

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE BOARDROOM
OF THE EDUCATION CENTRE
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017**

PRESENT: FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:

Mark Wintjes, Superintendent of Schools, SD27
Jerome Beauchamp, Director of Instruction, Education Services
David DeRose, District Principal, First Nations Education
Tracy Hubner, Secretary, First Nations Education Department
Agnes William, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation
Norma Sure, Williams Lake Indian Band (T'exelc)
Rosalie Montgomery, Yunesit'in Govt.
Lenore Case, Alexis Creek Indian Band (T̓i Del Del)
Marietta Cahoose, Ulkatcho Band (Ulkatchot'en)
Melanie Johnny, Anaham Band (Tl'etinqox Govt.)
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
Dawna Short, Alt. Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
Willow MacDonald, Trustee
Bruce Baptiste, Trustee
Darlene Louie, Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band (Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem)
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Michelle Archie, Canim Lake Band (Tsq'escen')
Calvin Dubray, Cariboo Chilcotin Principals/Vice Principals Association
Lori Dodds, District PAC

ABSENT: Vacant, ʔEsdilagh (Alexandria Band)
Shirley Diablo, Toosey Band (Tl'esqox)
Alice Tresierra, IUOE
R. Irene Johnson, Eskêtemc First Nation
Cheryl Chapman, Soda Creek Band (Xats'ull)

A. CALL TO ORDER: Rosalie Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

WELCOMING:

i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:

Norma Sure from Williams Lake Indian Band (T'exelc) welcomed everybody to Secwepemc Territory.

- Pro D day, April 28: Sue Banister and Lucinda Walters facilitated the Successful Learners Workshop about the CORE Competencies, student specific skills. 65 teachers attend the Successful Learners workshop.
- Transition from early years to Kindergarten: We are a provincial Pilot project. Meeting Oct. 14, 2017 with K teachers, Strong Start Teachers, community people etc. to talk about how we can make this transition go more smoothly.
- Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon was here. Calvin and staff did a great job making her feel welcome at the Nature Kindergarten Program.

ii) District Principal, First Nations Education Report: David DeRose

- April 12, 2017 Provincial Resource Program, outcome report. What we plan to do to improve etc.
- April 12, 2017: Attended the Principals Vice-Principals meeting.
- Regional Education Council Meeting:
- April 19 Library inquiry meeting with Brian Davidson and two Librarians on resources for schools Knowledge Keepers
- NITEP presentations: Attended two (2) sessions in one day at TRU.
- April 25, 2017: Attended Mentorship Regional Conference. People attended from PG to Kamloops. Developing a mentorship program for teachers. It will be adapted to include our language teachers.
- April 26, 2017: Visited Anahim Lake Elementary/Jr. Secondary with Linda Black. Gave a demonstration on the rural online program. Internet worked very well. Jerome joined in on this as well.
- Heavy Metal Rocks on April 27, 2017: 24 Students total, 8 were First Nations. A logging show was added for this year's program.
- April 28, 2017: Attended Adaptive School Workshop and CCPVP Assn. meeting. Also hosted Aboriginal PALS training. PALS is a ten unit program, one session per month. The two early years Coordinators do this training Joan Lozier in the North end and Shelly Joyner in the South end of the District. The facilitators were Gail Stromquist and Fiona Morrison.
- Attended Suspension Hearings May 3, 2017 at WL and 100 Mile House.
- T̓i Del Del Workshop May 4, 2017: First Nations curriculum was discussed.
- May 5, 2017: Visit to Nenqayni and completed the PRP report for the Ministry with our Teachers there.

iii) Superintendents Report: Mark Wintjes

- Attended High School Rodeo this past weekend. Several First Nations students did very well. It was the north and south of the province taking part.
- Student Learning Survey (was satisfaction survey) going on at the moment. Teachers say it is very long. To be completed by May 25, 2017.
- Director of Instruction interview this coming Thursday, May 11, 2017.
- Manager of HR interviews on Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

- We have a number of openings at schools: Alexis Creek Elementary/Jr. Secondary School, Mountview Elementary School, Horse Lake Elementary as well as the Director of Instruction position that will be filled first. Then moving Principals.
- International programs and students. Getting a bit of a push from the CRD re a trip to China. Want us to partner with a specific school in China, bringing 50 students over this fall. This is probably not going to happen this year. They will look at other Districts for this too. Parents would only pay for the flight there.
- UNBC PG: We met 17 recruiters from all over the world. This is separate from the CRD project. One Intro to China for students age 7-10 with their parent. Chinese Government will cover full cost for this. Credits for international students were discussed. We charge them \$12,000 to \$13,000 to come here.
- Thanks to David DeRose for taking on the role of Indefinite Suspension for the remainder of this year.

