

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE BOARDROOM
OF THE EDUCATION CENTRE
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018**

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)
Rosalie Montgomery, Yunesit'in Govt.
Gloria Eglin, Ulkatcho Band (Ulkatchot'en)
Bruce Baptiste, Trustee
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Calvin Dubray, Cariboo Chilcotin Principals/Vice Principals Association
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)
Natalie McKenzie, ?Esdilagh (Alexandria Band)
Representative, District PAC
Dean Coder, Director of Instruction, Education Services (Secondary)
Alice Tresierra, IUOE
Willow MacDonald, Trustee 100 Mile
Kevin Futcher, Secretary Treasurer, SD27
Cheryl Chapman, Soda Creek Band (Xats'ull)
Michelle Archie, Canim Lake Band (Tsq'escen')
Darlene Louie, Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band (Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem)
R. Irene Johnson, Eskêtemc First Nation
Melanie Johnny, Anaham Band (Tl'etinqox Govt.)
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
Dawna Short, Alt. Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association

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:** Gloria Eglin from Ulkatcho Band (Ulkatchot'en) 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 10:08 a.m.

B. Special Presentations:

- **Kevin Fitcher, Secretary Treasurer SD27:** Transportation Policy 3541.1 & 3541.2. Not available today.

- **Nara Riplinger, Teacher from Lake City Secondary Presentation:**

Nara Riplinger gave a power point presentation and answered questions on her Salmon and Environmental program Lake City Secondary were able to provide students with funding from FNEC.

- **David Corbett, Coordinator of Career Programs, SD27:**

David Corbett showed a power point presentation on the Career Programs that SD27 provide for students. He acknowledged how many supporters it takes from the community to be able to put these programs on. He answered questions and provided valuable information on post-secondary/apprenticeship programs.

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 February 5, 2018 as circulated.

Moved: Norma Sure

Seconded: Gloria Eglin

CONSENSUS

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the December 4, 2017 Meeting:

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

Moved: Lacey-Dawn Testawich

Seconded: Norma Sure

CONSENSUS

D. REPORTS:

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

Jerome is not available today.

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

- December 8, 2017: Aboriginal Transitions to Post Secondary
- December 12, 2017: Indigeneity Day PSO
- Mock Audits with First Nations Support Staff at Anahim Lake Elementary/Jr. Secondary School, Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School, Lake City Secondary (Columneetza Campus), 150 Mile Elementary School, Marie Sharpe Elementary School and Cataline Elementary School.
- December 12, 2017: Aboriginal Education Regional Gathering
- December 18, 2017: Orange Shirt Day meeting
- December 20, 2017: District Leadership Team meeting
- December 20, 2017: Nenqayni Family and Youth Class Graduation
- December 20, 2017: 150 Mile Concert
- December 21, 2017: Williams Lake Indian Band LEA meeting.
- December 22, 2017: TRU Transition Meeting
- January 10, 2018: Students Travel to TRU in Kamloops Aboriginal Transitions to Post Secondary
- January 16, 2018: Community that Cares meeting.
- January 18, 2018: Orange Shirt Day meeting.
- January 18, 2018: Principals/Vice-Principals Meeting
- January 24, 2018: Role Model Candidates Training Session 1 Essay Writing Workshop in Boardroom 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- January 24, 2018: District Leadership Team Meeting
- January 25, 2018: Nenqayni Visit – new students
- January 25, 2018: Information sharing session HAWD report Pat McCrae
- January 26, 2018: Lake City Secondary School (Columneetza) Pow Wow

Lunch 12:15 to 12:42

iii) Superintendent's Report: Mark Wintjes (Read by David DeRose)

- Cataline Bus Loop:
We are currently looking forward to developing the lower parking lot at Cataline to assist with the traffic congestion and safety concerns. Once this portion of the project is completed we will reevaluate its effectiveness on reducing concerns.
- Rural Education Enhancement Fund (REEF):
The Ministry of Education has opened applications to the Rural Education Enhancement Fund (REEF). REEF recognizes the importance of preserving school in small rural

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communities. School districts may apply for REEF funding if their schools are at risk of closure and meet the eligibility criteria.

Criteria:

- A rural community outside Greater Victoria, the Lower Mainland, and Kelowna areas with a population less than 15,000 and where isolation creates demonstrable challenges;
- The potential school closure would leave the community with no school;
- Funding is used to keep the school open;
- Closures where the primary driver is facility condition are not included; and
- Closure would have a detrimental educational impact on students and/or social/economic impact on the community.

