

WHISTLE BEND SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
September 11, 2023
Holy Family School Library

“School Council would like to acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta’an Kwäch’än Council and would like to thank them for allowing us to live and work on their traditional land.”

Present: **Council Members:**
Cassandra Malach: Chair
Andrea Oldridge
Rebecca Hutchins-Archibald
Amy Nichols-Hogan
Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer

Regrets: Tia Campbell: Council Member

Guests: Trevor Ratcliff: A/Superintendent
Lori Choquette: School Council Liaison
(2) Parents

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:35PM
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Rebecca, seconded by Andrea, THAT the agenda be adopted. CARRIED

3. Report from Superintendent:

Trevor Ratcliff provided a report:

The 2022 – 2023 school year saw the movement of RISE initiatives, update to the SOGI policy and actions toward Truth and Reconciliation. As well, movement in Dept.staff with a new Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Minister and Superintendents. 8 schools have shifted to the First Nations School Board, with Melissa Flynn as Executive Director. Student enrolment is at 5900 students Territory wide.

The Dept. of Education consists of:

- Minister of Education: Jeanie McLean
- Deputy Minister: Mary Cameron
- Assistant Deputy Minister of Policy and Partnerships: Kelli Taylor
- Assistant Deputy Minister of First Nations Initiatives: Suzan Davy
- Assistant Deputy minister of Schools and Student Services: Cassandra Kelly

- Superintendents:
 - Marilyn Marquis – Forster: Area 1
 - Trevor Ratcliff/Linda Lamers: Area 2
 - Greg Kitchen, Special Projects
- Director of Student Support Services and Director of RISE: Shanna Epp
- Director of Technology and Student Information: David McInnes
- Director of Operations: Chris Hanlin
- School Council Liaison: Lori Choquette

Special commitments from the Dept. of Ed. 2022-23:

- Safer Schools Policy and C3P Training
- Truth and Reconciliation work
- Literacy and Numeracy Strategy engagement
- Implementation of the Education Recovery Document
- Culmination of Communities of Inquiry for RISE

Focus for 2023-24 School Year:

- RISE implementation
- Truth and Reconciliation/Education Agreements
- Implementation of CASA
- Implementation of Literacy and Numeracy Strategy
- Implementation Student Outcome Strategy
- SOGI Policy engagement

Council thanked Trevor for his report.

4. Report from School Council:

- School Council was very new however made things work.
- Brian Laird resigns from council
- Attend workshop from AYSCBC on Secretary treasurers
- Engage with families, students to name the school
- Rebecca takes the lead on the playground equipment and advocates for more space and inclusivity
- Principal: Tia and Andrea work on getting posting to the Dept.
- Hire Sec. Treasurer: Jerry Zahora

5. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM

Cassandra Malach: Chair

Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer