

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE BOARDROOM  
OF THE EDUCATION CENTRE  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017**

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**PRESENT:      FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:**

Mark Wintjes, Superintendent of Schools, SD27  
David DeRose, District Principal, First Nations Education  
Tracy Hubner, Secretary, First Nations Education Department  
Norma Sure, Williams Lake Indian Band (T'exelc)  
Melanie Johnny, Anaham Band (T'etincox Govt.)  
Rosalie Montgomery, Yunesit'in Govt.  
Gloria Eglin, Ulkatcho Band (Ulkatchot'en)  
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association  
Dawna Short, Alt. Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association  
Bruce Baptiste, Trustee  
R. Irene Johnson, Eskêtemc First Nation  
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  
Cheryl Chapman, Soda Creek Band (Xats'ull)  
Shirley Diablo, Toosey Band (T'esqox)  
Agnes William, Xení Gwet'in First Nation  
Lenore Case, Alexis Creek Indian Band (T'si Del Del)

**ABSENT:** Jerome Beauchamp, Director of Instruction, Education Services (Elementary)  
Dean Coder, Director of Instruction, Education Services (Secondary)  
Natalie McKenzie, ?Esdilagh (Alexandria Band)  
Representative, District PAC  
Alice Tresierra, IUOE  
Willow MacDonald, Trustee 100 Mile  
Kevin Futcher, Secretary Treasurer, SD27

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** Rosalie Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**WELCOMING:**

**i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory: Norma Sure**

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

**ii) Traditional Opening:**

Darlene Louie from Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band (Stswecem’c/Xgat’tem) provided a Traditional Opening.

**iii) Welcome to First Nations Education Committee Meeting:**

Chairperson, Rosalie Montgomery welcomed everyone to the First Nations Education Committee meeting at 10:06 a.m.

**iv) Introductions:** Introductions were done.

**B. Special Presentation: Kevin Futcher, Secretary Treasurer SD27  
Transportation Policy 3541.1 & 3541.2 Kevin not available.**

**C. AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:**

**Recommended Motion** - THAT the First Nations Education Committee adopt the agenda of its meeting dated December 4, 2017 as circulated.

Moved: Marlene Swears

Seconded: Norma Sure

**CONSENSUS**

**Review/Approval of the Minutes of the November 6, 2017 Meeting:**

**Recommended Motion** – THAT the First Nations Education Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting dated November 6, 2017 as circulated.

Moved: R. Irene Johnson

Seconded: Bruce Baptiste

**CONSENSUS**

**D. REPORTS:**

**i) Director of Instruction, Education Services Report: Jerome Beauchamp**

Jerome Beauchamp is not available today.

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

- Orange Shirt Day annual meeting November 8, 2017. Looking for more First Nations people to join us.

- November 10 attended a First Nations Department Meeting – yearly overview. Mock audit with First Nations Support Staff. First Nations staff doing a great job.
- LEA Meeting with WLIB November 30, 2017. Reviewing their students and how to help them.
- November 29, 2017 invited to make drums at Marie Sharpe Elementary School from 9am to noon. An Elder is giving the students a talk on culture and blessing the drums.
- November 30 and December 1 & 2 attended the annual FNEC Conference. There was a workshop on outdoor/Alt. Education Program where the students take CORE and shoot and kill their own meet. It connects Education with the outdoors.

### iii) Superintendents Report: Mark Wintjes

Mark spoke about his time at the BCSTA Trustee Academy, and was particularly impressed with the First Nations plenary speaker that spoke from his heart. The First Nations presenter was Dr. Evan Adams, Chief Medical Officer, First Nations Health Authority. After seeing the role modelling of Dr. Adams, Mark decided that he would speak to his Superintendent's report rather than read it.

The Trustee Academy had an awesome list of presenters, each one bringing their stories to the Academy. Although Mark didn't mention them directly, their names and topics are provided below.

#### **BCSTA Trustee Academy:**

**Dr. Evan Adams (Plenary Speaker – One Story of Two-Eyed Seeing) Dr. Evan Adams will describe growing up with the dichotomy of Indigenous knowledges and Western knowledges – but in balance – and extrapolate it to a vibrant and holistic vision of health, healthy families and communities, and healthy elders. Dr. Adam's education has been excellent, with many contributors and ideas that link up into a uniquely Canadian viewpoint that straddles Indigenous and Western realities, and the arts and sciences. In this presentation, Dr. Adams will explain the concept of "Two-Eyed Seeing," discuss perspectives in Indigenous holistic health and describe actions to re-frame and support Indigenous health.**

**Ivan Coyote (Plenary Speaker - Issues for Students – Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity: How to Support Students)** is the author of eleven books, the creator of four short films, six full-length live shows and three albums that combine storytelling with music. Ivan often grapples with the complex and intensely personal issues of gender identity in their work, as well as topics such as family, class, social justice and queer liberation, but always with a generous heart, a quick wit and the nuanced and finely-honed timing of a gifted raconteur.