The Board has begun consultation with four (4) communities, they are Dog Creek, Likely, Big Lake and Lac La Hache. It is extremely important to note that the Board is doing this to apply for additional funding from the Ministry of Education in order to keep the schools open, which is criteria item three (3). Given the district's financial constraints, we hope to have funding for these schools approved by the Ministry of Education. It is also extremely important to note that this is not a school closure discussion.

- **International Students:**

We are currently hosting 24 students and four (4) teachers from the city of pandas, Chengdu. While in Chengdu, Secretary Treasurer Futcher signed two (2) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU's). The first was with Chongqing Secondary School, and the second was with Dujiangyan Libing Middle School. In the MOU's it is stated that "Internationalization and Globalization issues are ever increasing in importance and the youth of today become the leaders and decision makers of tomorrow. As a result, this partnership is also intended to deepen understanding and compassion for all peoples".

The students are being hosted from February 3rd to February 13th, 2018. While the students are here they will be engaging in a variety of activities, such as visiting the museum, swimming, skiing, and a robotics completion. Students have been placed with homestay parents for the duration of the stay and the parents will receive a stipend to cover their expenses. Students will also attend a local school, on a part time basis, to engage in activities that will build connections between our schools. It is our hope that students from our district will reciprocate and visit Chengdu in the 2018/2019 school year.

iv) Governance Committee Report: Vacant FNEC position here

v) Regional Education Committee Report: Michelle Archie (not in attendance today)

vi) Superintendent's Liaison Committee Report:

It was brought to the attention of FNEC February 5, 2018 that there is no longer a Superintendent's Liaison Committee.

vii) Budget Update: David DeRose (Budget handouts in FNEC pkgs. today)

David DeRose went over his Budget update he prepared for the FNEC packages today. We are on track with the finances.

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

Moved: Lacey-Dawn Testawich

Seconded: Norma Sure

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E. BUSINESS:

a) Sense of Belonging: Enhancement Agreement

David DeRose explained that all the community meetings revolve around the Enhancement Agreement. He asks the Communities "How to Improve Education?" We need to know what is going on in the communities too. We are there to listen and need feedback. We need the First Nations perspective in the school and contacts for those people so that we can have them come into the schools and work with the students.

Proposals:

i) Cataline Elementary School Proposal: \$2,500.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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ii) 100 Mile Elementary School Proposal: \$4,211.71

There was discussion on this proposal:

DENIED

iii) Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School: \$450.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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iv) Lake City Secondary School (Columnetza Campus): \$600.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

CONSENSUS

v) Horse Lake Elementary School Proposal: \$303.86

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

DENIED

vi) Cataline Elementary School Proposal: \$300.00

There was discussion on this proposal:

PROPOSAL TO BE TABLED: TABLE AND BRING BACK

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

Alice not available today.

c) First Nations Role Models: Tracy Hubner

- Registration for the 2018 Role Model Contest closed on December 1, 2017. We have eight (8) girls and two (2) boys running in the contest this year. All the candidates, along with the 2017 First Nations Role Models attended the Writing Workshop facilitated by Teacher, Shannon Rerie on January 24th in the Board office.
- January 26, the Role Models attended the Lake City Secondary School Pow Wow.
- Public Speaking Workshop planned for the candidates on Thursday, April 12. This will be facilitated by Alexis Forseille, Miss Williams Lake Stampede 2012 once again.
- Role Model Presentation to the Board of Education: Tuesday, April 24, 2018
- Annual Role Model Celebration: Wednesday, May 30th at Marie Sharpe Elementary School.
- Crowns: Eskêtemc First Nation and Alexis Creek Indian Band ensuring the 2017 keepsake crowns are being made for our 2017 Role Models.

d) Student Achievement:

David DeRose and Tracy Hubner spoke about the positive letters our Department sends out. One member thanked Tracy for acknowledging the off-reserve students as well as the on-reserve students adding that it is nice to know how they are all doing.

David Derose spoke of his Annual Report on Student Achievement. Once approved, this will be on our First Nations Webpage.

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

Community visits: This has carried on since the Enhancement Agreement meetings. David DeRose 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.

f) **Language and Culture:**

Orange Shirt Day meetings:

There was discussion on what the Orange Shirt Society meetings cover and who all attends.

D. **CLOSE OF MEETING:** Motion to end meeting 2:56 p.m: Shirley Diablo

NOTE: Next FNEC meeting March 5, 2018