



ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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Welcome Back! A New School Year Begins



AYSCBC Board of Directors: Left to right (Simon Nagano – Dawson City, Sheri Graham – Whitehorse, Sandra Henderson – Whitehorse, Heather Milford – Whitehorse, Amy McKinnon – Haines Junction. Also elected to the board are Ruby Simons - Carcross and Robin Smarch – Teslin).

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I hope back-to-school in your community went well, with much enthusiasm for a new year- supported by your school council.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Yukon School Councils' Spring Conference & AYSCBC AGM. For those who weren't able to attend, a list of conference presentation links can be found in this newsletter. During the AGM, a number of new members were elected to the AYSCBC board of directors. I'm excited to work with this group of dynamic individuals representing diverse backgrounds and skill sets as well as various geographic areas of the territory. I would like to



transportation. An invaluable opportunity to gather, connect, discuss and network, we look forward to seeing many of you next month!

Sandra Henderson
Chair

thank the outgoing Treasurer, Chris Bookless and Chair, Ted Baker for their longstanding service to the association over the years and for their dedicated work in support of improving student outcomes. Thank you also to Lindsay Heynen for her contributions to the board.

Last month, the board had the opportunity to meet with Yukon's Minister of Education to discuss a number of issues including the Education Audit, School Growth Planning, Teacher Evaluation and the Yukon Excellence Awards. Information regarding each of these topics can also be found in this newsletter.

On October 4-5, the association will be hosting a School Council Leaders' Summit to discuss council priorities to be addressed in the coming year(s). The association will cover the cost of 2 school council members per school to attend the meeting (Chair and/or another representative) including registration, meals, hotel accommodation and partial



Left to right: FH Collins Co-chairs Bryna Cable & Mike Etches, FH Collins School Council members Heather Milford & Sandra Henderson and Elijah Smith Elementary School Council/FH Collins School Council member Rosemary Waugh-Wilson.



Left to right: KDFN Councillor Jessie Dawson, former AYSCBC Chair & Del Van Gorder School Council member Ted Baker, Deputy Minister Nicole Morgan and Minister Tracy-Anne McPhee.

Yukon School Council Leaders' Summit

Friday, October 4th (1-5 pm)
Saturday, October 5th (9-12 pm)
 Coast High Country Inn

Roundtable discussion topics to include:

- School Council Priorities
- Student Assessment
- Education Audit
- Teacher Evaluation
- School Council Elections

Gather * Connect * Discuss * Network

Registration materials to follow...

Transportation Committee

Are you interested in participating on the committee?

The Department of Education has established a Transportation Committee made up of department and School Council representatives.

Responsibilities of the committee include:

- establish a committee Terms of Reference
- meet approximately three times per school year.
- work as a collective to address bussing and transportation of our students, and not on day to day issues.

There are currently two vacancies. The goal is to establish a meeting date for early October.

Should you have a council member or designate from your school who might be interested in sitting on this Committee please contact Yukon Education at Lori.Choquette@gov.yk.ca or our office at exec.director@ayscbc.org.

LET'S TALK EDUCATION

Last month, the AYSCBC board of directors had the opportunity to meet with Yukon's Minister of Education, Honourable Tracy-Anne McPhee to discuss a number of issues of importance. Below is a summary of the topics that were raised.

Education Audit

As outlined in the department's response to the Auditor General Report on Education, a number of strategies and reviews are proposed for the coming year. These include the development and implementation of:

- *an outcome management improvement strategy for Yukon Education,*
- *an improved process for annually monitoring the completion of teacher evaluations,*
- *an annual summary of the goals, data trends, and objectives from school growth plans; and*
- *an in-depth review of its services and supports for inclusive education.*

AYSCBC has requested an update regarding each of the above noted reviews and how Yukon School Councils will be engaged in the coming year and how the association may be able to assist with these efforts. As discussed, AYSCBC is particularly concerned about the disparities in learning outcomes for rural, First Nation and students requiring additional supports. The association looks forward to supporting Yukon Education's active response to better track and improve learning opportunities and outcomes for all students.

Teacher Evaluation

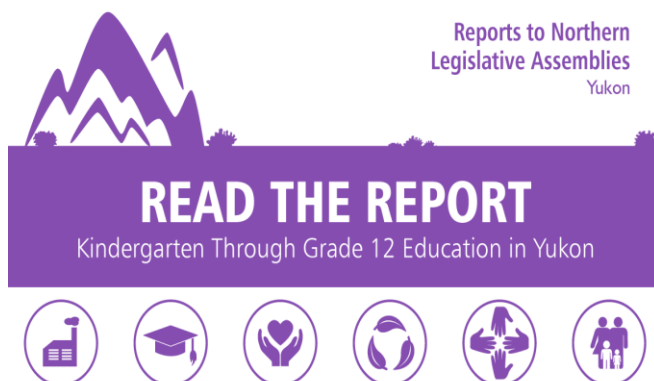
The association is supportive of teacher evaluations which includes ensuring evaluations are completed, that administrators are made fully aware of the evaluation process throughout the year and that evaluations are consistently applied in support of overall improved student outcomes. AYSCBC looks forward to continuing its work with the department in the year ahead and bringing clarity to the overall process, particularly as it pertains to the implementation of decisions.

