



# ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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## MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER



We extend a warm welcome to **Elijah Smith Elementary School Council** who have become Members of AYSCBC! This association now has the support of 23 of the 26 School Councils with the remaining 3 having membership with the Catholic Education Association of Yukon.

Thank you to all our Member School Councils for your ongoing support which enables us to provide information and other support services to you as we work together for Yukon students.



### Following up on the Spring 2015 Yukon School Councils' Conference

Thank you to the almost 70 registered delegates who attended the first AYSCBC hosted conference, April 16-18<sup>th</sup> in Whitehorse. Attendees came from 22 of the 26 Yukon School Councils. Such great representation provided a clear demonstration of the diversity and uniqueness of each school and community, while at the same time, showing and sharing some common accolades and concerns that School Councils have for our Yukon education system. Many good ideas were exchanged and delegates were keen to meet and learn from each other.

There were also attendees from Council of Yukon First Nations Education Department and the Carcross/Tagish First Nation Education Department, as well as Yukon Education—always great to see their interest and accessibility. We appreciate the Opening words given by Minister of Education Doug Graham and CYFN Grand Chief Ruth Massie.

Some of our guest speakers provided feedback on what they appreciated while they spent time in sessions, including:

***“I found the roundtable discussion very informative and encouraging.  
There are such committed people serving the students and schools in the Yukon.”***

We also received a great deal of feedback via the evaluation forms and here is a sampling:

- “This was my first conference and I found it very informative”
- “I liked the sharing, because what’s not working in our school, some others might have good ideas.”
- “Marilyn Van Bibber was most informative-a refresher on life in the Yukon.”
- “I liked Charmaine Hammond’s interactive session on communication and dispute resolution. I liked the approach inviting self-awareness of one’s communication style.”
- “I liked the Youth panel. Great job organizing this group as they brought a wealth of diverse experiences to the table. I think it’s so important to hear the voices of our young people to direct our work and help us determine where we’re falling short and what we can do better.”
- “The Roundtable was very informative. Just coming has helped me see how the Association works. I enjoyed all the guest speakers. Found very informative. Loved the library commons and BYTE information”

We also gained some good feedback on suggestions for next time—thanks to all those who contributed their thoughts.

★ **Many of the speakers’ presentations are now posted on our website on the [Conference webpage](#) and you are welcome to share them with others.**

### **AYSCBC Annual General Meeting**

Thank you to those who attended the Association’s 2015 AGM on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. The reports from the Chair and the Executive Director along with the approved 2015-2016 Workplan are posted on our webpage <http://www.ayscbc.org/annual-report-and-workplan.html> under the ABOUT US tab.

### **STAFFING ALLOCATION FOR 2015-2016**

There was a Staffing Allocation Information session on March 10<sup>th</sup> as well as a session given at the conference on April 18<sup>th</sup>, during which presentations were given on projected enrolment, how allocations are made and some of the proposed staffing for the upcoming school year. We have posted these as well as the Yukon Education Staffing Allocation Handbook 2015 on our website on the [Staffing](#) resource documents under ‘**Useful Links**’.



# LONG SERVICE CELEBRATION

On Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards & Committees (AYSCBC) held their third Long Service Celebration of 25 individuals who have served as volunteers for 10 years and longer since the last event was held in 2010. The Commissioner of the Yukon, the Honourable Doug Phillips addressed the gathering and presented certificates to the recipients.

There are now 41 individuals who have served 10 years or more on School Councils, the Francophone School Board and/or the affiliated associations—the Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards & Committees (AYSCBC) and the Catholic Education Association of Yukon (CEAY). Since 1990, when the Yukon Education Act was proclaimed, **1225** individuals have taken on these roles and have contributed extensively of their time and efforts for their school communities and Yukon public education in general.

Congratulations to Caulene May (Nelna Bessie John School Council) who, during the conference quiz, had the closest guess to the total number—she guessed 1224!!!



## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

We are happy to see a renewed interest in committee work with Yukon Education. The ones below have School Council/Association representation on them and are meeting this month:

--Student Transportation Committee on May 12, 2015 at 6:30 at Yukon Education, Room #1.

Reps are from all Whitehorse School Councils, AYSCBC and CEAY

--Gifted Working Group: each of the 4 Thursdays in May 3:30-5pm

SC Reps are Amy Stuart (Hidden Valley Elementary) and Leona Shepherd (Ghuch Tla)

--Rural Advisory Committee: all day May 7<sup>th</sup>

SC reps are Julia Salo (Del Van Gorder), Bob Laking and Carol Coote (AYSCBC)

--Student Support Services: *rescheduled, to be determined*

SC Reps are Liza Mannen (Selkirk Elementary), James Kawchuk (Ghuch Tla) and Deb Janzen (Holy Family)

As we receive minutes from these meetings, we post them on our [Committees webpage](#), found on the pull down menu under the SCHOOL COUNCILS tab.

☆ **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  
Jack Hulland Elementary

Ghuch Tla  
St. Elias  
Ross River  
Tantalus  
J. V. Clark  
Teslin  
Kluane Lake  
Elijah Smith Elementary

Grey Mountain Primary  
Watson Lake  
Porter Creek Secondary  
F.H. Collins Secondary  
Hidden Valley Elementary  
Golden Horn Elementary  
Ecole Whitehorse Elementary

*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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