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SOME KEY INFORMATION THAT SCHOOL COUNCILS NEED FROM THEIR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Administrators play a key part in the advisory and shared decision-making role that School Council members have. They provide important information to the Council about their school's successes, challenges and status on a variety of topics--some of these are:

- enrolment
- attendance
- student transportation
- progress on school growth plan goals
- student progress
- staffing
- school events
- policies
- courses and programming
- renovations and resource allocation
- community contact (incoming and outgoing)
- discipline/behaviour
- field trips

When School Council members ask good questions, this can help build understanding around the table, in the school and in the community.



Worth a read and viewing....

With the title 'Some Hip Advice', this is a post worth reading from Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of Schools/West Vancouver on his blog "Culture of Yes"—an entertaining and informative piece combining the recent Olympics and the Tragically Hip concert. As we start another school year, he shares his "...takeaways, lessons and reminders for our schools and learning."

<https://cultureofyes.ca/2016/08/31/some-hip-advice/>

We are sending this newsletter out to all current and incoming School Council members who we have email addresses for—please share with any we may have missed. Please let them know that we will gladly add their contact information to our contact list.

A FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Band Aid Grants

Just in time for the back-to-school season, [MusiCounts](http://musiccounts.ca), Canada's music education charity, is once again calling for applications for the 2016-2017 school year.

For more information, go to: <http://musiccounts.ca/band-aid-grants/>



Some Upcoming PD Events....

October 6-7, Vancouver, B.C

First Nations Schools First!

<http://www.cea-ace.ca/events/first-nations-schools-first>

Showcasing how Indigenous educators develop and lead successful learning programs-- this gathering will focus on ensuring the success of all Indigenous students. This event will bring together both First Nations and public school educators committed to integrating effective Indigenous teaching practices into K-12 classrooms throughout Canada.

October 21 - 22, Vancouver, B.C.

Heart-Mind 2016: Cultivating Resilience

www.dalailamacentor.org

This event will feature some of the leading minds and latest research in child development, education and mental health. Some of the topics to be explored include:

Why are some people more resilient than others? How can we cultivate resilience in the children in our lives? What can our schools and communities do to foster environments that help youth overcome challenges and thrive under pressure?

November 4 - 5, Toronto, Ontario

Indspire 2016 National Gathering for Indigenous Education

<http://indspire.ca/for-educators/annual-conference/>

Improving outcomes in Indigenous education is critical for the future of Canada. The National Gathering is a place where educators and partners can share their voices and work together to improve the educational outcomes of K- 12 Indigenous students. A step towards truth and reconciliation, this conference engages educators, and community partners to collaborate for student success.



November 10-13, Anchorage, AK

Every Student, Every Story

Association of Alaska School Boards 63rd Annual Conference

<http://aasb.org/aasb-annual-conference-1/>

Ensuring Alaska School Board members have top notch professional development is a priority for AASB and while their delegates are primarily Board members, anyone is welcome and there is much to be learned by all those who volunteer and/or work in the field of school governance. For a list of the session topics, click [here](#).

Nov 12, Toronto, ON

Making Connections 2016

People for Education

<http://www.peopleforeducation.ca/events-workshops/come-to-our-conference/>

Keynote speaker will be Stuart Shanker, a panel will discuss “Beyond the 3 Rs: International perspectives on broader areas of learning” and several other sessions will be offered.

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.

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



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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