School Growth Plans

School growth planning is an important tool for improving the overall success of each Yukon learner. AYSCBC appreciates the work being undertaken to integrate student and teacher learning plans as well as School Growth plans to achieve this shared goal. Updates regarding the status of school growth planning in Yukon schools, including how progress is being monitored and measured against student success, along with steps being taken by the department to assist schools with their planning was requested.

Yukon Excellence Awards

AYSCBC has asked to be kept informed of any proposed changes to the Yukon Excellence Awards and have asked that School Councils be engaged in any formal review of the program. Information as to how students are being made aware of the awards throughout the school year(s) as well as the process for making application and how students are able to access the award amounts, has also been requested.



2019 Spring Conference Presentation Links

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the Yukon School Councils' Spring Conference. A huge thank you to each of the presenters who shared their experience and expertise with the delegates. From speeches to plenary and breakout sessions, the two-day conference was busy!

For those who weren't able to attend or those wanting to refresh their memories, a list of conference presentation links can be found by accessing the following link:

<http://ayscbc.org/events/event-reports>

- Substances and how to help
- Fentanyl Presentation
- Comprehensive Sexual Health Education Presentation
- Elections Yukon Presentation
- Yukon Education Update

In keeping with this year's theme of Supporting Young Minds: Student Safety & Wellness, AYSCBC was pleased to sponsor an evening presentation on Internet Safety and Digital Literacy for Parents and Caregivers. From Victoria, B.C., the White Hatter Team has presented to over 450 schools and thousands of students across Canada and U.S. A three-hour session covering all topics including cyberbullying, sexting and other issues students and schools are faced with, was also offered to Yukon School Councils on the final day of the conference.

For more information, visit www.thewhitehatter.ca. Links to two slide decks are also provided in the link referenced above.

LORAN AWARD Applications now open

Canada's largest and most comprehensive undergraduate award, granted based on character, service and leadership potential.

Loran is an intensive, four-year leadership development program. Recipients are selected on the basis of character, commitment to service, and the potential for leadership. To find Loran Scholars, we look beyond the transcript and find the evidence of character: integrity, courage, compassion, determination, and a high level of personal autonomy.

In the 2018-19 application year, there were 2 Loran Scholars and 2 Provincial Award winners selected from Northern Canada. As shared with AYSCBC, they would be thrilled to have more applicants from the region participate in the selections process this year!

Interested Grade 12 students can start their applications online at apply.loranscholar.ca. For more information about the award and application process, check out loranscholar.ca/becoming-a-scholar.

Upcoming Events



The approval of an election date to elect five trustees to the Commission scolaire francophone du Yukon has been given by the Minister of Education.

Polling Day is Monday, November 4, 2019. The close of nominations is Thursday, October 24, at 12 noon. The Notice of Nomination is to begin on Monday, October 7.

For more information contact Elections Yukon at info@electionsyukon.ca



Every Child Matters

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

On September 30th, Yukoners will join thousands of Canadians in bringing awareness to the experiences of the residential school system by wearing an orange shirt. Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity to demonstrate our support and commitment to education for reconciliation.



AYSCBC Director, Sheri Graham and Executive Director Elaine Taylor presenting a cheque for \$350 to the Share the Spirit Campaign. During the Yukon School Councils' Fall Conference, the AYSCBC made a financial donation on behalf of those individuals who presented during the conference, in lieu of a gift. Thank you to the Whitehorse Firefighters Charitable Society for all of their work throughout the year in support of Yukon families and Yukon communities.

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

☆ AYSCBC MEMBERS ☆

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Hidden Valley Elementary
Golden Horn Elementary
École Whitehorse Elementary

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Treasurer Amy McKinnon (Haines Junction)

Heather Milford (Whitehorse)

Simon Nagano (Dawson City)

Ruby Simons (Carcross)

Robin Smarch (Teslin)

Elaine Taylor (Executive Director)

We'd like to acknowledge and thank Yukon School Councils for their continuing support of AYSCBC and Yukon Education for their financial support on behalf of our members.

This support enables us to do the work we do with, and for, our colleagues in supporting students and school community involvement in education.