



YELLOWKNIFE EDUCATION DISTRICT NO. 1

BOARD of TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

AGENDA

PACKAGE

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June 13, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Google Meet Link - <https://meet.google.com/qfb-hqri-tuf>

Standing Committee Reports

11.2.2 Public Relations (Chairperson - Trustee Bell)

11.2.7 NWTTA Teacher – Board Committee (Reps: Trustee Bell & Brookes)



BOARD REPORT

Title:	PR Committee Meeting
Attendance:	(May 31, 2023) Barbara Bell, Tina Drew(Online), Pat Thagard, Shirley Zouboules, Andrea Harding
Date:	May 31, 2023 - June 1, 2023 (Email) June 8, 2023
Mandate:	The PR committee received 8 nominations for the Sacred Feather Indigenous Student Awards. There will be 4 awards given and 4 certificates of recognition.
Background:	<p>Sacred Feather Indigenous Student Awards are presented annually to Indigenous students selected by an awards committee. The committee will consider Indigenous student nominees who attend a YK1 school and have been nominated by members of their educational community based on their exemplary leadership, honors, courage, and commitment to their own education path.</p> <p>Sacred Feather Nominations were do back on May 5, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the PR Committee will review the nomination(s) • When we as a board will announce the decision
Other Headings as appropriate: - Current - Survey Response - Information	JK - Grade 2 - 1 nomination received Grades 3 - 5 - 1 nomination received Grades 6 - 8 – 4 nominations received Grades 9 - 12 - 1 nomination received We received 1 nomination outside of the extended deadline.
Recommendations:	- I move that the Yellowknife Education District No. 1 Board of Trustees approve the recipients chosen by the PR committee for the Sacred Feather Indigenous Student Award for the 2022-2023 school year.



Public Relations (PR) Committee Meeting

District Office Boardroom

May 31, 2023

12:00 PM

Present: Barbara Bell, Tina Drew (video conference), Shirley Zouboules, Andrea Harding, Pat Thagard

Regrets: Jason Snaggs

Committee Chairperson: Barbara Bell

The meeting was held to discuss the Sacred Feather Award and to start the process to choose the recipients.

- Who will
- Pat to send an invite to Trustees for the Indigenous Honour Ceremony at SJF on June 10th
- Chairperson Bell indicated she would endeavour to hold an additional Board meeting one day during the week of June 5th to formally approve the nominees chosen for the Award
- Pat to scan and email all nominations to PR Committee members, Assistant Superintendent Zouboules and Indigenous Education Coordinator Harding this afternoon
- The Committee agreed that Principals should be permitted to recognize any nominees that did not get chosen for the award
- Chairperson Bell to discuss last year's process for the Award with Board Chairperson Wasylciw

June 1, 2023

The PR committee sent out an email to all board members asking for consent to proceed with awarding the Sacred Heart recipient for SJ, as the awards ceremony at this school will be happening before the next board meeting. This was approved.

The PR committee approved the recipients for each grade category and will bring a motion forward at the June Board meeting.

June



PR Committee Meeting Notes

June 8, 2023 12:00 PM

District Office Boardroom and online

Present: Barbara Bell, Jason Snaggs (video conference), Tina Drew, David Wasylciw, Jameel Aziz, Pat Thagard

Committee Chairperson: Barbara Bell

Topic: Review of Communications Plan Deferred

Topic: Business Luncheon – deferred to 2023-2024 school year

Topic: Sacred Feather Indigenous Student Awards

- Trustees Wasylciw, Snaggs, Superintendent/CEO Aziz and Assistant Superintendent Zouboules will attend the event at SJF on Saturday, June 10th
- Trustee Snaggs will present award at SJF
- A/Superintendent Zouboules will ask schools of nominees and award recipients when they will hold their presentation so that a Trustee can attend to present the award
- Motion proposed for Board Meeting is to have the Board approve the award recipients chosen by the PR Committee so as not to publicly divulge the names
- A press release, post on website, etc. to be done later in the month to recognize nominees and award recipients

Topic: Board Engagements

- It will be important to invite Elders and community members when the public event is held
- YCS usually holds a 1 hour meeting before their September Board meeting
- An open house type event at one of the schools was suggested with student presentations from all schools to present on things happening in their school
- Open house or learning café could be an expanded version of the Ratepayers meeting with a new name to make it more engaging
- It was suggested the event be held when the ratepayers meeting is to be held in the spring
- Correlating programs with tax increase was suggested
- Committee to review Education Act and Regulations requirements for Boards and ensure YK1 is meeting those requirements

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM

**NWTTA Teacher-Board Advisory Committee
Minutes
Thursday, June 8, 2023**

1. Welcome & Introductions

Present: Jameel Aziz, Gwen Young, Barbara Bell, Terry Brookes,
Randy Caines, Matthew Miller, David Murphy

Regrets: Landon Kowalzik

2. Land Acknowledgement – NWTTA statement

3. Celebrations

Long Term Service Awards, School concerts, plays, Hide Camp.
School videos

4. Safe and Respectful Work Places (Harassment)

Jameel shared that most the YK1 employees had completed the courses and that DO staff connected with those individuals who were not finished to complete them. New teachers to the district will be given time to complete them next school year.

5. New BC Curriculum

Gwen presented the concerns that teachers have with regards to time and resources to work on curriculum. She thanked Jameel for the support of PD Day set aside in August for in-servicing the new curriculum. Everyone discussed the concerns that they were hearing. Jameel is meeting next week with superintendents and ECE and will share the concerns from YK1 staff.

Mental Health for staff was discussed. DO is sending two staff to schools to research staff concerns around Mental Health. Jameel and Gwen agreed to meet later on exploring other options for Mental Health for teachers/EAs.

6. EAs

Jameel outlined the plan to focus on training for EAs in the new school year. He highlighted that the last training sessions were done across the district and this would be a continued practice going forward.

7. Evaluations

Short discussion around that evaluation tool being drafted by ECE this year in YK1. The timeline set out by ECE is being followed.

8. Harassment in Schools

Gwen raised concerns that teachers and EAs have seen an increase in harassment towards teachers, staff and students. Gwen described the impact that the closing of TTC (Territorial Treatment Center) has had on schools. Students with extreme behaviors are now in YK1. Admin and teachers feel that there needs to be more resources and support for teachers and staff. Gwen informed the group that she has shared this with ECE Minister Simpson and asked for a solution with the aid of the Department of Health. Matthew shared the impact of this harassment is having on teachers. Randy shared that YCS is seeing the same levels of harassment.

9. YSC MOU – Class size and Composition – Joint Committee

Gwen introduced the YK1 committee members and the mandate of the committee. The committee has not met yet – David will follow-up with the YCS Superintendent.

10. New Teachers – Accommodation Support

Jameel shared with the group, plans for supporting new teachers to YK1 with regards to Housing. He mentioned ideas including one time loans and organizing with rental agents – groups of available units to rent or purchase. He stressed the importance helping these individuals making the move to YK. More information to come.

11. Staff Wellness and Appreciation

Jameel suggested that an event be organized at the beginning of the school year for new teachers. Gwen said she would reach out to Landon to discuss some options for a joint event between DO and Union for the next school year.

12. Adjournment – 5:15pm