



ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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A SALUTE TO ALL OUR SCHOOL COUNCILS

A big welcome to all 2012-2014 School Council members!!

A great bouquet of thanks to all the outgoing members who served for the 2010-2012 term. While this transition time between School Councils results in some communication challenges, we will connect with all those we can reach through our website and via email.

The [complete list](#) of those people who have been elected or acclaimed to School Councils is now available. Education Minister Scott Kent has advised that the process for appointment for others who have put their names forward for consideration for filling vacant seats will be done as quickly as possible. Even while waiting for appointments to go through and swearing in to take place, it is important that School Councils meet and put plans in motion for the months ahead.

A FEW LEARNING RESOURCES

We are continually adding information to our [AYSCBC website](#). Under SERVICES, we have posted several [Resources](#) that are relevant to School Councils and the work you do.

Whether you need information about:

--getting off to a [good head start](#);

--[running meetings](#);

--a [calendar of some recurring events](#); or

--a [sample Code of Ethics](#) to refer to--we hope you will find the documents there helpful.

Check back regularly for updates and news.

We're always keen to hear your suggestions for other items that you'd like to have access to.

NEW DEPUTY MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

We extend a welcome to the new Yukon Education Deputy Minister, Valerie Royle. Along with a great deal of other experience, Val sat a member of the Christ the King School Council for

six years so has first-hand knowledge of the responsibilities and considerable influence that School Councils can have in our school communities. We look forward to working with her over the years to come.

We have passed on our great appreciation to Pamela Hine, the former Deputy Minister of Education. Her interest in, and participation at, School Council Conferences was always notable, demonstrating the value she placed on the role that School Councils serve. Her leadership moved Yukon Education forward in many important ways and we wish her the best with her new assignment with the Yukon government.

SOME OF THE UPCOMING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES...

Dr. Stuart Shanker, a well-known researcher and speaker on brain development and enhancing the potential of children, will be in Whitehorse on **Tuesday, October 16th** to give a free public presentation on **'Self-Regulation'**.

Many children experience learning or behaviour challenges. Some have difficulty expressing their ideas verbally. Some struggle to get along with peers or follow home and classroom routines. In each case, one thing is the same: improved learning and behaviour requires strong self-regulation skills. Come and learn what you can do to enhance and support the development of these important skills—ones that we use throughout our lives.

Location: Yukon Beringia Centre in Whitehorse, on the Alaska Highway next to the airport.

Time: Doors open at 6pm, presentation begins at 6:30pm.

This event is sponsored by **Autism Yukon** and the **Child Development Centre**.

To read more about Self-Regulation, check out this [article](#) from the Canadian Education Association Journal.

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

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

**Location:** The Westin Bayshore, Vancouver

Showcasing innovative curriculum, inspiring people and excellent networking opportunities, the conference draws several hundred educators every year. This is an opportunity for everyone involved in Aboriginal education to share and learn. 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) FNEESC's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, and more!

Register by **October 23** for the Earlybird rate! Senior and student discounts available.

[Information and registration](#) details available now.

**Stay tuned for news about some locally developed School Council training and PD events for this fall & winter—coming soon!**



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!

### **SCHOOL COUNCILS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF AYSCBC**

Nelna 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.

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