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MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER



A SPRING SALUTE TO ALL SCHOOL COUNCILS—

--to all who are in their current term of office as well as those who will be taking over at the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

It appears that there will be a good mix of experienced School Council members as well an infusion of several who are new to the role.

While there are still vacancies on several School Councils, as well as possible by-elections for 2 schools, and appointments yet to be made to fill both regular and guaranteed representative seats, here are some interesting facts based on information available at this time:

**In 2014, there were 106 nominations for 128 seats,
while in 2012 there were 90 for that same number of seats.**

**Of those 106 nominated candidates,
66% of those elected have School Council experience**

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78% of those acclaimed have previous experience on a School Council.

In 2014, there were 6 elections, while in 2012 there were 5.

The complete list of those people who have been elected or acclaimed to School Councils will be posted [here](#).

For current as well as incoming School Council members and other interested individuals, we invite all of you to connect with us through our website: www.ayscbc.org and via the contact information posted there.



NEWS WORTH CELEBRATING-THANKS TO A SCHOOL COUNCIL!

FH Collins Secondary School Council purchased a water fountain for the school that is set up to refill water bottles and also tracks the number of times it's used. So far this year, it has provided 20,101 servings of cold water and no doubt saved a great many extra plastic bottles from being used!



DO YOU THINK YOUR SCHOOL IS THE GREENEST IN CANADA?

You could win \$2,000 and the title of Greenest School in Canada! The Canada Green Building Council and the Canadian Coalition for Green Schools are searching for the [Greenest School in Canada](#) – a school at the elementary or secondary level that truly exemplifies how sustainability can be integrally woven into the infrastructure, culture and curriculum of a school.

More information is available at the link above. The application deadline is June 27, 2014.



“The Heat Around Homework”

“Cultivate Self Reliance”

“Navigating Report Card Season”

These are just a couple of the many great topics that Barry MacDonald writes articles about and you can find them on his website: www.mentoringboys.com

SCHOOL STAFFING

A great deal of planning is already well underway as schools prepare for the next school year, before the current one ends. Staffing is always an important part of this. We have posted the [2014 Yukon Education Staffing Allocation Handbook](#), as well as several of the ones from previous years, along with some other documents from the launch of the Advisory Committee process that was initiated in 2010.

These are all available on the [‘Staffing’](#) webpage under the [USEFUL LINKS](#) tab on our website. We hope this information will be helpful as you engage in discussions at your school.

DO YOU HAVE THE MOST RECENT YUKON EDUCATION ACT?

Legislative changes that were made in July 2013 have been incorporated and you can access the updated Act [here](#).

Reminder about some UPCOMING EVENTS



On the morning of **May 10th**, an **ORIENTATION for SCHOOL COUNCILS** will be taking place for Whitehorse and Carcross School Councils at the Beringia Centre. This event is being organized by Yukon Education and all current and new School Council members are welcome to attend. Plans are well underway for orientation events in the rural communities as well--details will be available soon.

May 13-15, Winnipeg, **EARLY YEARS FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM** Research to Practice – Taking Action will aim at making Family and Community Engagement visible in all communities. More information available [here](#).

May 21, 2014 at noon, the **2014 Yukon Food for Learning Association AGM** will be held at the YTA Offices at 2064 2nd Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon. Anyone interested in attending is more than welcome. Conference call capabilities are available so if a rural school council member is interested in participating via conference call, they can contact Noreen McGowan--Coordinator, Yukon Food for Learning Association, at 393-6902 or at ykfoodforlearning@gmail.com. They are always looking for people --- either from the Whitehorse area or from rural Yukon ---- who are interested in supporting food programs in Yukon schools. To learn more, contact Noreen.

Thursday, May 29th at 1pm Yukon time, in the comfort of your home, office, school, etc-- There will be a **Webinar** on the topic of “[Defeating the Culture of Bullying in an age of Social Media](#)” Click on the topic to learn more and register. This is being hosted by edWeb.net

July 7 & 8th, Winnipeg, “**EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE AT THE HEART OF PUBLIC EDUCATION**”. This event is a Canadian Teachers’ Federation President’s Forum. More information is available [here](#).



☆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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as a meaningful way to
make long term contributions to your local community and society.*



☆ **SCHOOL COUNCILS WHO ARE 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.

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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