



ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

P.O. Box 20409, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 7A2

www.ayscbc.org

(867) 633-2692

info@ayscbc.org

AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER



We extend a warm welcome/welcome back to all as we head into the 2016-2017 school year!

We are sending this newsletter out to all current and incoming School Council members who we have email addresses for—please share with any we may have missed. Please let them know that we will gladly add their contact information to our contact list.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR....

The [2016-2017 Yukon School Calendar Synopsis of Important Dates](#) is posted under [USEFUL LINKS](#) on our website.



It's AGM planning time....

School Councils will be having their **Annual General Meetings** next month and that is always a great opportunity to look back over the work that was done last year. Sometimes we lose sight of the planning and good decisions we've made as we are so busy with day-to-day, month-to-month items. We hope you will take heart in the energy and time you have committed to your work on School Council that has had a positive impact on your school community and most importantly, our students. If you are in need of a sample AGM agenda, we have one posted [here](#).



Send us your monthly and AGM Meeting dates for posting on our [online calendar!!](#)

SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL COUNCILS

In our ongoing role of assisting our School Council members in maintaining the important leadership role you have in your school communities, we have several sample documents on our [website](#). We encourage you to check these out.

They are on the [Resources](#) page under 'School Council Organization & Operation':

--[Evaluating the Effectiveness of Your Meetings](#)

--[Sample Code of Conduct for School Council Members](#)

--[Sample Code of Ethics for School Council as a Whole](#)

Under the heading 'Schools' on the same page, we've posted a

--[Sample Positive School Climate Policy](#)

You will find many other documents as well and you are welcome to adapt them for use for your School Council.

We thank our colleagues on School Council/School Board organizations in Alaska and Alberta for so eagerly sharing their materials and expertise!



A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUTH...

"Experiences Canada 150 & Me"

Experiences Canada is a national not-for-profit charity that organizes youth exchanges across Canada. Each year they sponsor travel to over 5,000 youth to destinations across the country, providing educational, cultural and learning based opportunities for young Canadians to meet with youth in different parts of the country and to learn about new aspects of their country.

In celebration of the upcoming 150th Canada Day 2017 celebrations, they have launched a project entitled ***"Experiences Canada 150 & Me."*** This project aims to create both youth travel exchanges and regional forums bringing youth together from across the country, during this important 150 year milestone, to shape their future and answer the question, "what is Canada's greatest opportunity or challenge facing your generation?" The website www.experiencescanada.ca/150 contains detailed information on the project.

Some Upcoming PD Events....

October 6-7, Vancouver, B.C

First Nations Schools First!

<http://www.cea-ace.ca/events/first-nations-schools-first>

Showcasing how Indigenous educators develop and lead successful learning programs-- this gathering will focus on ensuring the success of all Indigenous students. This event will bring together both First Nations and public school educators committed to integrating effective Indigenous teaching practices into K-12 classrooms throughout Canada.

October 21 - 22, Vancouver, B.C.

Heart-Mind 2016: Cultivating Resilience

www.dalailamacenter.org

This event will feature some of the leading minds and latest research in child development, education and mental health. Some of the topics to be explored include:

Why are some people more resilient than others? How can we cultivate resilience in the children in our lives? What can our schools and communities do to foster environments that help youth overcome challenges and thrive under pressure?

November 4 - 5, Toronto, Ontario

Indspire 2016 National Gathering for Indigenous Education

<http://indspire.ca/for-educators/annual-conference/>

Improving outcomes in Indigenous education is critical for the future of Canada. The National Gathering is a place where educators and partners can share their voices and work together to improve the educational outcomes of K- 12 Indigenous students. A step towards truth and reconciliation, this conference engages educators, and community partners to collaborate for student success.

November 10-13, Anchorage, AK

Every Student, Every Story

Association of Alaska School Boards 63rd Annual Conference

<http://aasb.org/aasb-annual-conference-1/>

Ensuring Alaska School Board members have top notch professional development is a priority for AASB and while their delegates are primarily Board members, anyone is welcome and there is much to be learned by all those who volunteer and/or work in the field of school governance. For a list of the session topics, click [here](#).

November 24th (evening), 25-26, Vancouver, B.C.

Celebrating First Nations Diversity

FNESC Annual Aboriginal Education Conference 2016

<http://www.fnesc.ca/conference/>

Showcasing innovative curriculum, inspiring people and networking opportunities, the First Nations Education Steering Committee Annual Aboriginal Education Conference theme this year is Celebrating First Nations Diversity, providing opportunity to discuss how the unique heritage, diverse cultures and achievements of First Nations can be reflected in schools and student learning.



As a benefit of membership, AYSCBC Members can apply for funding assistance to support attendance at relevant professional development events. For more information and application guidelines, click [here](#).



School Council members and other interested individuals, we invite you to connect with us with your questions, comments and suggestions, contact [Carol](#), our Executive Director or any one of the AYSCBC Executive Members listed at the end of this newsletter.

***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 | |

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.

Members of the AYSCBC Executive

Bob Laking (Dawson)
bob.laking@ayscbc.org

Ted Baker (Faro)
Ted.baker@ayscbc.org

Chris Bookless (Whitehorse)
chris.bookless@ayscbc.org

James Kawchuk (Carcross)
James.kawchuk@ayscbc.org

Sandra Henderson (Whitehorse)
sandra.henderson@ayscbc.org

Leona Kains (Whitehorse)
Leona.kains@ayscbc.org

Cathy Deacon (Whitehorse)
Cathy.deacon@ayscbc.org

Carol Coote *Executive Director* (Whitehorse)
633-2692 exec.director@ayscbc.org