing.

First and foremost, the focus of our work is on supporting our School Council members as they carry out their important roles in their school communities. Our activities keep the lens on *"Is it good for the Kids?"* referring to how will this information, this change, this project, this practice benefit our students and their education. We aim to be diligent in how time and money is spent, always in the best interests of student success and well-being.

With the support of the AYSCBC Executive, my work has allowed me to do a lot of outreach—attending School Council meetings in almost every Yukon community this year. Sitting at your meeting tables and listening to your discussions, ideas, concerns, and wishes informs my work with other School Councils and with my work on many Department of Education committees.

Some of the more active committees that I've worked on this year include:

- Advisory Committee for Yukon Education (formerly Curriculum Redesign)
- Assessment Committee
- Policy Advisory Committee
- Educator Evaluation Committee
- Code of Conduct Subcommittee
- Classroom Diversity Committee

Communication is the largest part of the work of this position—initiating and responding to emails and phone calls, following up items raised at School Council and Committee meetings.

Some of the other tasks include:

Creating and circulating monthly newsletters

Updating the organization's Website: www.ayscbc.org

Coordinating the AYSCBC Lending library, expediting the borrowing of resources as requested
by our Members

Taking a lead role in planning and coordinating the Spring School Councils' Conference & AYSCBC AGM

One of the greatest highlights of working on this year's event has been reaching out to students and other young people, asking them to share some of their time, interest, experience and passion with us as we have so much to learn by listening to them. Their voices will no doubt, assist us all greatly as we work together to continually support Yukon students—now and in future.

Respectfully submitted

Carol Coote