

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE BOARDROOM
OF THE EDUCATION CENTRE
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2018**

PRESENT: FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES:

Mark Wintjes, Superintendent of Schools, SD27
Jerome Beauchamp, Director of Instruction Education Services (Elem.)
David DeRose, District Principal, First Nations Education
Tracy Hubner, Secretary, First Nations Education Department
Rosalie Montgomery, Yunesit'in Govt.
Gloria Eglin, Ulkatcho Band (Ulkatchot'en)
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Calvin Dubray, Cariboo Chilcotin Principals/Vice Principals Association
R. Irene Johnson, Eskêtemc First Nation
Agnes William, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation
Lenore Case, Alexis Creek Indian Band (T'si Del Del)
Cheryl Chapman, Soda Creek Band (Xats'ull)
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
Dawna Short, Alt. Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
Angel Smith, Canim Lake Band (Tsq'escen')
Linda Martens, Trustee

ABSENT: Shirley Diablo, Toosey Band (Tl'esqox)
Natalie McKenzie, ʔEşdilagh (Alexandria Band)
Representative, District PAC
Alice Tresierra, IUOE
Bruce Baptiste, Trustee
Darlene Louie, Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band (Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem)
Michelle Archie, Canim Lake Band (Tsq'escen')
Dean Coder, Director of Instruction, Education Services (Secondary)
Melanie Johnny, Anaham Band (Tl'etinqox Govt.)
Norma Sure, Williams Lake Indian Band (T'exelc)

A. CALL TO ORDER: Rosalie Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

WELCOMING:

i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:

Cheryl Chapman from Soda Creek Band welcomed everybody to Secwepemc Territory.

ii) **Traditional Opening:** Cheryl Chapman from Soda Creek Band 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 10:13 a.m.

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

B. Special Presentations: Cancelled

- Stephanie VanderLaan, English Language Learning Coordinator (cancelled)
- Silvia Dubray, Director of Instruction, Student Services (cancelled)

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 April 9, 2018 as circulated.

Moved: Lacey-Dawn Testawich Seconded: Cheryl Chapman

CONSENSUS

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the March 5, 2018 Meeting:

Recommended Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Committee adopt the minutes of its meeting dated March 5, 2018 as presented.

Moved: Lacey-Dawn Testawich Seconded: Marlene Swears

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D. REPORTS:

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

Jerome will meet with Sherry Stump and Joanne Moiese from TNG to discuss Educational Unit Resources for the Exoneration Project which will cover Grade 4 Socials, Grade 9 Socials and Law 11 and BC First Nations 12.

Jerome is happy to see how well the First Nations students are doing; especially the grade 4 boys.

In addition, Jerome is happy to see the grad rates coming up. We need to keep it going. We have made huge strides in the last 6 plus years to be where we are today. We graduate approximately 60 First Nations students per year. Each student is 2%, so the rate can change rapidly student by student. Concentrate on each student and we will affect the grad rate by 2%. Think of each individual Student and help them get to where they want to be. The quality of grad is important too. We need to work on the quality of graduation, to get them to be able to move onto what they want to do. More kids understand why it is important to graduate and how important it is to do well.

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

- March 8, 2018: Attended Principals/Vice Principals Meeting
- March 9, 2018: Attended Orange Shirt Day Meeting.
- March 13, 2018: Attended the Communities That Care meeting 2018
- March 13, 2018: NITEP Conference Call
- March 14, 2018: District Leadership Team Meeting
- March 14 & 15, 2018: Youth Led Reconciliation Forum led by Warren Hooley
- April 3, 2018: Attended Suspension Hearing
- Conference call with Paddy Kimpton SD28 re Human Rights Tribunal assistance with.

iii) Superintendents Report: Mark Wintjes

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO FNEC

April 9, 2018

Embedding Formative Assessment – Mr. Dylan Wiliam

The Superintendent attended the BCSSA Spring Forum with Mr. Coder, our Director of Instruction, where Mr. Dylan Wiliam was the sole speaker for the day. Mr. Wiliam spoke on “Embedding Formative Assessment” and provided tremendous insight into how this can improve student achievement. In particular he modelled how to do this with students, and used the audience very effectively as his “class”. Mr. Wiliam’s powerpoint presentation on embedding formative assessment is a very large file. Given that the file is too large to send through our email system, the district will look into how to provide copies to members of FNEC. The powerpoint has been distributed to our principals and vice-principals through Sharepoint.

