

PORTER CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 12, 2025
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 thank them for allowing us to live and work on their traditional land."

Present:	Council Members: Misty Ticiniski: Chair Jessie Dawson Neil Salvin Jennifer Floyd Sarah Kitz Brice Harding Marcel Holder Robinson Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer	Administration: Peter Giangrande: Principal Nicole Cross: Vice Principal
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Guests: Ian Parker, Director, HSS, Health Behaviour in School Aged Children
Rachel Tredger: Promotional Health Coordinator

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:36PM
2. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Neil, seconded by Marcel, THAT the agenda be adopted. CARRIED
3. **Adoption of Minutes:** Moved by Jessie, seconded by Jennifer, THAT the Minutes of Regular Meeting, October 8, 2025 be adopted. CARRIED
4. **Welcome Guests:** Ian Parker: Director, HSS,
Health Behaviours in School Aged Children
Rachel Tredger: Promotional Health Coordinator

Ian introduced himself to council.

Rachel also introduced herself to council. She has assumed her role recently. Is working with other health coordinators.

Ian and Rachel presented to teachers at FH Collins on Monday.

The Health Promotional Unit (HPU) is to make healthy choices available and easier to make. It is about helping people take control of and improve their well-being. Health Behaviour in school aged children (HBSC) examines the health and health behaviours of youth aged 11 – 15. It is conducted every four years following an internationally

approved research protocol. By collecting common indicators of adolescent health across multiple countries and administering the survey every four years, health behaviours in youth can be compared not only internationally, but within Canada and specifically in Yukon, and PCSS.

Project is coordinated by the Dept. of Health and Social Services, Yukon Education and Yukon Bureau of Statistics.

Survey started in 2010. In Gr. 6 – 10 there were 1500 students
The data for PCSS is:

HBSC Data – School at a Glance.

46% of gr. 8 students responded to the survey
84% of Gr. 9 – 10 responded to the survey: Breakdown:
Gr. 8 – 100%
Gr. 9 – 46.4%
Gr. 10 – 53.6%

Breakdown of Gender Self Identity:

Gr. 8:
40.0% - Male
46.7% - Female
13.3% - Other

Gr. 9 – 10:
36.7% - Male
45.6% - Female
17.7% - Other

Social Environment:

Gr. 8:
54.5% agree or strongly agree that their parents/guardians trust them
60% agree or strongly agree that they have a happy home life

Gr. 9 – 10:
57.9% agree or strongly agree that their parents/guardians trust them
59.2% agree or strongly agree that they have a happy home life

Some students reported that they were dealing with hunger and food insecurity:

Gr. 8:

18.2% of students reported going to bed hungry because there is not enough food at home, at least sometimes

44.4% of students reported skipping a meal because their family was running out of money to buy food

Gr. 9 - 10:

29.3% of students reported going to bed hungry because there is not enough food at home, at least sometimes.

50.0% of students reported skipping a meal because their family was running out of money to buy food

Gr. 8 students:

6.5% reported being involved in cultural ceremonies or groups, ie: traditional dance, drumming, story telling

Gr. 9 – 10 students:

18.1% reported being involved in cultural ceremonies or groups, ie: traditional dance, drumming, story telling

Gr 8:

39.1% of students report having trouble going to sleep or staying asleep most or all of the time

24.4% of students were physically active for at least 1 hour every day in the last week

Gr. 9 – 10:

51.2% of students report having trouble going to sleep or staying asleep most or all of the time

21.5% of students were physically active for at least 1 hour every day in the last week

Bullying:

Gr. 8:

45.2% of students reported being bullied more than once or twice in the past couple of months

20.0% of students have been cyber bullied in the same time period

How do you feel about school?

62.8% Like it

37.2% don't like it

School belongingness:

50.5% of students agree that their teachers care about them as a person

46.7% of students feel other students accept them as they are

37.0% feel they belong at PCSS

Gr. 9 – 10:

42.0% reported being bullied more than once or twice in the past couple of months

26.6% reported being cyber bullied in the past couple of months

56.6% like school
43.4% don't like it
54.2% feel their teachers care about them as a person
34.6% feel other students accept them as they are
31.3% feel they belong at PCSS

Student wellbeing: Mental health:

Gr. 8:

26.2% felt it is very important that their life had meaning or purpose
41.3% felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities
35.6% felt low or depressed
33.3% felt irritable or having a bad temper
35.6% felt anxious
34.1 felt nervous

These are all more than once a week

Gr. 9 – 10:

25.0% felt it is very important that their life had meaning or purpose
57.% felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities
43.2% felt low or depressed
40.7% felt irritable or having a bad temper
53.7% felt anxious
55.4% felt nervous
These are all more than once a week as well

Gr. 8:

45.7% of students agree or strongly agree that they have confidence in themselves
37.0% of students report feeling lonely most of the time or always in the last 12 months
56.8% of students reported a high life satisfaction

