



# ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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## SEPTEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to another school year... This is a time of a lot of change, both outdoors as the seasons progress as well as within some of the positions in Yukon Education and indeed, in our schools. New students and staff arrive and there will be changes in how some teaching and learning happens.

***Education is dynamic...***

and we look forward to working with you for the benefit of all our Yukon students!

### REMINDER---

#### **ONE-TIME FUNDING OPPORTUNITY for AYSCBC MEMBER SCHOOL COUNCILS!**

As was announced at the AYSCBC Annual General Meeting, the Executive of the *Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards & Committees* is providing AYSCBC Member School Councils with an opportunity to receive a contribution of up to \$5000 each 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 events/programs/resources that meet the specific needs of their students and local school community.

We've received and approved 7 applications submitted so far and look forward to receiving more. The projects and activities that we are already learning about through the submissions should be of great benefit to the students and the school communities! 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>

At the same link above, we've posted a bit of information about those projects approved to date as well on a '**Project List**' and we'll keep updating it. It's great to see the ideas and innovative plans that are being submitted!

## AYSCBC IS LOOKING FOR EXECUTIVE (BOARD) MEMBERS...



There are currently three vacant seats on the AYSCBC Executive due to a variety of life's circumstances. 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 Executive Members:

- ☆ have a genuine commitment to striving for high quality public education for all children;
- ☆ participate in meetings, discussions and decision-making;
- ☆ are familiar with the Constitution, Bylaws and all policies governing the Association;
- ☆ abide by the Code of Conduct and the Conflict of Interest guidelines;
- ☆ carry out all responsibilities in good faith and in the best interests of the Association.

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.

### A SHORT YET SO POWERFUL VIDEO—made by youth

We are delighted to share the news that the video "***Spirit and the Masks***", made by some students at the Independent Learning Centre, in cooperation with the Youth of Today Society and the Council for Yukon First Nations is now available for public viewing at: <http://shakatjournal.com/page-3/page-4>. This was screened at the Spring 2017 School Councils' conference and we were privileged to have some of the creators speak to us about it. It's a brilliant piece of work that we encourage you to share.

### SOME COMING EVENTS

**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 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations and planning for the future of First Nations education.

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

*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  
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**Together we can make a difference**