



ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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Mental Health and Wellness for Student Success

The SPRING SCHOOL COUNCILS' CONFERENCE

& AYSCBC Annual General Meeting

will be held from

Thursday evening, April 5th through Saturday afternoon, April 7th

at the Yukon Inn in Whitehorse

Anyone interested is welcome to attend and please share news of this event. To assist with planning, we do request that everyone fills out a registration form and provides it to AYSCBC by March 20th, 2018.

Registration forms are attached with this newsletter and are available on the AYSCBC website.

There is no fee to register for this event, and breakfast and lunch will be provided Friday and Saturday. School Councils can utilize their PD funds received from Yukon Education to support their members in offsetting additional expenses.

The Department of Education is covering the cost of accommodations for this event for attending school council members. Please see the registration form for further information related to this.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR:
CALL OUT FOR NEW AYSCBC
DIRECTORS

As most of you know, the AYSCBC Executive is presently comprised of 4 directors. Three of us have been on for over 10 years and would be delighted to see some new blood. Our bylaws allow for a total of 7 directors. While we would like to see 3 others join, some of us who have served these many years may want to take a break, so in reality we are looking for more than 3 to consider this role; therefore, at the upcoming AGM, we will be seeking new directors. In order that you are aware of what this role comprises, here is a brief list of what we would like to see:

Willingness to engage with like minded colleagues and to contribute toward Yukon Education needs

Desire to assist all school councils, particularly as it pertains to Territory-wide issues

Commitment to participate in all scheduled meetings (quarterly board meetings, either by teleconference or in person) and respond to frequent email correspondence (therefore reliable email access is a must)

Please consider participating in this role. It doesn't matter how long you have sat on council, or if you are currently sitting on one. All of the current executives would be pleased to answer any of your queries about this opportunity. I look forward to seeing you at conference!

Ted Baker, Chair

APRIL 6TH, 2018
AYSCBC

AGM
Annual General Meeting



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY for AYSCBC MEMBER SCHOOL COUNCILS!

We want to remind those AYSCBC Member School Councils who haven't applied yet---don't miss out on this opportunity to receive a contribution of up to \$5000 to enhance school-community connections in support of student learning.

We've received and approved applications from 18 AYSCBC Member School Councils so far and look forward to receiving more. The projects and activities that we are already learning about through the submissions should be of great benefit to the students and the school communities! Applications are being accepted and reviewed on a continuous intake basis, the only deadline is that projects and activities must be completed by August 31, 2018 to coincide with the conclusion of the term of office of currently sitting School Council officials.

For more information and the application form and process, go to:

<http://www.ayscbc.org/blog/News/post/reminder-to-ayscbc-members--do-not-miss-this-one-time-funding-opportunity>.

We've also posted the approved '**Projects List**' and we'll keep updating it, you can see it here:

<http://www.ayscbc.org/blog/News/post/some-great-projects-supported-by-school-councils/>

It's great to see the ideas and innovative plans that are being submitted!

Thanks for all the creative thought, time and energy that is being put into action!!

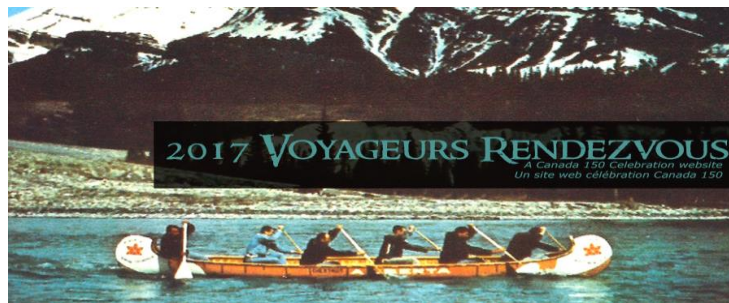
Every Student, Every Day

VICTORIA GOLD YUKON STUDENT ENCOURAGEMENT SOCIETY

Don't forget...the deadline for submission to the **'EVERY STUDENT EVERY DAY'** fund for a grant from the Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society focussing on improving attendance in your local school is no later than Friday, March 9th, 2018. More information is available here: www.everystudenteveryday.ca

If you have questions about the initiative or the application process, please give Simon a call at (867) 667-8238 or email simon.blakesley@gov.yk.ca.

For Interest's Sake:



As part of the Canada 150 Signature Project "2017 Voyageurs Rendezvous," which included a 1600 kilometre canoe race from Rocky Mountain House, Alberta to The Pas, Manitoba, the Confluence Heritage Society of Rocky Mountain House produced 6 instructional videos of approximately 15 minutes in length each, to be used by schools and educators across the country, free of charge. The videos were produced at Rocky Mountain House National Historic Site with the help of lifelong paddlers Jim and Doreen Guilloux.

We'd like to share these videos with schools across Canada!

Curriculum relevant topics you will find in the 6 part series:

Fur Trade, Canadian History, Canadian Geography, Physical Activity & Physical Endurance and Training, Significance of the Canoe, Canoe Design, Paddling Safety, Canoe Races, Adventure Races, World's Longest Canoe Race, Canadian Centennial Race, Voyageurs, First Nations, Metis.

The videos are all available on You-tube via website links below:

English: www.voyageursrendezvous.ca/en/events/fur-trade-paddling-school

French: www.voyageursrendezvous.ca/fr/events/lecole-de-pagayage-et-le-commerce-de-fourrure/

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.



SPRING 2018 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS—Monday, May 7th

Have **THE** talk!

Who is returning?

Who, in your community, would be interested and willing to make that commitment?

What are we doing to make the transition an easy one?



2018 Inclusion Alberta Family Conference - Save the Date!
April 13-14, 2018
Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton AB

The Conference is a time for families, educators and service providers to deepen their knowledge and commitment to assisting children and adults with developmental disabilities to live fully inclusive and meaningful lives in their community. It is the largest and longest-running of its kind in the world, and its inclusive childcare for participating families is unique.

Register today to reserve your spot. Grants may be available to those requiring financial assistance.

<http://inclusionalberta.org/2018familyconferencereg>

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.

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A Note from the AYSCBC Executive Members and Directors

We would like to gratefully acknowledge our appreciation for our School Councils who support AYSCBC and Yukon Department of Education which provides funding to the organization on behalf of our members.

This allows us to do the work we do with, and for, our colleagues in supporting students and school community involvement in education.