Gr. 9 – 10:

39.8% of students agree or strongly agree that they have confidence in themselves
40.2% of students report feeling lonely most of the time or always in the last 12 months
61.5% of students reported a high life satisfaction

Substance use:

Gr. 8:

63% of students engage in two or more different extracurriculars:
11.9%: Vape
4.5% Cannabis
9.3% Cigarettes
14.0% Alcohol

Gr. 9 – 10: (These are before the age of 13)

55.4% of students engage in two or more different extra curriculars

27.5% vape

17.5% cannabis

24.1% cigarettes

26.6% alcohol

Social Media;

Gr. 8

21.2% of students had serious conflict with their parents or siblings due to their social media use

51.3% of students tried to spend less time on social media, but failed

Gr. 9 – 10:

21.4% of students had serious conflict with their parents or siblings due to their social media use

47.3% of students have engaged in risky behaviours learned from social media

36.6% of students tried to spend less time on social media, but failed

Dating Violence:

Gr. 9 – 10

10.5% of students have experienced physical dating violence

17.3% of students have experienced emotional dating violence

29.1% of students have had sexual intercourse

10.5% of students had sex at age 13 or younger

For more information about HBSC:

www.hbsc.org or www.canada.ca/en/public-health.html, or

HBSC project in the Yukon: yukon.ca and search “HBSC”.

Council thanked Ian and Rachel for their presentation.

5. **Parent Concerns:**

6. **Reports: Committees:**

6.1 Transportation Committee: No meeting held:

Issues to be discussed:

Bus cancellations,

City bus passes: 5 – 10% buffer from CoW Permission forms for “kids in care” needs to be looked at

Kaos to get on the bus (City Transit),

Behavior across the board – City Transit or Standard

6.2 AYSCBC: Chairs meeting was held with 11 school councils participating.

Common issues discussed.

Leaders forum was held Oct. 25 with all three political parties attending.

Info on forum is available on AYSCBC website.

Fall conference to be held Dec. 6th at the Yukon Inn

To register, go on line whether you are attending in person or on line.

As well, there are 3 vacant positions for the executive for AYSCBC. Nomination forms are also available on line.

7. Principal's Report:

- Enrolment: 644

Staffing Changes/Spirit:

- Hiring for temporary staff (one half time, currently to Xmas and one second semester)

Social/Emotional/Spirit:

- Halloween dance was held
- Social Justice club participated in Whitehorse Food Drive
- 2 bus shelters installed – advocated by School council
- Remembrance Day ceremony on Nov. 7 was a great success

Academic/Academic Support:

- Highest academic achievers' dinner Oct. 23
- Term change Oct. 27
- Mid term reports handed out. Nov 6
- Student led conferences Nov. 13 – from 5 – 8PM and Nov. 14 4 – 7PM
Appointments are made online or by calling the office

Arts/Athletics:

- Sr. go to Kelowna, tournament in Watson Lake went well as well
- Super volley is continuing, and Volleyball season wraps up with Gr. 8 championships on Oct. 20 – 21st at St. Francis and Jr. at PCSS, and Sr. at FHC/Mercier on Oct 27 – 28

School Growth/Curriculum/Assessment:

- LATs have had training in Academic Assessments and Competency Based Individualized Education Plans this fall
- Gr. 10 and 12 Numeracy and Literacy assessments were cancelled in Nov. due to a labour action in BC. Post poned until January. Will be a bigger session

Health and Safety:

- Regular meetings take place
- Fire inspection report was received and some corrective actions are being pursued
Facility:
 - Advanced polling and election were held in the gym
 - Picnic table installation will have to wait until ground thaws

Field Trips:

- SASE (Social and Science Experiential) trips are ongoing

First Nations and Cultural Inclusion:

- Dr. Yee visits Nov 4 to consult teachers, students and community on inclusion
- Orange Shirt Day – designs were featured in Yukon News and CBC tv. Shirts were sold at Sports Experts this year and sold out!!! All proceeds are donated to the Committee on Abuse in Residential Schools Society (CAIRS)
- Meet with cultural steering committee of the educational managers of CAFN, KDFN and TKC
- Keynote speaker of Nov. 10 PD Day was Maisie Smith (Tlingit and Northern Tutchone from Champagne and Aishihik First Nations). Jessie Dawson also attended

Upcoming/Invitations/Council requests follow up

- School Photos Nov. 18 and 19
- Pancake breakfast – Dec. 5 in cafeteria. All are welcome
Share the Spirit

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance ion account \$17,828.71
\$5,280.00 from ESED (Every Student Every Day) has been received. A chq. in that amount was given to the school
9. **Old Business and Correspondence:**
 - 9.1 Policies: To be discussed at next regular meeting
10. **New Business and Correspondence:**
11. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM. Moved by Jennifer
Next regular meeting, December 10, 2025

Misty Ticiniski: Chair

Jerry Zahora: Secretary Treasurer