iv) Governance Committee Report: Vacant

v) Regional Education Committee Report: Michelle Archie

No report

vi) Superintendent's Liaison Committee Report: Lenore Case

Attended this meeting on May 2, 2017, the topic was International Students and Programs. As Mark mentioned earlier, the CRD wanted to if the School District would be interested in becoming involved with student exchanges to China. The Superintendent asked the committee what our thoughts were if this was available. My answer was that 'I don't know how many First Nations families would go. I also shared that it is good to see international student exchange opportunities here'.

I am concerned for the English Language Learner funds: not sufficient enough to cover the needs of the First Nations students. The international student's needs are depleting these funds much faster.

Reviewed policies: Complaints Policy, Whistle Blower Protection Policy and the Equivalency Policy. For the Equivalency policy, students will be able to utilize credits from another school district and the decision to transfer credits go through the Principals.

Next meeting is June 7.

vii) Budget Report: David DeRose (budget information handout in packages today)

David DeRose's budget report till April 30, 2017 was reviewed.

ii) IUOE Report: Alice Tresierra, IUOE President/Business Manager Local 959

Not in attendance.

NOTE: Acting Superintendent, Mark Wintjes left the meeting at this time.

Committee Rep for Superintendents Selection:

May 23, 2017 all day here at the Board office 9:30 to 5:30 this can be anyone not just a FNEC member. Mark Wintjes has been shortlisted for an interview.

Following discussion: Michelle Archie has volunteered to take part.

May 11, 2017 is Director of Instruction interviews a FNEC rep is required. 1:30 this Thursday

Lori Dodds, DPAC Representative volunteered to this one.

Recommended Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Committee receives the reports of the Director of Instruction – Education Services, District Principal of First Nations Education, and the Superintendent, Superintendents Liaison Committee

Moved: Lori Dodds **Seconded:** Dawna Short

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E. BUSINESS:

a) Sense of Belonging:

i) Proposals:

i) Lake City Secondary School (Columneetza) Proposal: \$3,000.00

There was discussion on this revised cultural proposal:

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ii) Mountview Elementary School Proposal: \$110.05

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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- iii) **Skyline Alternate School Proposal: \$1,000.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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- iv) **Dog Creek Elem./Jr. Secondary School Proposal: \$982.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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- v) **Anahim Lake Elementary/Jr. Secondary School Proposal: \$600.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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- vi) **Marie Sharpe Elementary School Proposal #1: \$983.60**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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- vii) **Marie Sharpe Elementary School Proposal #2: \$200.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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- viii) **Marie Sharpe Elementary School Proposal #3: \$2,932.68**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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- ix) **Lake City Secondary School (WL Campus) Proposal: \$400.00**

There was discussion on this revised cultural proposal:

CONSENSUS FNEC want Elders to sign that they received the gift cards.

- x) **100 Mile Elementary School Proposal: \$742.60**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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b) First Nations Role Models: Update by Tracy Hubner

Role Model Celebration:

Tuesday, June 6: Event to take place at Marie Sharpe Elementary School gym once again at 4:00 p.m. Reminder that the Role Model celebration is put on by FNEC and SD27. It takes a team to do this. Please let Tracy know what your Band will be providing for the feast. SD27 will provide the cake and potato salad. Tracy shared that the jackets and sashes have been ordered for this year's event.

Thank you to Calvin Dubray and his staff for hosting this event once again. A lot of effort goes in to decorating the gym by his staff and students.

Presentation to the Board of Education:

The 2016 Role Models have been invited to dinner on May 30, 2017 and then will be attending the Board of education meeting giving a presentation on their year as Role Model.

c) Student Achievement:

i. Graduation 2017: Dates are listed in agenda

C. Language and Culture:

i) Community Visits: David DeRose & Jerome Beauchamp

Community visits: This has carried on since the EA meetings.

D. CLOSE OF MEETING:

Motion to end meeting at 2:15 p.m. Motion: Michelle Archie

Next FNEC meeting will take place Monday, June 12, 2017