



# ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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## NOVEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER



### INTRODUCING OUR NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS...

We are pleased to announce that all seats on the AYSCBC Executive are now filled.

**Barb Barchen** is joining us and bringing her three years of experience with the JV Clark School Council in Mayo. In addition, and through her son's enrolment in some Whitehorse school programs a few years ago, she is also familiar with the transition experience from a rural community school to Whitehorse schools. We welcome her to the Executive 'team' and look forward to having her perspective added to discussions and decisions.

**Ed Krahn** will be joining the Executive once again and brings his very considerable experience with him. He originally sat on the Whitehorse Elementary School Committee for 6 years beginning in 1985 and was involved with the establishment of the *Yukon Education Act—“Partners in Education”* (1991). He then went on to serve as a School Council member for 7 years at 3 Whitehorse schools including FH Collins Secondary and Elijah Smith Elementary. He was a Member of the AYSCBC Executive for 3 years from 2007-2010. We welcome him back and know he will contribute a great deal to our ongoing growth in services and representation.

### ☆ UPCOMING SCHOOL COUNCIL TRAINING WORKSHOPS ☆

*Not to be missed!*

There will be two offerings of an all day Saturday Workshop Session for **all members** of all School Councils during the first part of December in Whitehorse. Councils should aim to attend together on one date as a group in order to take advantage of the opportunity to learn and work together. More information is available [here](#) on our website as well as on the [Yukon Education website](#). Contact [Lori](#) at the Dept for registration and more details.

AYSCBC will be hosting supper for any participating Member School Councils who wish to join us after the workshops on December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>. Contact [Carol](#) if you wish to have a seat saved for you! Not sure if your School Council is a Member? Check the list at the end

of this newsletter. If yours is not listed but you want to know more about the Association, please get in touch with us and we'll fill you in.

## 📣 Some other EVENTS 📣

### BARBARA COLOROSO IN WATSON LAKE

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Liard Basin Task Force and some community partners are organizing 2 free sessions with **Barbara Coloroso**, an internationally known speaker and author on parenting, conflict resolution, school discipline and more. These will be held in Watson Lake. More about her work is available at [www.kidsareworthit.com](http://www.kidsareworthit.com)

All are welcome.

Session schedule:

2:00-4:00pm—*The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander*

6:00-8:00pm—*Parenting with Wit and Wisdom*

For more information and registration, call Beatrice at (867) 536-7105 or (867) 536-7205

### 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Aboriginal Education "Reconciliation through Education"

**Dates:** November 22 (evening) through 24th

**Location:** The Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

Featuring keynote speakers **Ovide Mercredi**, former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations and **The Honourable Justice Murray Sinclair**, Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, plus about **30 different workshops**, exhibitors, (First Nations Education Steering Committee) FNESC's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Senior and student discounts available. [Information and registration](#) details available now.



### FUNDING GRANTS FOR ACTIVE KIDS

Check out this funding opportunity for keeping kids active during school and after school.

**Application deadline: November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**School Councils**, teachers, principals can apply for up to \$2000 for materials, equipment, special activity workshops and more. Details and application form available on the [Recreation & Parks Association of Yukon website](#).

## LEARNING FROM RESEARCH

### [What did you do in school today? The Relationship between Instructional Challenge and Student Engagement \(September 2012\)](#)

This 15 page report prepared by J Douglas Willms and Sharon Friesen for the Canadian Education Association explores the relationship between instructional challenge (the balance between students' skill levels and the challenge of their school work) and student engagement. Here's an excerpt:

*“Knowing how to learn, being inspired to continue learning, and learning together with others are essential in today’s world. As a result, in an education system designed on older, different notions of teaching and learning, educators continue to search for ways to redesign schooling so that it sponsors deep, meaningful learning. Merely adding “more interesting courses” or contemporary media to existing structures can be alluring, but our findings suggest a different, more fruitful direction.” (p.10)*



### WEBSITE RESOURCES to CHECK OUT

Whether you need to know the [Basics for Effective School Councils](#) or want to access some [Useful Links](#) as you carry out your role with schools, communities and Yukon Education, we invite you to check out the [AYSCBC website](#) regularly. Updates and information is being added all the time.

For tips on Student Study Skills, Barry MacDonald has some tips in his ***Mentoring Boys*** newsletter--check out:

<http://www.mentoringboys.com/newsletter/2012/Oct2012StudySkills.pdf>



Let us know about your School Council meeting dates and we'll add them to our online, always being updated, [Calendar of Events](#). We'll help you spread the word!

***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

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

*If you'd like to learn more about Membership, please contact us and we'd be glad to tell you more.*

**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—we'd be happy to do so.

### **Members of the AYSCBC Executive**

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