

PORTER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Council Meeting
June 10, 2025
School Library

"School Council would like to acknowledge that we are on the lands of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwä'chän Council and thank them for allowing us to live and work on their traditional land."

Present:	Council Members: Misty Ticiniski: Chair Jessie Dawson Sarah Kitz Brice Harding Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	Administration: Peter Giangrande: Principal Nicole Cross: Vice Principal
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Regrets:	Neil Salvin: Council Member Jennifer Floyd: Council Member Marcel Holder Robinson: Council Member
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Guests:	Jan Olson: Superintendent of Schools, DoE
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1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:37PM
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Brice, seconded by Misty THAT the agenda be adopted.
CARRIED
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Brice seconded by Misty THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, May 15, 2025 be adopted. CARRIED
4. **Parent Concerns:**
5. **Reports: Committees:**
 - 5.1 Transportation Committee: Meeting was held May 27, 2025. Discussions were held on the following:
 - Grizzly Valley – for 2025 – 26 school year, rider demand for Grizzly Valley will be evaluated using the online registration data. DoE will need to work with HPW for snow clearing.
 - Camera Footage Limitations: New buses are equipped with 5 cameras, with plans for all new buses to have 7 cameras by 2027. Currently 7 buses have rear-facing cameras, and 7 have 5 cameras.
 - Incident precautions for school buses: Pre screening occurs 10 days before onboarding, which is followed by a 45 minute verification process

before rider's board bus.

- City of Whitehorse Transit: Semester approach.
On June 13, DoE will meet with City of Whitehorse and Yukon University to explore a common solution for a semester transit pass
- On line registration has began. Over 1,000 registrations were completed on line. BusPlanner application, utilizing unique identifiers, will be used in July 2025 to plan routes. Registration deadline is July 1, 2025. Cutoff for Online registration – is designed to streamline the process, Late registrations complicate routing and planning. However, the deadline remains flexible but is encouraged for efficiency.
- List of riders – schools will receive rider lists earlier to ensure timely access.
- City Transit Application – The application will be available online by mid June
- Incident reporting: bus driver reports to the school administrator. As the bus is an extension of the school, the principal holds responsibility for its students.
- New drivers are undergoing certification and a hiring event is scheduled for June 4
- Bus capacity is set at 72 students for K-3 and 46 for Gr. 4 and older, though vehicle size also impacts limits
- cost of buses to rise: \$104 -\$105is/hr. Minimum call out is 2 hours
If buses are late 15 minutes of more – Standard will “eat up” costs
- Action items – DoE:
 - review bag tag distribution with school administrators
 - plan bus routes using BusPlanner in July 2025
 - Provide list of riders to schools earlier for improved planning before school starts
 - Launch online City Transit application by mid-June
 - Hosting a “New Riders” session before the school year begins
 - Explore seating plans and bus monitor programs for schools addressing behavioral concerns
 - Ensure activity buses are maintained over the summer through Department communication

Next meeting: Sept. 23, 2025

- 5.2 AYSCBC: AGM was held May 24, 2025. Minister of Education, DM of Education, Superintendents, various directors attend meeting. There is a presentation from the Minister of Education. AYSCBC provides their financial statements, work done over the year, and their Work plan going forward. There are several school council representatives present, and each have an opportunity to speak and voice their concerns. Minutes from meeting will be provided as soon as they are complete. Ryan Sikkes, who was hired to overhaul the Resource Guide to School

Councils provided an update. Guide to be discussed with the AYSCBC Executive on June 16th and to be finalized.

