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## JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER



### AYSCBC MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING!

As the days get longer, we extend a warm welcome to the School Councils of **Ecole Whitehorse Elementary School** and **Golden Horn School** who have recently become Members of this Association! There are now 21 Councils that have joined AYSCBC. We thank you for your support which allows us to provide services, information and support to you.

***TOGETHER, WE CAN AND DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!***



### Following the DECEMBER SCHOOL COUNCIL WORKING SESSIONS...

It was great to connect with all those who were able to participate in the Saturday Workshop Sessions for School Councils that took place in Whitehorse in early December. The very cold weather made it difficult for some to attend however those who were present took advantage of the opportunity to share discussion, gather information, learn who some of their Council colleagues are, as well as meet with several of the key people in the Yukon Education department.

***Here's another PD event you need to note....***

**Be sure to MARK THE DATES for your School Council to attend the**

**Spring 2013 Conference and AYSCBC AGM  
to be held between April 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

This will be an interactive and exciting learning opportunity  
not to be missed!

*More details will be available soon!*

## 2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDAR & SCHOOL YEAR

In addition to the information packages sent out to all School Councils in December, regarding proposed changes to the [school year/calendar](#) and [sections of the Education Act](#), Yukon Education has also created an online opportunity for providing input to the proposed changes. Click on the links above to learn more. We hope all will take the time to engage in this call for discussion and input and that the outcome will support the best interests of students' learning.

Deadline for input is January 31, 2013.



### A Funding Support Opportunity for AYSCBC Members

In our quest to continually extend our support services and resources to Members, AYSCBC has developed a [Policy, Guidelines and Application Form](#) regarding access to **Financial Support for AYSCBC Member School Councils to Attend Professional Development Events.** *Note: This financial support is separate from the funding assistance we have had in place for a few years--for rural AYSCBC Members to attend the recurring semi-annual School Council conferences held here in Yukon.*

The professional development must be relevant to the work of the School Council and eligible applicants must be Members of the Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards & Committees (or individuals who sit on Member School Councils and have the support of same).

Information and forms are available on the link above. Have questions?? [Get in touch with us.](#)



Want to have your School Council meeting dates posted on our [online calendar](#), let us know and we'll do so. We'll help you spread the word!



## A GREAT BOOK TO READ

### **'Creating innovators—The Making of Young People who will Change the World' by Tony Wagner (2012)**

We've all watched how focussed very young children can be when they play, especially when they are using their imaginations—those sparks of creativity are ones we need to nurture and support as our children and students grow.

***"Play, passion and purpose: These are the forces that drive young innovators."***

Through interviews with some very accomplished young people, and the key adults in their lives (parents, some educators & mentors), the author shares how adults can help children and youth to find their passion, to learn from failures (see them as 'iterations'), and to persevere through challenges.

He writes about how we can apply this knowledge as educators and parents, and gives examples of some of the most forward thinking schools, colleges and workplaces, where teachers and employers are developing cultures of innovation based on collaboration, interdisciplinary problem-solving and intrinsic motivation.

It is a stimulating book to read and has much to offer about what works best for engaging young people in their lifelong learning.

Members of AYSCBC can borrow this book from our holdings by sending [Carol](#) an email request.



## WEBSITE RESOURCES to CHECK OUT

Here a couple of the many [Resources](#) from our website that we hope you will find useful:

--'[Conditions for Learning](#)' a simple one pager, as presented by Judy Arnold to delegates at the Spring 2012 School Councils' Conference. The following quote in the document is in line with what the Tony Wagner writes about in the book that is reviewed above:

*"Learning is a process of figuring things out, asking questions, making connections, getting ideas and testing them, taking risks, making mistakes, without fear of ridicule or embarrassment, trying again and eventually experiencing the satisfaction of accomplishment."*

(Priesnitz, 2009)

--'[Evaluating the Effectiveness of Your Meetings](#)' is also a one page quick checklist that can be useful in planning and holding your regular monthly School Council meetings.

*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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Chief Zzeh Gittlit  
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Eliza Van Bibber  
Selkirk Elementary  
Takhini Elementary

Ghuch Tla  
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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