



ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER



We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new Minister of Education, Tracy-Anne McPhee. Minister McPhee has first-hand experience in the important role that School Councils serve, having formerly been a member with FH Collins Secondary School Council. We look forward to working together for all Yukon students.

The SPRING SCHOOL COUNCILS' CONFERENCE & AYSCBC Annual General Meeting

will be held from Thursday evening, April 27th through Saturday
afternoon, April 29th at the Yukon Inn in Whitehorse.

Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information!

*Thank you to all who responded to our call out re: which dates for conference
were preferable and the April ones were clearly the most preferred.*

*If you are interested in being part of the planning committee,
please send an email to Carol and we'll follow up with you. Thanks!*

A 'CONVERSATION' YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN...

March 1, 2017 '**We Desire a Better Country'** Walrus Talks

The Walrus Foundation, a charitable, non-profit organization, is proud to announce that the Government of Canada will support the Walrus Talks **Conversations about Canada: We Desire a Better Country**. In partnership with the Order of Canada and Canada 150, will present an extraordinary national tour that will visit every province and territory, and each event will feature eight speakers: four youth leaders and four members of the Order of Canada.

To learn more about the Foundation and the aim of the tour, go to:

<https://thewalrus.ca/canada150/#about-en>

For more information about the Whitehorse talk and free tickets (limited), go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-walrus-talks-we-desire-a-better-country-whitehorse-yt-tickets-27076761322>





AYSCBC LENDING LIBRARY

As a benefit of AYSCBC Membership, all School Councils who support the organization have access to borrowing a variety of books--just get in touch with [Carol](#) and make sure it reaches you and/or your school. Contact information is at the top of this newsletter.

(Not sure if your School Council is a member? Check the last page of this newsletter.)

Here are a few more titles we have:

--**“Drive-The Surprising Truth about What Motivates Us”** by Daniel Pink. A thought-provoking read, here’s an excerpt from cover notes:--

The secret to performance and satisfaction—at work, at school, and at home—is the deeply human need to direct our own lives, to learn and create new things, and to do better by ourselves and our world.

--**“Helping Kids Succeed~Alaskan Style”** written by Alaskans throughout the state. This practical book is full of short tales and ideas of how we can all contribute to building healthy families and strong youth and communities. It is based on the key Developmental Assets that young children need in their lives.

--**“Shop Class as Soulcraft~An Inquiry into the Value of Work”** by Matthew Crawford. Notes:

“Those of us who sit in an office often feel a lack of connection to the material world and find it difficult to say exactly what we do all day....(this book) seeks to restore the honor of the manual trades as a life worth choosing.”

--**“How Children Succeed-Grit, Curiosity, and the Hidden Power of Character”** by Paul Tough

“This.....hopeful book has the potential to change how we raise our children, how we run our schools, and how we construct our social safety net.....It will change our understanding of childhood itself.”



Thanks to those School Councils who have sent us their monthly meeting dates for posting on our [online calendar](#)!! We look forward to hearing from others so we know when you are meeting and others can find out as well.

2017 ART SCHOLARSHIPS

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The YVR Art Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2017 Youth Scholarship and Mid-Career Artist Scholarship awards for BC and Yukon First Nations artists.

Each award is valued at **\$5,000**. Up to seven YVR Art Foundation Youth Scholarships and up to two Mid-Career Artist Scholarships will be awarded. Youth Scholarship recipients will be brought to Vancouver for an awards ceremony and their art work will be exhibited at Vancouver International Airport (YVR) for one year.

The deadline for applications is Friday, January 27, 2017.

YVR Art Foundation Youth Scholarship

Eligible Applicants:

- Are of BC or Yukon First Nations ancestry
- Reside in BC or Yukon
- Be between the ages of 16 and 26
- Are emerging artists who create visual art that reflects BC or Yukon First Nations' culture
- Have the goal of becoming a professional artist
- Are accepted to study with a mentor or at a formal institution of learning
- Commit to attend the Scholarship Award ceremony in Vancouver on May 26, 2017 and the ceremony in recognition of the completed work, one year later, on May 25, 2018

For more information on the YVR Art Foundation and to apply for the scholarships go to the Foundation website: www.yvraf.com/programs.

Some upcoming Professional Development

February 15-17, 2017 **Canadian Conference On Promoting Healthy Relationships For Youth: Breaking Down The Silos In Addressing Mental Health & Violence**, London Ontario
http://www.prevnet.ca/sites/prevnet.ca/files/can-con-promoting-healthy-relationships-youth-savethedate_003.pdf

Feb 19, 2017 **Safe Schools Manitoba Conference, Winnipeg**
http://www.safeschoolsmanitoba.ca/documents/SafeSchoolsMB2017Conference_Program.pdf

March 5 – 7, 2017 **Alberta Rural Education Symposium**, Edmonton
Further information: <http://www.albertaruraleducation.ca>

March 26 - 28, 2017 **Strengthening the Circle ... Creating Connections**
National Congress on Rural Education in Canada
More information is available here: <https://selu.usask.ca/ruraled>

Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education

The UBC Faculty of Education has announced three professional learning courses in Indigenous Education that will take place in 2017:

The MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) – **Reconciliation Through Indigenous Education** – is open for registration for anyone; it is a free course delivered entirely online.

Visit the website for more detailed information, and program contacts: pdce.educ.ubc.ca/MOOC

Here's a poster about the course:

http://pdce-sandbox.sites.olt.ubc.ca/files/2016/10/1701_MOOC_poster.pdf



**Season's Greetings—
we wish you a fun, safe and peaceful holiday.
See you in 2017!**

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** ☆

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| 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.

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