**Dr. Simi Kang (Plenary Speaker - Self-Motivated Students)** is the Medical Director of Child and Youth Mental Health for Vancouver and a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia. She is the author of *The Self-Motivated Kid* and *The Dolphin Parent: A Guide to Raising Healthy, Happy, and Self-Motivated Kids*. Dr. Kang uses irrefutable science, unforgettable true stories and her own life experiences to show how to develop self-

motivation, adaptability and the key 21st-century skills of communication, collaboration, contribution, creativity and critical thinking.

**Jesse Miller** (*Workshop - Social Media: Student Safety and Policy*) is a respected national speaker on the topics of social media awareness, social networking behaviours and online content evaluation. He has been presenting and consulting with schools, government organizations and public safety agencies since 2007. His presentation provides audiences with the tools needed to better equip themselves for participation in the social media world and extends dialogues to reflect technology influences in our connected daily lives.

**Dr. Charlotte Waddell** (*Workshop - Child and Youth Mental Health – Policy and Practice*) is a child and adolescent psychiatrist with longstanding interests in health policy and population and public health. She holds the Canada Research Chair in Children’s Health Policy and is Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at SFU, where she is also Director of the Children’s Health Policy Centre. Dr. Waddell’s research focuses on improving the social and emotional well-being of all children, and on the public policies needed to reach this goal.

**Cataline Elementary School Bus Loop:**

We have held two community input sessions regarding the bus loop at Cataline Elementary. The Board is now considering the feedback.

**FSA:**

This year’s FSAs have been completed and marked. The results have been sent to the Ministry of Education for processing.

**Building Resilient Learner Plans:**

Mark shared that the Board of Education approved all of the School Plans at its last Board meeting. The plans should be available soon on the district website.

Mark wished everyone a very merry Christmas as well as a happy New Year.

**iv) Governance Committee Report: Vacant**

**v) Regional Education Committee Report: Michelle Archie    No report**

**vi) Superintendent’s Liaison Committee Report: Lenore Case**

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

David read the handout that he prepared for FNEC.

**Recommended Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Committee receives the reports of the District Principal of First Nations Education, and the Superintendent.**

**Moved:** Michelle Archie      **Seconded:** Marlene Swears

**CARRIED BY CONSENSUS**

**E. BUSINESS:**

**a) Sense of Belonging: Enhancement Agreement**

David DeRose read the letter SD27 received from the Ministry of Education stepping away from Enhancement Agreements – dated June 17, 2016. He stated that this is a real concern to him. He said that our Enhancement Agreement encompasses all First Nations Students. Previously the Ministry said that Enhancement Agreements were important. The Ministry states that we are now to be in charge of our own Enhancement Agreement. He feels that we as a group are not being listened too. They took a huge part in our Enhancement Agreement being developed. A copy of this letter discussed was handed out to all FNEC members.

There was discussion on this:

Mark Wintjes: Asked FNEC members “Does FNEC want the Board to write a letter to the Ministry of Education to have Government input?” To ask if the new Government will honor what the previous Government had supported?

**MOTION:**

**THAT THE FNEC REQUEST THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SEEK CLARIFICATION ON THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATIONS PARTICIPATION IN THE ENHANCEMENT AGREEMENT GIVEN THE POSITIVE RELATIONS THAT EXIST WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND THE POSITIVE SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAS PROVIDED IN THE PAST UNDER THE FORMER GOVERNMENT.**

Moved: Cheryl Chapman      Seconded: Marlene Swears

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**b) Nominal Roll:**

Please ensure your Nominal Roll numbers come into David DeRose and also Tracy Hubner

**i) Proposals: No proposals were brought in prior to the deadline Nov. 20, 2017**

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

Alice not available today.

**d) Community Visits: David DeRose & Jerome Beauchamp**

Community visits: This has carried on since the Enhancement Agreement meetings. David encourages Band members to invite him and Jerome to their communities. They want to talk about the WHY of education with them this year.

David reminded everyone that the Enhancement Agreement is a living document that we can change as we move along. The community visits are important as it is a way for the School District to hear from the Community.

One FNEC member stated that the Ministry wants “Aboriginal Ways of Learning” but they haven’t put any money towards it or do we do it ourselves? That is something that needs to go to the Board. It is important, it should come from the District and not the FNEC dollars.

**e) Criminal Record Searches (Confirmation Required of these for Education Coordinators)**

There was discussion on the letter that went to Band Managers October 12, 2017 to please confirm a Criminal Record Search has been completed on their Education Coordinator.

FNEC want to meet with Jerome Beauchamp and discuss this request. They want to see SD27 Policy on this. They noted that this is not required in the FNEC Terms of Reference. To be referred to next FNEC meeting agenda.

**D. CLOSE OF MEETING:**

R. Irene Johnson Motion to end meeting 11:59 a.m.  
Lunch was served.

**NOTE: No FNEC meeting in January. Next meeting Monday, February 5, 2018**