

**INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL
MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026 10:00 am until 3:00 pm**

PARTICIPANTS IN PERSON:

Grant Gustafson, District Principal Indigenous Education SD27
Tracy Hubner, Recording Secretary, SD27
Calvin Dubray, Education Director, Esk'eteme
Tiffany Bishop, Education Coordinator, WLFN
Holly Elkins, Education Coordinator, TI'esqox
Rosalie Montgomery, Education Coord., Yunesit'in Govt.
Michelle Archie, Education Sr. Manager, Tsq'escen
Marilyn Camille, SXFN
Jennifer Schuetze, (Alt.) Cariboo Friendship Centre
Agnes William, Xení Gwet'in First Nations Govt.
Dora Grinder, A/Education Coordinator Tsideldel First Nation
Yanos Stephenson, Xatsull

PARTICIPANTS ON-LINE:

Joy Holte, Education Director, Ulkatcho
Marlene Swears, President, Cariboo Chilcotin Metis Assn.
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Metis Association

ABSENT:

Michelle Noskey, Cariboo Friendship Centre
Pamela Alphonse, Alternate TI'etincox Govt. (Anaham Band)

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

i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:

Tiffany Bishop from Williams Lake First Nation acknowledged Secwepemc Territory.

ii) Traditional Opening:

Dora Grinder from Tsideldel provided a traditional opening.

iii) Introductions: Introductions were done.

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for May 4, 2026:

Motion – THAT the Indigenous Education Council adopt the agenda of its meeting dated May 4, 2026 as **amended**.

Additions to the agenda:

Under Business: Add

- viii) **IEC Report from 2025-2026 that went to the Ministry.**
- ix) **Response Time**
- x) **Enhanced Learning Interim Report**
- xi) **Esk’etemc: Unanswered questions**
- xii) **Response from Secretary Treasurer by Calvin Dubray**

Remove: Presentation by Dancing Water Sandy & Freda Alphonse. This had to be cancelled today. Will be rescheduled.

Motion: Michelle Archie

Seconded: Tiffany Bishop

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the April 7, 2026 Meeting:

Motion – THAT The Indigenous Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated April 7, 2026 as **amended**.

Motion: Tiffany Bishop

Seconded: Michelle Archie

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the December 1, 2025 Meeting:

Motion – THAT The Indigenous Education Council adopt the **amended** minutes of its meeting dated December 1, 2025.

Calvin Dubray amended his section for IEC.

Reminder: IEC members to get their changes added into the Draft at the meeting it is being approved at. NOT before that.

Motion: Rosalie Montgomery

Seconded: Yanos Stephenson

CARRIED as amended as of May 4, 2026

C. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APRIL 2026

Link: [Superintendent Rpt to Board April 2026](#)

D. Policy 325 for SD27: School Fees



There was discussion on the 2025-2026 School Fees.

E: Terms of Reference Review (IEC Members) (In-camera from 11:10am to 1:56 pm)

F. Presentations:

**1) 2:00 PM Cheryl Lenardon, Taryn Aumond, Fawn Wiebe:
Presentation on preliminary District budget consultation.**

Taryn Aumond shared that the budget will be passed at the June 22 board meeting. IEC invited to give feedback.

She acknowledged that we are going into a declining enrollment of 144 students 1.1 million.

IEC will be given a link for feedback.

Fawn Wiebe explained the priorities of the 3-year plan.

Cheryl Lenardon:

Report that goes to the Ministry by October 1st. IEC to receive this report.

Questions:

Cheryl Lenardon: In our 3 year plan there were numerous meetings with the FNEC table. The next multiyear plan will be developed. Next year it will be a whole new multi-year plan. New composition on the board as well. I cannot tell you what the new board will determine.

Grant Gustafson: Reminded IEC that the District budget had nothing to do with targeted funds.

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

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

H. Business:

i) Equity Scan: IEC did not have a separate meeting.

ii) Northern IEC Capacity Workshop: May 21-22, 2026 at Prince George, BC

*May 20-23 is the correct dates.

iii) Role Model Celebration 2026:

Plans are coming together.

iv) HAWD Report:

Grant shared the results of the HAWD Report.

There was discussion:

The Link for the HAWD report will be posted in teams.

v) **Anti-Racism Committee membership selection: Grant Gustafson**

Grant said there was a request last month to provide Cheryl with 4 members to take part on this committee. IEC decided on:

Joy Holte: For Carrier
Marlene or Dawna: Metis
Holly Elkins for Chilcotin
Tiffany Bishop for Shuswap

vi) **District Day Consultation:**

Intergenerational trauma was one topic put forward. Also Creating Safe Places. There are regional pieces as we do not have the ability to bring everyone in one place. We need to secure keynote speakers for this day.

Grant Gustafson noted that this is the only day the District gets to decide what development staff takes part in.

Michelle Archie and Rosalie Montgomery to collect ideas from IEC and schedule a meeting with Cheryl Lenardon.

vii) **National Indigenous Peoples Day Consultation: Sunday, June 21, 2026**

What would the IEC like to see the schools doing for this? June 19th is parade and park ceremonies. As many schools as possible to participate.

viii) **IEC Report from 2025-2026 that went to the Ministry.**

Grant showed the IEC what was submitted. The form was put together by IEC members through teams on September 23, 2025.

ix) **Response Time: Added by Calvin Dubray**

x) **Enhanced Learning Interim Report: Added by Calvin Dubray**

xi) **Esketeme unanswered questions (Calvin Dubray)**

xii) **Response from Sec. Treasurer: (Calvin Dubray)**

I. **Close of Meeting:**

Adjournment:

Recommended Motion – THAT the meeting of the Indigenous Education Council dated May 4, 2026 be adjourned:

Motion: Rosalie Montgomery

IEC Meeting Adjourned at 3:32 p.m.