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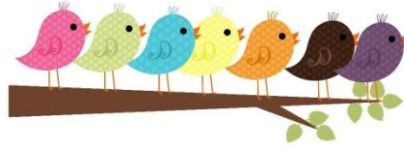
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APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER



Thanks to all who attended the Spring 2016 School Councils' Conference, your participation was an important aspect of this very successful learning event.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Thank you to the team of facilitators from First Nations Programs and Partnerships Unit, Yukon Education who engaged delegates in the **Blanket Exercise** on Thursday evening. As many commented on their evaluation forms, it was *“very moving, interactive & informative”*.

The **Roundtable**, as always, shone a light on the successes as well as challenges that schools and School Councils are experiencing and further discussion on some of the topics raised continued into one of the smaller group breakout sessions.

Our special guest speaker, Debbie Pushor shared her knowledge, experience and passion about the importance of genuine **'Parent Engagement'** and how to ensure our school are **'Ready Schools'**. The session on **'School Council Authority'**, led by Jeff Hunston (Elijah Smith Elementary School Council) and Phil Willoughby (Takhini Elementary School Council) was also well reviewed and we appreciate them stepping up to share important information and lead the discussion. We also value the time and information shared by Liza Manolis regarding **'Restorative Approach and Practices'** as well as many of the senior staff of the department of Education during the **'Question & Answer session on Committee & Working Group Updates'**.

Our sincere appreciation is also extended to the Conference Co-Chairs Ted Baker (Del Van Gorder School Council in Faro) and Neil Salvin (Porter Creek Secondary School Council in Whitehorse).

You will find the presentations that have been made available to us posted on our website on the [Event Reports](#) webpage. We will add more as available.

Here are just a few comments on what delegates liked most about the event:

- I liked the Parent Engagement portion. Love the FN involvement/turnout. Perspective of the senior members*
- I like connecting with other School Council members from other rural communities*
- Breakout session with rural folks was very meaningful & necessary. Very glad the superintendents & DM were present*
- It was all good but I think for me was Debbie, on how we and community parents get involved*
- Subject of parent engagement, exposure to information on restorative circles*
- Blanket exercise was interesting; Roundtable was valuable & helped seed the afternoon small (large) rural issue group discussion which was really good & valuable; Debbie Pushor>>practical vs. theoretical*
- The agenda was well done, loved the layout of how the flow of the days went*
- I've never been to a conference before. Excellent and relevant topics*

AYSCBC Annual General Meeting

We extend our great appreciation to those AYSCBC Members who attended the AGM on April 8th. We had the highest number of our Member School Councils represented ever! The [Annual reports](#) from the Chair and Executive Director as well as the approved [2016-2017 Workplan](#) are now posted.

AYSCBC Executive Members 2016-2019

The seven Executive Member seats were filled by returning as well as new individuals, including incumbents: Bob Laking, Chris Bookless, Sandra Henderson, Ted Baker. We welcome Leona Kains (Porter Creek Secondary School Council), James Kawchuk (Ghuch Tla Community School Council-Carcross), and Cathy Deacon (formerly of Porter Creek Secondary School Council) to the Executive and extend our sincere appreciation to outgoing Executive Members Neil Salvin and Rick Halladay.

Don't forget.....

Nomination papers for School Council Elections are due Thursday, April 21st no later than noon to your area Returning Officer. Those schools having elections will take place on Monday May 2nd. Make sure you vote if your school is having one!!



The term of office of current School Council members will end this fall with the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year and the new School Councils whose members will be elected/appointed this spring will take over the roles and responsibilities at that time.

If you're interested in how many seats there are on each School Council, we've posted the list [here](#).

We hope many of the current members will run again along with some who will be new to the role. We know that strong School Councils are key players in Yukon education.

For questions about School Councils, you are welcome to contact [Carol](#). For information specifically about nominations and elections, the person to contact is Liz.McKee@gov.yk.ca at Elections Yukon, 667-8683 or toll free 1-866-668-8683.

An interesting paper to read...

PEOPLE FOR EDUCATION (P4E) is an organization in Ontario, working to support public education. Working with experts from across Canada – P4E is leading a multi-year project to broaden the Canadian definition of school success by expanding the indicators we use to measure schools' progress in a number of vital areas.

Here is their latest paper:

WHAT MATTERS IN INDIGENOUS EDUCATION: Implementing a Vision Committed to Holism, Diversity and Engagement by researcher Pamela Rose Toulouse (March 2016)

A few Upcoming Events....

April 28-May 1, Kelowna

BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils Spring Conference & AGM

More information available here: <http://bccpac2016.weebly.com>

April 29-30, Whitehorse

Yukon Child Care Association Conference “EMBRACING THE MAGIC”

Check for information: <http://www.yukonchildcareassociation.org/>



***AYSCBC promotes School Council, Board and Committee service
as a meaningful way to make long term contributions to your local community and society.***

☆ **SCHOOL COUNCILS WHO ARE CURRENT MEMBERS OF AYSCBC** ☆

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

Want to learn more about Membership, please [contact us](#) and we'd be glad to talk with you.

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

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