

*Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards & Committees (AYSCBC)*

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## **OCTOBER 2010 NEWSLETTER**

*A warm welcome to all new and returning School Council members and School Board Trustees!! We look forward to hearing from you, seeing you at events and sharing the work ahead that will benefit all Yukon students. Here is some news you might want to know....*

**YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS  
CONFERENCE  
November 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Yukon Inn, Whitehorse**



**This 2 ½ day event will provide School Council members as well as other individuals interested in Yukon education, with a great opportunity to learn how to carry out their role and participate in discussion and decision-making--in the best interests of student learning. ★★**

**Beginning on Thursday evening and running through Saturday afternoon, there will be training sessions, presentations, information updates, announcements, and workshops on a variety of relevant topics and issues.**

**Make sure your School Council/Board is well represented---without a doubt, the more delegates who can participate from your group, the better the learning will be.**

**This event is free and open to all School Council and School Board members as well as others who have an interest in Yukon education.**

***IMPORTANT NOTE: The Department of Education provides funding for accommodation and travel expenses for one delegate per rural School Council to attend the conference.***

***As AYSCBC wishes to encourage and facilitate the attendance of more rural School Council members at this event, rural School Councils who are AYSCBC members are eligible to apply for funding support from the Association. This can help offset the costs for any of their School Council members to attend School Council Conferences, providing said School Council members are not receiving financial travel assistance from another source.***

***AYSCBC funding assistance is set at \$150 per full day of conference (Friday and/or Saturday) attended to a maximum of \$300 per person per conference.***

**Carol will have forms and record sheets at the conference. Cheques are made payable to the appropriate School Council.**

More details about the conference will be available soon. If you have questions about the conference, you are invited to contact us at [info@ayscbc.org](mailto:info@ayscbc.org), or phone (867) 633-2692.

For registration and related information, contact the School Council Liaison at Yukon Education, [bob.walker@gov.yk.ca](mailto:bob.walker@gov.yk.ca), or phone (867) 667-8226.



## LONG SERVICE CELEBRATION

A **special event** is planned for the early part of Friday evening, November 26<sup>th</sup>, also at the Yukon Inn in Whitehorse!! The Executive of AYSCBC feel it is time to once again celebrate our long serving School Council/School Board members. This will be the second such event of its kind—the first one was held in 2007. We will have special guests, (including the recipients!), great food and we invite you to bring your families to join us for this social gathering. Help us recognize and congratulate those who have served their school communities for so many years!!



## Why parents and community support matters (this means you!)....

...studies indicate that good schools become better schools when there is a strong connection with parents as part of the learning community. Parents have a primary influence on their child's attitudes towards school, their learning, and their future success.

The more families support their children's learning and educational progress, the more their children tend to do well in school and continue their education (Henderson & Mapp 2002).

The positive results of a genuine partnership between parents and schools include improved student achievement, reduced absenteeism, better behaviour, and increased public confidence among parents in their children's schooling.

*(excerpt from Parents in Partnership Policy-draft, Ontario 2009*

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/involvement/index.html>)

## Other Conferences and PD opportunities

Our friendly neighbours, the **Association of Alaska School Boards** will be having their annual Conference in Anchorage Nov. 11-14<sup>th</sup>. Learn more at:

<http://aasb.org/content/2010annualconf>

The **First Nations Education Steering Committee** will host their 16<sup>th</sup> annual conference in Vancouver from Nov 18-20<sup>th</sup>. Learn more at:

<http://www.fnesc.ca/conferences/index.php#conference>

★★ Students and parents  
planning for post-secondary  
education, check this out...

Yukon's Western Canada Education Fair

will be held at Ayamdigut Campus  
(Whitehorse) of Yukon College on **Monday,  
December 6, 2010** from 9am–12:30 and  
1:30–6pm

This will be a great opportunity to talk to  
people from several post-secondary  
schools, including:

Grant MacEwan University  
Athabasca University  
Thompson Rivers University  
Emily Carr University  
Okanagan College  
UNBC  
Royal Roads University  
ACAD  
Vancouver Island University  
Northern Lights College  
Mount Royal University  
Canadian Forces  
University of Alberta  
Fairview College/ Grande Prairie College  
University of Calgary  
Kings University College  
Devry Calgary

In timed 5 minute presentations, each  
school will highlight everything that makes  
them stand out from the crowd, including:  
unique programs, student services, sports,  
residences and more. Yukon College will  
also provide campus tours, and scholarship  
and bursary presentations.

For further information, contact **Tanis  
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## AYSCBC Website News!

We are well underway in developing a  
website which will be an easily accessible  
source of information and support for  
School Councils, Boards, committees,  
parents, students and others interested in  
Yukon public education.

We hope to be able to launch the site by  
mid-November and we'll be letting you  
know as soon as it is up and running. We  
look forward to your comments and  
suggestions—the feedback will be important  
as we set up a presence for AYSCBC on  
the world wide web!!

### Some important websites...

You can get a copy of the Yukon Education  
Act at:

<http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/policy/legislation.html>

Yukon Education Policies:

<http://www.education.gov.yk.ca/policy/index.html>

Interested to see our Yukon school calendar  
sizes up with other places in Canada?

Find out at: <http://www.ceace.ca/publication/2010-2011-school-calendar>

**SCHOOL COUNCILS WHO ARE  
MEMBERS OF AYSCBC**

(as of October 2010):

Del Van Gorder School Council  
Robert Service School Council  
Eliza Van Bibber School Council  
Ross River School Council  
F.H. Collins Secondary School Council  
Selkirk Elementary School Council  
Ghuch Tla Community School Council  
St. Elias Community School Council  
Grey Mountain Primary School Council  
Takhini School Council  
Hidden Valley Elementary School Council  
Tantalus School Council  
J. V. Clark School Council  
Teslin School Council  
Porter Creek Secondary School Council  
Watson Lake School Council

*To find out more about becoming a supporting member Council of AYSCBC, contact Carol. Your support helps us provide support to you and the work that you do in your communities.*

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***AYSCBC promotes School Council,  
Board and Committee service  
as a meaningful way to make long term  
contributions to the local community and  
society.***

