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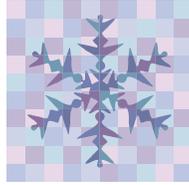
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SOME GREAT PROJECTS ARE IN THE WORKS!!

We're very excited to have received and approved 8 applications to the **ONE-TIME FUNDING OPPORTUNITY for AYSCBC MEMBER SCHOOL COUNCILS!** We've also posted a bit of information [here](#) about those projects approved to date and we'll keep updating it. It's great to see the ideas and innovative plans that are being submitted!

We want to remind those AYSCBC Member School Councils who haven't applied yet---don't miss out on this opportunity to receive a contribution of up to \$5000 to enhance school-community connections in support of student learning. This one time funding opportunity allows for flexibility in how Member School Councils plan for and support projects/programs/resources that meet the specific needs of their students and local school community.

Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a continuous intake basis, the only deadline is that projects and activities must be completed by August 31, 2018 to coincide with the conclusion of the term of office of currently sitting School Council officials.

For more information and the application form and process, go to:

<http://www.ayscbc.org/blog/News/post/reminder-to-ayscbc-members--do-not-miss-this-one-time-funding-opportunity>.



AYSCBC LENDING LIBRARY

As fall turns to winter, what better time is there to spend time with a good book! Never underestimate the influence on young ones when they see parents and other family members reading.

As a benefit of AYSCBC Membership, all School Councils who support the organization have access to borrowing a variety of books. [Here's the link](#) to the list posted on our [website](#) under the SERVICES tab, just click on the section titled 'Resources'.

To inquire about any of the titles, contact [our office](#) and we can make sure the book(s) reach you and/or your school.

SOME COMING EVENTS

November 29- December 1st, Montreal, Quebec

National Gathering for Indigenous Education, this conference will celebrate and explore our rich Indigenous cultures, traditions, and histories. The National Gathering is a place where educators and partners can share their experiences and work together to improve the educational outcomes of K- 12 Indigenous students. This conference is another step towards reconciliation and presents workshops within four categories: knowing, feeling, doing, being.

For more information: <http://indspire.ca/national-gathering>

November 30, December 1 & 2, Vancouver, B.C.

“Renewing Our Relationship”, the annual conference of the First Nations Education Steering Committee will explore of the role of education in reconciliation, as part of the ongoing conversations about Canada’s 150th celebrations and planning for the future of First Nations education.

For more information: <http://www.fnesc.ca/conference>



“WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT AYSCBC IS LOOKING FOR EXECUTIVE (BOARD) MEMBERS!”

There are some vacancies on the AYSCBC Executive and we are looking for individuals who are interested in being considered to fill one of the positions. The work of an Executive Member requires a commitment of time and energy, some knowledge of public education and parental involvement, and the ability to work together with others.

Seats are open to those in the rural communities as well as Whitehorse area and while you don’t need to be a current member of any School Council, it is important that you:

- ☆ have a genuine commitment to striving for high quality public education for all children;
- ☆ can participate in meetings, discussions and decision-making;
- ☆ carry out all responsibilities in the best interests of the Association and the Membership.

More information about the important role that the Executive have in providing direction and support for the activities of the organization can be found under the ‘**ABOUT US**’ tab at <http://www.ayscbc.org>.

Questions always welcome by email or phone, see contacts at the end of this newsletter.

We’d be happy to hear from you.

-On Being a School Council Member-

The most important question we can ask... “IS IT GOOD FOR KIDS?”

To guide us in our work as School Council members:---

There must be a dynamic shared vision for education that reflects student needs and community priorities. We demonstrate our commitment to the shared vision by using it to guide decision making.

We are involved in the development of long and short term plans that are annually revised through a process involving extensive participation, information gathering, research and reflection.

We encourage and support innovative approaches to teaching, learning and the continuous renewal of education.

We celebrate achievements of students and accomplishments of others who contribute to education.

We advocate for children and families and establish and maintain relationships with parents and other mentors to help support students.

We support partnerships with individuals, groups and organizations to promote and expand the educational opportunities for ALL students while continually improving teamwork, problem solving and decision-making skills.

We perform in a fair and responsible manner for ALL students to promote School Council service as a meaningful way to make long term contributions to society.

We need to proactively identify and address issues affecting the education of ALL students.

We need to receive regular reports on student progress and needs based on a variety of assessments to evaluate the quality and equity of the educational program.

We need to evaluate our own performance in carrying out our responsibilities as a Council.



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*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
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

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***The solution to adult problems tomorrow
depends in large measure upon how our children grow up today.***

Margaret Mead

Together we can make a difference