



# ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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## FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER



### **SCHOOL COUNCILS KEEP THE PUBLIC IN YUKON PUBLIC EDUCATION**

This is the message at the top of the posters we have just begun distributing to schools and by mid-March, we will have one in each school, highlighting the important role that School Councils play in supporting Yukon students and their education. We will be taking them to Yukon First Nations offices, community post offices and grocery stores--places that your community will see them and learn a bit more about the work you do.

Along with the posters, we gladly provide brochures about the roles of School Councils and both items include the important dates and criteria for eligibility for nominations and elections coming up in April and May. As always, we're happy to hear your feedback on these or any other item that has your attention.

### **POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE**

In case your School Council/School is considering developing a Positive School Climate Policy, we want to bring your attention to the [template](#) posted on our website. We extend our appreciation to our colleagues in the Association of Alaska School Boards for giving permission for its adaptation and use.



### **ANOTHER RESOURCE OF INTEREST**

Check out the new document "**Engagement Opportunities for Families, Friends and Community Members**" –a sample template you are welcome to amend and use to suit your School Council's purpose. You'll find it under the list of documents re: School Council Organization and Operation on the [Resources](#) page under the tab SERVICES on our website. Grateful acknowledgement to the Alberta School Councils Association for their ongoing openness in sharing information with AYSCBC.

## SOME UPCOMING EVENTS

☆AYSCBC Members might like to refer to the organization's policy on [Financial Support For AYSCBC Member School Councils To Attend Professional Development Events](#)

### **March 21<sup>st</sup>, Saskatoon:--The 9th Annual Saskatoon Safe Schools Conference**

*“Kids can walk around trouble if there is someplace to walk to, and someone to walk with.”*

Tito in Urban Sanctuaries (Milbrey, McLaughlin, et al)

The conference will be keynoted by the astounding and inspiring Gabrielle Scrimshaw, founder of the Aboriginal Professional Association, and the passionate and engaging Michael Eisen, founder of the Youth Wellness Network.

There will be a full day of valuable presentations and workshops on a wealth of topics related to resiliency, relationships, engagement, inclusion and acceptance, social-emotional development and mental health needs of students.

You can register online or download a copy of the registration flyer [here](#).

### **MORE INFORMATION**

For more information and to register, please visit [www.canadiansafeschools.com](http://www.canadiansafeschools.com)

### **March 16-19, Banff:-- The 46th Banff International Conference on Behavioural Science**

Practitioners, policymakers, educators, investigators, volunteers and others involved with children and youth, will present evidence-based knowledge and tools to prevent bullying by promoting healthy relationships.

Information: <http://www.prevnet.ca/events/the-46th-banff-international-conference-on-behavioural-science>

*And a reminder about....*

### **March 2-4<sup>th</sup> in Canmore, Alberta--the 3rd Annual Alberta Rural Education Symposium.**

This symposium is about partnerships among governments, business, rural communities and educators who are interested in working together to consciously construct a vibrant, sustainable future for rural communities. There will be a sharing of knowledge, practices and innovations that support learners. More information about the event will be posted shortly at the website:

[www.albertaruraleducation.ca](http://www.albertaruraleducation.ca)

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### **March 30 - April 1, 2014 in Saskatoon Saskatchewan—the 19<sup>th</sup> National Congress on Rural Education.**

This year's theme: *“The Changing Reality of Rural Schools”*

relates to how some rural schools are facing societal issues that may be considered exclusive to urban settings. *“Society has changed, and continues to change, and our rural communities and schools are addressing issues related to mental health, child hunger, poverty, diverse needs, bullying, cultural diversity, and the effects of social media, among others. Rural schools have different economies of*

scale which may create challenges in providing needed programs and services for children and youth attending schools in rural or remote settings. This year's Congress will facilitate discussion among participants to find ways to address these issues”.

For more details about this event, go to: <http://www.usask.ca/education/ruraled/index.htm>

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### **AN UPDATE ON STUDENT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WORK**

There was a great turnout at the meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Nine Whitehorse School Councils, including the Yukon Francophone School Board had representatives in attendance. We have posted the Terms of Reference as well as the Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes on the [Committees page](#) of our website. There will be more news about upcoming changes by mid-March.

Thanks to all who made the time to attend!



### **SCHOOL COUNCIL OUTREACH**

Beginning in March, we will be trying to get to as many School Council meetings in the communities outside Whitehorse as possible. If we don't have your meeting dates noted on our [online calendar](#), please [send us](#) the dates so we can schedule you in. We keenly look forward to hearing the discussions at your Council tables and will gladly lend assistance and support whenever we can.



### **REMINDER ABOUT SOME IMPORTANT DATES**

March 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>---Spring Break for all schools, many schools are on break Mar 17- 28<sup>th</sup>

April 14<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>---Nomination period for School Councils

May 5<sup>th</sup>---School Council elections

***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 MEMBERS OF AYSCBC

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St. Elias  
Ross River  
Tantalus  
J. V. Clark  
Teslin  
Kluane Lake

Grey Mountain Primary  
Watson Lake  
Porter Creek Secondary  
F.H. Collins Secondary  
Hidden Valley Elementary  
Golden Horn Elementary  
Ecole Whitehorse 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—we'd be happy to do so.

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