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### WORKING WITH YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

School Councils have an important role in every community---they are a valuable link with families, parents, students, other community members and school staff. They serve as an information source and an avenue for feedback. They bring ideas, resources, concerns, accolades and much more to their role in discussion and decision-making with the shared aim of doing what's best for student learning.

You'll find some [resource documents](#) (under the SERVICES tab) that speak to this on our website, as examples—

[\*\*Working with Your School Community\*\*](#) and [\*\*On Being a School Council Member...\*\*](#)

### RECONCILIATION CANADA

AYSCBC was invited to participate along with a large group of representatives from other non-profit organizations, governments (territorial, First Nations, municipal), and businesses in the National Reconciliation Gathering held in Whitehorse on Nov 4th. All engaged in a sharing of ideas and experiences and the focus was on how to move forward re: reconciliation with actions. The Reconciliation staff gathered input to several questions that have been asked in a total of 6 gatherings across the country. To learn more about Reconciliation Canada and their resources, go to: <http://reconciliationcanada.ca>



Our future, and the well-being of all our children rests with the kind of relationships we build today.

- Chief Dr. Robert Joseph



## AYSCBC LENDING LIBRARY

As fall turns to winter, what better time is there to spend time with a good book!  
And never underestimate the influence of seeing parents and other family members reading on young ones.

**As a benefit of AYSCBC Membership, all School Councils who support the organization have access to borrowing a variety of books**--just get in touch with [Carol](#) and make sure it reaches you and/or your school. Contact information is at the top of this newsletter.  
(Not sure if your School Council is a member? Check the last page of this newsletter.)

Here's just a few of the titles we have:

**The Kids From Nowhere—The Story Behind the Arctic Educational Miracle** by George Guthridge.  
One reviewer wrote: *"A heart-wrenching story of a group of seemingly uneducable students who.....learn to love learning."*

**Creating Innovators—The Making of Young People Who Will Change the World** by Tony Wagner.  
*"Tony Wagner addresses one of our most urgent questions: How do we create the next generation of innovators? By telling the stories of young creators...and embracing the principles of play, passion and purpose."*

**Inventive Teaching-The Heart of the Small School** by Judith Kleinfeld, G McDiarmid, & W Parrett.  
*"This book highlights programs and ideas that take advantage of small classrooms and of other resources in the local community and environment, programs that demonstrate the inventiveness and imagination of teachers at small schools."*

**Hearts and Minds** by Sandra Dean

*This is the story of "...a caring and courageous school principal who turned an eight-two year old inner city school slated for closure into a dynamic, positive learning environment. Along the way, she touched not just the lives of her students, but an entire community."*

**Don't forget to send us your monthly meeting dates for posting on our [online calendar](#)!!**

## ARE YOUR STUDENTS PLANNING FOR POST-SECONDARY?



If you and/or your school's students are looking for information and links about programs and scholarships, quizzes to explore areas of interest, helpful tips for applications, etc., here are a couple of links to check out:

[SchoolFinder.com](http://SchoolFinder.com) and [ScholarshipsCanada.com](http://ScholarshipsCanada.com)

### Upcoming Professional Development

**November 24th (evening), 25-26, Vancouver, B.C.**

***Celebrating First Nations Diversity***

**FNESC Annual Aboriginal Education Conference 2016**

<http://www.fnesc.ca/conference/>

Showcasing innovative curriculum, inspiring people and networking opportunities, the First Nations Education Steering Committee Annual Aboriginal Education Conference theme this year is Celebrating First Nations Diversity, providing opportunity to discuss how the unique heritage, diverse cultures and achievements of First Nations can be reflected in schools and student learning.



School Council members and other interested individuals, we invite you to connect with us with your questions, comments and suggestions, contact [Carol](#), our Executive Director or any one of the AYSCBC Executive Members listed at the end of this newsletter.

***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	

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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