INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL
MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026 10:00 am until 3:00 pm

PARTICIPANTS IN PERSON:

Grant Gustafson, Director of Instruction, Indigenous Education SD27
Tracy Hubner, Recording Secretary, SD27
Calvin Dubray, Education Director, Esk'etemc
Rosalie Montgomery, Education Coord., Yunesit'in Govt.
Marilyn Camille, Education Director, Stswecem'c/Xget'tem First Nation
Michelle Noskey, Cariboo Friendship Centre
Agnes William, Xeni Gwet'in First Nations Govt.
Dora Grinder, A/Education Coordinator Tsideldel First Nation
Yanos Stephenson, Education Coordinator, Xatsull First Nation
Allison Charleyboy, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)
Marlene Swears, President, Cariboo Chilcotin Metis Assn.
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Metis Association

PARTICIPANTS ON-LINE:

Lucas Kiefiuk, Director of Education, Xatsull First Nation
Joy Holte, Education Director, Ulkatcho
Michelle Archie, Education Sr. Manager, Tsq'escen

ABSENT: Tiffany Bishop, Education Coordinator, WLFN
Jody Hannon, Education Coordinator, ʔEsdilagh First Nation
Holly Elkins, Education Coordinator, Tl'esqox

A. Call to Order: Rosalie Montgomery, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:

Marilyn Camille from Stswecem'c/Xget'tem First Nation acknowledged Secwepemc Territory.

ii) Traditional Opening:

Calvin Dubray from Esk'etemc provided a traditional opening.

iii) Introductions: Introductions were done.

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for June 1, 2026:

Motion – THAT the Indigenous Education Council adopt the agenda of its meeting dated June 1, 2026 as amended:

Additions to the agenda:

Laptops: Grant Gustafson
BCTEA: Grant Gustafson

Motion: Marilyn Camille **Seconded: Michelle Noskey**

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the May 4, 2026 Meeting:

Motion – THAT The Indigenous Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated May 4, 2026 as circulated.

Motion: Dawna Short **Seconded: Marlene Swears**

C. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MAY 2026

Link: May 2026 Superintendent Report

D. Policies for SD27 Review (Committee of the Whole): Draft policies were up on screen.

Policy-100-Foundation-Statement-Draft.pdf

Policy-123-Delegation-of-Authority-Draft.pdf
Policy-125-Role-of-the-Trustee-Draft.pdf

IEC: Decided to review and submit feedback to the chair of the board.

E: Budget and Staffing Levels: Grant Gustafson, Director of Indigenous Education

STAFFING:

Grant shared the current budget and staffing, noting posted positions.

BUDGET:

CONSENSUS: IEC appreciates the way Grant Gustafson presents the budget

F. Proposals:

i) 100 Mile Elementary School Proposal #1: $4,756.90

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

CONSENSUS

ii) <u>100 Mile Elementary School Proposal #2</u>: $199.50

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

CONSENSUS

iii) <u>WLFN Lahal Events</u>:

Grant read a letter asking for support from WLFN for the Lahal tournament that is to take place on pow wow weekend. They are looking for contributions.

Grant said the district is not in a position to contribute to community events, however, he would bring it to the IEC table he told WLFN.

DENIED

iv) <u>Harlan King Fisher</u>:

Harlan King Fisher is well known for 'Smudge the Blades'. NSTC is bringing him in June 18th for an evening presentation at the Gibralter Room.

Grant Gustafson spoke to him. He is available to speak to school's students on positive motivation. The presentation is $5,000.00 for approx. an hour. This fellow is very popular on social media and the kids would know who he is.

There was discussion:

CONSENUS: GRANT TO ATTEMPT TO SET UP AT COLUMNEETZA JR. SECONDAY. AIM FOR THE 17TH. $5,000.00

G. <u>Presentation</u>:

<u>12:30 PM Dancing Water Sandy & Freda Alphonse</u>: Indigenous Resource Rm.

Dancing Water Sandy and Freda showed a slide show on the resource centre and what they do. They also brought small plants of mint and tobacco to give out.

H. <u>Business</u>:

i) <u>Northern IEC Capacity Workshop</u>: May 21-22, 2026 at Prince George, BC

Grant Gustafson asked if anyone wanted to share on this Workshop:

There was positive feedback.

ii) <u>Role Model Celebration 2026</u>: Debrief**.**

<u>How to improve?</u>

There was discussion on the celebration and Tracy Hubner noted the requested changes for next year.

It was noted that the sound system was awful this year. This needs improvement, perhaps get our own system.

The heat was unbearable 33 degrees outside which left gym very hot. Fans are required.

Make the candidates more included in the crowning process.

Rosalie Montgomery should introduce the IEC members individually.

*Limit the length of the speeches to be said. This was huge! Elders standing so long to hear the speeches was very tough.

Reminder to Role Models to yell out the winner when opening the poster!

Bigger Cake next year.

Reminder that we need to be cognisant of other events that cross over to our event.

Move the podium as it makes people lean on it and talk longer.

Increase the amount of the Bursaries the role models receive.

Put a calendar hold out to SLT team and the Chiefs for next year.

Sanitizing of crowns: This is necessary before being passed on!

iii) <u>District Day Consultation: Grant Gustafson</u>

Grant needs to get the final idea to Cheryl for this keynote speaker: Grant said to remember that this is to cover all workers in the School District.

Rosalie Montgomery asked IEC to give their top choice to her.

<u>IEC's final choices to Grant Gustafson to give to Cheryl Lenardon is:</u>

1. 1st Choice Norman Leech to speak to intergenerational Trauma & Moving Beyond – how to.
2. Elaine Alec: (possibly not good for online participants)
3. Nigaan Sinclair

iv) <u>OMRIE Regional Session Feedback: Grant Gustafson</u>

The Omrie selection group has asked for our feedback.

Grant Gustafson showed the suggested list of topics from SD73 for the next Omrie meeting in Osoyoos.

Grant said that we could do a survey monkey and send out to IEC or we could do it now. He suggests IEC pick their top 4. The suggestions were:

Mental health and wellbeing.

Equity and anti-Racism, and attendance and engagement

Land based learning and Language and culture.

LUNCH BREAK AT 11:56 to 12:30

v) Equity Scan: Grant Gustafson

Grant Gustafson to respond to Dr. Louie that nothing is happening this school year. We will reach out in the next school year.

vi) Laptops: Grant Gustafson

Grant shared that the laptops are in. It is up to the bands and the Metis to give out to students who are in need. If there is no need, please return to us and we will give to other bands who need them. The laptops are ready for the students to use and come with word.

vii) BCTEA: Grant Gustafson

They did not renew the contract moving forward. They have money for 'to and from' for next year. Grant will be reaching out to the bands to build a plan in the next couple of weeks.

Not funding extra curricular at all next year.

viii) 2025-2026 Year in Review Power point Presentation: Tracy Hubner

I. Close of Meeting:

Adjournment:

Recommended Motion – THAT the meeting of the Indigenous Education Council dated June 1, 2026 be adjourned:

Motion: Yanos Stephenson adjourned meeting 2:04 p.m.