

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021 10:00 am until 11:45 am**

PARTICIPANTS: Chris van der Mark, Superintendent, SD27
Cheryl Lenardon, Assistant Superintendent, SD27
Grant Gustafson, District Principal Indigenous Education
Tracy Hubner, Recording Secretary
Rosalie Montgomery, Yunešit'in Government
Pamela Kozak, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Sue Sim, President, IUOE
Frieda Belleau, Alt. Esk'etemc
Shirley Diablo, Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)
Loni Solomon, Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)
Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27
Sheena Rogers, Cariboo Friendship Society
Lenore Case, Tšideldel First Nation
Lewis Budgell, Education Director Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Melissa Cahoose, Education K-12, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
Murray Helmer, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association

Also Present: Dave Corbett, SD27 Coordinator, Career Programs

NOT AVAILABLE: Education Assistant, Xatšúll First Nation (Soda Creek Band)
Audrey Sinclair, ʔEsdilagh (Alexandria Band)
District PAC Representative
Michelle Archie, Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake Band)
Mary Forbes, Trustee
Education Rep., Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Harold Duncan, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Calvin Dubray, Education Director, Esk'etemc
Agnes William, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Norma Sure, Sr. Education Mgr, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)

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

i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory: Pamela Kozak, Williams Lake First Nation

ii) Traditional Opening: Shirley Diablo, Tl'esqox (Toosey).

iii) Introductions:

Introductions were done. Welcome to Sheena Rogers from Cariboo Friendship Society and Loni Solomon from Tl'esqox (Toosey).

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for December 6, 2021

Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the Agenda of its meeting dated December 6, 2021 as circulated.

Moved: Lewis Budgell

Seconded: Angie Delainey

CARRIED

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Dave Corbett, Coordinator, Career Programs, SD27

David Corbett gave a presentation for the career program for SD27; showing opportunities for the high school students. For further information you can go to our SD27 website, under Programs and Services you will see the Career Program tab.

There was a power point shown and this will be made available to FNEC.

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the November 8, 2021 Virtual Meeting:

Motion – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated November 8, 2021 as circulated.

Moved: Marlene Swears

Seconded: Angie Delainey

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C. REPORTS:

i) Superintendent's Report: Chris van der Mark

- Chris spoke about the Superintendent's Association conference. He noted the second day of the conference the welcome was from Chief Willie Sellars. It was a highlight to have him speak. He spoke about 25 minutes on our area.
- BCSTA for Trustees Meeting: Continued importance that we improve outcomes for students, esp. indigenous students on reserve. Deborah Jeffrey, Executive Director of FNEC, noted the letter from the Chiefs regarding the importance of the FSA's.
- Denise Augustine from Cowichan is new Indigenous Superintendent on Superintendents Association.

ii) **Finance, Facilities & Transportation Committee Report: Angie Delaine**

Angie Delaine spoke to her report of the November 9, 2021 meeting: Please see [2021-11-23-public-board-meeting-agenda-package.57e5c93900.pdf \(windows.net\)](https://www.windows.net/files/57e5c93900/2021-11-23-public-board-meeting-agenda-package.57e5c93900.pdf)

iii) **Education Committee: Mary Forbes**

Mary not available today. Please see her report at:

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iv) **Policy Committee: Mary Forbes**

Mary not available today. Please see her report at:

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v) **First Nations Education Department Budget Report: Grant Gustafson**

- Grant shared the updated budget for Indigenous Education.
- First Nations Resources in school libraries, we continue to add new.

Motion THAT the First Nations Education Council receives the reports of the Superintendent, the First Nations District Principal, Finance Committee, Facilities and Transportation Committee as submitted:

Moved: Marlene swears

Second: Mabelene Leon

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D. BUSINESS:

i) **Proposals:**

1. **Peter Skene Ogden Secondary Proposal:** **\$2,826.84**

There was discussion on this proposal:

Grant clarified that this funding request includes \$1,500.00 for food for Indigenous students.

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2. **100 Mile Elementary School Proposal #1:** **\$289.32**

There was discussion on this proposal:

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3. 100 Mile Elementary School Proposal #2: **\$606.00**

There was discussion on this proposal:

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ii) First Nation Role Models: Tracy Hubner

- Role Model Registrations are out still, we have received 2 applications so far.
- The 2021 Role Model Ceremony is back on the LCS (WL) Website.
- Difficult to get registration booths set up in schools due to Covid. Will monitor this. Several staff at the high schools are encouraging the students.

iii) Local Artists list: Grant Gustafson

Grant has started gathering information (local artists list).

This list will go to the schools. We are looking at a model to allocate the money to the schools and encourage them to pursue these Elder visits. We could look at doing some stuff remotely as well to provide the students some experiences and protect the Elders. The list of Elders will be on the SD27 staff portal so school staff can see. We will also get the list out to FNEC.

iv) Welcome Signage: Grant Gustafson

Grant will reach out to the communities.

v) LAKE CITY SECONDARY: Logos for Bands at both campus'

The school is seeking permission to print these logos off for each Band and put in a prominent place in the school.

There was discussion on this:

Grant to prepare a letter of permission to Chief and Councils.

vi) Acknowledgement Protocol: Grant Gustafson

Some information is from the BC Govt. Grant has this in draft form as well.

It is important to do this in accordance with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. We can personalize this. We are looking for feedback. Grant sent it out to FNEC to review for today.

Grant asked FNEC for any feedback on this at this time?

Good to go. If not, let him know.

Honorarium Structure: Grant Gustafson

Grant Gustafson sent SD27 Indigenous Education Honoraria Structure out to FNEC and will ensure schools use this. Schools can pay more for presenters if need be.

Dancing Water Sandy is putting together gift packs for schools to present to the Elders.

FNEC said that this is good to go as is.

vi) St. Joseph Mission finding:

WLFN to make announcement regarding this on Dec. 10. Community's need different levels of support. We are giving information to teachers to support the students re this.

Whatever we can do to support this – SD27 willing to do. Counsellors will be in place.

SD27 staff need to be prepared for students and SD27 staff affected too.

Grant will try to organize something like a moment of silence.

E. Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated December 6, 2021 be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn: Lewis Budgell moved

Meeting closed at: 11:45 pm

Traditional Closing: Shirley Diablo

Next meeting date: Monday, February 7, 2022