



# ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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## JANUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

*As we begin a new calendar year, we look forward to attending some of your meetings, helping answer some of your questions, seeing you at the Spring Conference and the AYSCBC AGM and working together in general for the benefit of all Yukon students.*

### **Spring 2015 Yukon School Councils' Conference & AYSCBC Annual General Meeting**

will be held

**the evening of Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, and all day**

**Friday and Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**

at the High Country Inn in Whitehorse

Some of the topics will include:

- ~Resolving Conflicts, Building Confidence, Communication and Positive Outcomes
- ~Using Information from our Yukon Youth about Health-Related Behaviours
- ~Vibrant and Engaged School Communities
- ~Student/Youth Panel presentation & discussion  
and several more...

One of our Special Guest Speakers is **Charmaine Hammond** who comes highly recommended by our colleagues with the Alberta School Councils' Association!

Her contribution to our event is guaranteed to be lively, engaging, informative and helpful for delegates in your work as a School Council member and beyond.

Breakfast and lunches will be provided. And don't miss the ever-popular School Councils' Roundtable session! Make sure you have representation there.

**Registration Form and  
Detailed Agenda & Sessions Overview**

Will be available in later February

Questions and comments are most welcome, contact [Carol](#).

We look forward to seeing you there!

## YUKON EDUCATION COMMITTEES

While we are anticipating have more news to share about seats for School Councils on several Yukon Education committees, here is what we know to date:

**Whitehorse Student Transportation (Busing Committee)** will be meeting on Tuesday, Jan 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm in Room #1 of the Yukon Education building. All Whitehorse School Councils are encouraged to send a rep to this meeting.

Minutes from these meetings are posted on the [Committees](#) page of our website.

**Student Support Service Advisory Committee** will be meeting in May 2015. Thanks to all those who expressed their interest in the two School Council seats on this committee. We have been advised that Liza Mannen (Selkirk Elementary School Council, Whitehorse) and James Kawchuk (Ghuch Tla Community School Council, Carcross) will be the representatives for 2015 year. Minutes of this advisory committee can be found at: [http://www.yesnet.yk.ca/staffroom/student\\_support.html](http://www.yesnet.yk.ca/staffroom/student_support.html)

The **Staffing Allocation Advisory Committee** will be meeting in the next few months, more information to come....In the meantime, you can view/download the most current **Yukon Education Staffing Allocation Handbook** by clicking on the document listed as such on our '[Yukon Websites and Documents](#)' webpage.

## WANT TO BE ON A 'REVIEW TEAM'?

School Reviews are continuing through this winter and spring. Reviews are part of the School Growth Planning process and take place once every 3 years in all Yukon schools. It is a most interesting and valuable learning experience. The focus of each School Review Team is to provide recommendations, based on observations and discussions with the school, which are aimed at improving successful outcomes for students.

If you are Interested in learning more about being a member of a Review Team, contact [Simon.Blakesley@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Simon.Blakesley@gov.yk.ca) at Yukon Education or Carol via [exec.director@ayscbc.org](mailto:exec.director@ayscbc.org)

## RESOURCES/REPORTS



The **Conference Board of Canada** is a Canadian independent, evidence-based, not-for-profit applied research organization.

Here are a few of their publications that are particularly relevant to education in northern Canada:

### ***“Lessons Learned: Achieving Positive Educational Outcomes in Northern Communities”***

This report examines education in the context of Northern communities, with the primary objective of exploring Northern experiences and sharing lessons learned, practices, and models that Northerners believe are having a positive impact on educational outcomes.

<http://www.conferenceboard.ca/e-library/abstract.aspx?did=4658>

**“Building on our Strengths: Aboriginal Youth Wellness in Canada’s North”**

This report delivers new insights into successful Aboriginal youth wellness strategies in Canada’s North. It highlights three initiatives that reflect the diversity of potential strength-based Aboriginal youth wellness strategies.

<http://www.conferenceboard.ca/e-library/abstract.aspx?did=5948>

**“Education and Skills in the Territories”**

This report is part of the ‘**HOW CANADA PERFORMS**’ series.

<http://www.conferenceboard.ca/hcp/provincial/education/edu-territories.aspx>

**MORE UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dates: February 9, 2015

Location: Winnipeg, Manitoba

**Manitoba Safe & Caring Schools Conference: Students at the Centre**

<http://canadiansafeschools.com/events/35>

Dates: March 9 – 10, 2015

Location: Whitehorse

Council for Yukon First Nations will be holding a **Yukon First Nations Education Summit**

More details will be passed along as available.

Dates: March 1-3, 2015

Location: Canmore, Alberta

**Rural Alberta Education Symposium**

Conference website: <http://www.albertaruraleducation.ca>

Dates: March 18-20, 2015

Location: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**2015 Think Indigenous Education Conference**

Conference website: <http://thinkindigenous.usask.ca/index.php>

Date: March 23, 2015

Location: Regina, Saskatchewan

**Saskatchewan Safe & Caring Schools Conference: Focus on RELATIONSHIP-  
Cornerstone to Academic Success**

Conference website: <http://canadiansafeschools.com/events/34>

☆AYSCBC Members might like to refer to the organization’s policy on

[Financial Support For AYSCBC Member School Councils To Attend Professional Development Events](#)

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**Canadian Parents for French (CPF)** is a volunteer based organization that advocates access to French Second Language programs, including French Immersion programs and core French programs in Canada. They invite parents to contact them to learn more.

Local contact is: [yukoncpf@gmail.com](mailto:yukoncpf@gmail.com) More information is available on the website [www.cpf.ca](http://www.cpf.ca)

☆ **SCHOOL COUNCILS WHO ARE CURRENT MEMBERS OF AYSCBC** ☆

Nelnah Bessie John  
Chief Zzeh Gittlit  
Del Van Gorder  
Robert Service  
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.

*AYSCBC promotes School Council, Board and Committee service  
as a meaningful way to make long term contributions  
to your local community and society.*

**Together**  
**we can make a difference**

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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