District Calendars

From the initial draft calendars the second CI Day was changed to an earlier time slot given the change in the date of Family Day in 2019. We are awaiting the Minister’s approval of the calendars.

Humboldt Broncos Tragedy

The Superintendent sent an email to all staff on Sunday, April 8th, asking them to wear green on Monday, April 9th, to support the Humboldt community. The Superintendent sent a further

email to all staff on Tuesday, April 10th, encouraging staff and schools to participate in the “Jersey Day” that was being set up across the nation to support Humboldt. Both activities were very well supported by our staff and students.

Conversations with Principals and Vice-Principals

The Superintendent committed to having conversations with Principals and Vice-Principals regarding the graduation results for Status First Nations living on Reserve as we need to do more to support the success of this group of students.

Principal at Horsefly

The Superintendent announced that Mr. Rick Miller has temporarily accepted the position of Principal at Horsefly Elementary/Junior Secondary School.

Principal at Forest Grove

The Superintendent announced that Mr. Mark Doolan has accepted the position of Principal at Forest Grove Elementary School.

School Psychologist

The Superintendent announced that the District has hired a School Psychologist to support students.

iv) **Governance Committee Report: Marlene Swears, Rep.** (no meeting as yet)

v) **Regional Education Committee Report: April 18 is next meeting.**

vi) **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 target with the finances.

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.

Moved: Marlene Swears

Seconded: R. Irene Johnson

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E. BUSINESS:

➤ **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 receive 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) Horsefly Elementary School Proposal: \$872.35

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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ii) Cataline Elementary School Proposal: \$475.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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iii) Horse Lake Elementary School Proposal #1: \$265.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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iv) Horse Lake Elementary School Proposal #2: \$1,486.89

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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v) Horse Lake Elementary School Proposal #3: \$100.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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

Alice not available today.

➤ **First Nations Role Models: Tracy Hubner, Secretary First Nations Ed. Department**

- Dallas George and Shantae Guichon attended **TRU Pow wow** in Kamloops March 10-11.

- **Public Speaking:** This Workshop is planned for the candidates on Thursday, April 12. This will be facilitated by Alexis Forseille, Miss Williams Lake Stampede 2012.
- **Role Model Selections:** For all First Nations Education Committee members to attend on Monday, April 16, 2018 8:30 am until noon (Committee Room at SD27)
- **2017 Role Model Presentations to the Board of Education:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018
- **Annual Role Model Celebration:** Wednesday, May 30th at Marie Sharpe Elementary School at 4:00 p.m.
- **Crowns:** Eskêtemc First Nation and Alexis Creek Indian Band have provided the keepsake crowns for our 2017 Role Models.

➤ **Student Achievement:**

David DeRose's Annual Report for First Nations Education in FNEC packages today. This still needs to go to the Board of Education for approval before going on the website.

➤ **Language and Culture:**

i) **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.

David Corbett willing to come with Jerome and David to the communities.

David DeRose reminded FNEC members that if you cannot attend a meeting; please ensure that your alternate does.

ii) **Poetry Contest:** The First Nations Poetry Contest closed on Friday, March 9, 2018. 442 Entries were received. Poems are copied and sent to the judges for the next month.

D. CLOSE OF MEETING: R. Irene Johnson Motion to end meeting at 1:11 p.m.

NOTE: Next FNEC meeting Monday, May 7, 2018
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