



# ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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## MAY 2016 NEWSLETTER



Like a strong branch...

### **STRONG SCHOOL COUNCIL LEADERSHIP SUPPORTS STUDENT SUCCESS**

Welcome to all new and returning School Council members who are in place for the 2016-2018 term of office! We look forward to continuing to work with many of you who have experience with the role already, as well as those of you who are taking a seat for the first time.

We invite you to explore our [AYSCBC website](http://www.ayscbc.org) to find information and resources aimed at supporting you in the work you do for your school community.

The results of the nominations and elections are available [here](#).

### ARTICLES OF INTEREST

#### **Why Social and Emotional Skills Are Vital to Keep At-Risk Students on Track**

*'Academic learning is usually in the spotlight at school, but teaching elementary-age students "soft" skills like self-control and social skills might help in keeping at-risk kids out of criminal trouble in the future, a study finds.'*

<http://ww2.kqed.org/mindshift/2015/12/17/why-emotional-intelligence-is-vital-to-keep-students-on-track/>

#### **Student Voice: Learning from Students**

*'Valuing Student Voices. Hearing from students in formal and informal ways is validating, challenging, and insightful.'*

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/learning-from-students-joshua-block>

#### **How to Bring Playfulness to High School Students**

*'It's easy to focus on academics and college transcripts when children become tweens and teens, but retaining the agency and creativity inherent in play is crucial for them, too. But what is the high school equivalent for the kind of inquisitive learning that happens when little kids play in the sandbox, finger-paint, build with blocks or play make-believe?'*

<http://ww2.kqed.org/mindshift/2015/07/24/how-to-bring-playfulness-to-high-school-students/>

## Reminder re: Documents from School Council Conference.....

You will find the School Council Conference (Apr 7-9<sup>th</sup>) presentations that have been made available to us posted on our website on the [Event Reports](#) webpage.

### Staffing Allocation—it's that time of year!

The Yukon Education Staffing Allocation Handbook 2016-17 is available: <http://www.ayscbc.org/staffing.html> for your information and the last page has school enrolment projections.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!



We send our heartfelt **CONGRATULATIONS** to all graduating students and their families. We wish you safe and happy celebrations. Seize the great opportunities that lie ahead for you!



### A couple of upcoming Events....

#### Learning Disabilities Association Yukon's Pack Leaders:

- a two week leadership training camp for youth with learning difficulties/differences, age 14-18
- Tuesday, July 11 – Friday, July 22 (weekdays)
- \$360 (support is available)
- For more information or to register, contact Jen at [packleaders@ldayukon.com](mailto:packleaders@ldayukon.com) or 668-5167

#### July 6-9, Winnipeg, Manitoba

*Canadian School Boards Association 2016 Congress and the National Trustee Gathering on Aboriginal Education*

For more information: <http://csba2016.ca>

***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	

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—one of us would be happy to do so.

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