6. **Principal's Report:**

- Enrolment: 668

Staffing changes/Updates:

- Brad Gustafson returns from Parental leave early June
- No confirmation that Language Coordinator pilot project can continue. Support is there from KDFN and TKS and we are waiting for DoE to decide
- Teachers hired this Spring:
 - C. Pacheco (Core French/ELL), A. Ayers (Transitions English/Social Studies and English/Social Studies), J. Ochs (Art, Socials, First Nations Art and Culture), L. Pafford (Careers, English), E. Stinson (Learning Assistance) R. McBean (Science 8 and 9; Math 8) A. Thomson (Math 8, Science and Computers), Kayla Fuder (Hairstyling and Esthetics), and Connor Booth, (Full time VP)
 - Need to hire 2.8 FTE EA. And contracts for several EA's continues We are awaiting offers for continuing EA's from HR. This years EA Allotment is 2.2 FTE less than in 23-24. There are 73 IEP's at the school Still have the following teacher positions to hire:
 - English 8 – 10,
 - Learning Assistance
 - 1st Semester English/Social Studies
 - Sr. Science Teacher
 - LAT – Land Based Learning.
- Staff Changes:
 - Leaves: M. Muscardin (Socials/English 8), Amy Dawe (Match both until 2 semester
 - Temporary contracts ending: M. Akter, M. Cole, R. Wilson

Social/Emotional/Spirit:

- Class of 2025 Valedictorian is DAISY TEMISANREN (selected by committee of Principal, VP, teachers and Gr. 12 students)
- Colours Day awards assembly was June 5, Student of the Year, Athlete of Year, Shop Awards, etc.
- Gr. 8 students (137) from catchment schools visit and new Gr. 8 students come for another orientation and first class on August 22, 2025
- Cap and Gown is June 12th, at 7:00PM. Jessie to do Prayer
First Nations Graduation is June 13th, at noon at Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre (KDCC).
Prom for PCSS is June 15th at KDCC.

Academic/Academic Support:

- Staff and student schedules for 25-26 school year are in place
- Fads Program Fashion Show was Wednesday and as well during the Colours day for students on June 5th (Thursday).
The Fashion Arts Design School is a “Wood Street Program” housed at PCSS. It reflects diversity and inclusion.
- Summer school subjects announced and registration is open. There are 17 subjects offered and registration deadline is June 19th. [Summer School Website](#)
- Exams started Friday June 6th through June 12th.

Arts/Athletics:

- Teachers/Admin win the challenge softball game against Gr. 12s
- Inter – high softball and track and field competitions – May 27th and PC Juniors and Seniors were champions in softball!

School Growth/Curriculum/Assessment:

- Support for “Ready to Learn” schools is reduced in 25-26
- Dr. Nikki Yee’s support for our community of inquiry has ended and we are actioning the plans into the 2025-2026 school year
- PCSS will have 1.0FTE School Wellness Specialist 2025-26
There has been difficulty implementing technology change with the BC Exam sessions (e.g. Numeracy and Literacy assessments)
- N’Jal is opened on May 28 and was successful. There was media coverage and feedback has been very positive

Facility/Health and Safety:

- Shop maintenance is happening the week of June 9th (has started)
- One of the gym walls is being repaired (cost is about \$2500)
- WCB report received re: Water: not in compliant with labelling fixtures. July 2nd deadline. Facilities to put up

Field Trips:

- SASE and WILD trips wrapped up as well. Went on Lapie River

Budgets:

- Purchasing volleyball nets and stands from capital budget

First Nations and Cultural Inclusion:

- Fifth annual “HIDE CAMP” was a huge success – permanent hide poles were installed

Upcoming/Invitations/Council Requests Follow up:

- First day for Staff of 2025-26 school year is August 20, (new staff and Admin)

Returning staff – August 21st,
and first day for students is August 25th.

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance in account is \$8,919.81

MOTION: Moved by Misty seconded by Brice THAT the PORTER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL makes a MOTION to reimburse Jerry Zahora in the amount of \$126.00 for the purchase of food for meeting.

CARRIED

8. **Old Business and Correspondence:**

9. **New Business and Correspondence:**

9.1 Letter received: Launch of the Integrated Outcome Strategy for Yukon Learners. Received by all council members to view.

10. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:18PM, Moved by Jessie
Next Regular Meeting: Proposed AGM to be held Sept. 10, prior to regular meeting
Accepted by council members.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

Misty Ticiniski:
Chair

Jerry Zahora:
Secretary Treasurer