

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL  
VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021 10:00 am until noon**

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**PARTICIPANTS:** Chris van der Mark, Superintendent, SD27  
Cheryl Lenardon, Assistant Superintendent, SD27  
Jerome Beauchamp, First Nations Liaison  
Tracy Hubner, Recording Secretary  
Rosalie Montgomery, Yunešit'in Government  
Michelle Archie, Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake Band)  
Murray Helmer, President Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association  
Pamela Kozak, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)  
Mary Forbes, Trustee  
Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27  
Shirley Diablo, Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)  
Jenessa Loewen, Alt. Esk'etemc  
Agnes William, Xení Gwet'in First Nation  
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etincox Govt. (Anaham Band)  
Lewis Budgell, Education Director Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)  
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.  
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association

**NOT AVAILABLE:** Gloria Eglin, Education Liaison Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)  
Linda Simon, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)  
Harold Duncan, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)  
Sue Sim, President, IUOE  
Marnie Howell, Education Assistant, Xats'ull (Soda Creek Band)  
Heather McKenzie, Xats'ull (Soda Creek Band)  
Calvin Dubray, Principals/Vice Principals Association  
Audrey Sinclair, ?Esdilagh (Alexandria Band)  
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association  
Brittany Wasstrom, District PAC Representative  
Norma Sure, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)  
Lenore Case, Tšideldel First Nation  
Frieda Belleau, Esk'etemc  
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)

**A. Call to Order: Rosalie Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.**

**i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:** Pamela Kozak from Williams Lake First Nation provided a welcome to the territory.

**ii) Traditional Opening:** Shirley Diablo from Toosey Band provided a Traditional Opening.

**B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for March 8, 2021**

**Motion** – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the Agenda of its meeting dated March 8, 2021 as amended. Jerome added LEA Training and Residential School Resources.

Moved: Pamela Kozak

Seconded: Mary Forbes

**CARRIED**

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

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

Moved: Michelle Archie

Seconded: Pamela Kozak

**CONSENSUS**

**C. REPORTS:**

**i) Assistant Superintendent’s Report: Cheryl Lenardon**

- Cheryl passed on her report as she has nothing additional to Chris’ report. Also she will present her FESL presentation.

**ii) Superintendent’s Report: Chris van der Mark**

- Chris provided a Covid-19 Update for our District.

Federal Covid-19 Funding:

In the fall we discussed what to do with the Federal dollars coming our way. Chris showed a power point entitled ‘Project Update’ showing the outdoor classroom spaces that will be built at all 22 schools. He added that the District also had significant Technological issues due to equipment being outdated. Those two were identified as key pieces for the use of the Federal Funding.

**iii) Finance, Facilities & Transportation Committee Report: Chris Van der Mark**

- This committee met on February 9, 2021.
- Chris said the big focus was the amended budget that was passed. The key part was that due to the pandemic, enrollment is down. We are optimistic of a normal fall but if students do not enroll in the fall, this could provide a significant budget change.

iv) **Education Committee: Chris van der Mark**

- Chris said that Jerome Beauchamp continues his series on the LEA's. Meeting with Principals on how these work.
- Cheryl Lenardon shared information on strategic planning.

v) **Policy Committee: Chris van der Mark and Trustee, Mary Forbes**

- Policy committee: Trustee Mary Forbes spoke to a number of policies that were outdated and being replaced or repealed.

vi) **First Nations Education Department Budget Report: Jerome Beauchamp**

- Jerome shared the budget and Technology update for First Nations Education.
- Cultural credits: Cheryl said they will work with the UBC teacher candidates to see what our students are doing in the communities and what we can transfer into credits for the students. This work will take place after spring break through June.

**Motion THAT the First Nations Education Council receives the reports of the Assistant Superintendent, the First Nations Liaison and the Superintendent's Report on correspondence as submitted:**

Moved: Pamela Kozak

Second: Shirley Diablo

**CONSENSUS**

**D. BUSINESS:**

i) **Proposals: Cultural Proposals (this was scanned to FNEC March 3, 2021)**

1. **Lake City Sec. School (Columneetza Campus) Proposal:**                      **\$2,183.61**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal.

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ii) **First Nation Role Models: Tracy Hubner**

- Form 2 process closes Friday, March 12, 2021.
- Crowns: Tracy waiting for an update here.
- Voting for Role Models: We will email a date for this soon.

iii) **Staffing: Cheryl Lenardon, Jerome Beauchamp**

Several positions are posted on the SD27 website.

**E. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: Cheryl Lenardon**

**a) Language and Culture:**

**i) Draft District Plan for Learner Success: FRAMEWORK FOR ENHANCING STUDENT LEARNING (FESL)**

Cheryl Lenardon shared a lot of information to explain the aligned collective action for student success. She showed a presentation to FNEC that would later be sent to them and invited input on key growth areas.

**ii) Annual Poetry Contest: Currently on until March 12, 2021**

Several reminders have been sent out to all schools public and private.

**iii) FNEC Representation for Off-Reserve Students:**

Jerome Beauchamp acknowledged the help from Education Coordinators for on-reserve students. We are still hoping to find a representative for all the off-reserve students.

**v) Lateral Violence Workshop:**

Jerome Beauchamp has a presenter through Denisiqi and tentative this is set for May.

**vi) LEA Staff Training.**

Jerome Beauchamp has been LEA training with principals and also the Education Committee. The Principals then train their staff.

**vii) Pro D Day in April on Residential schools Resources:**

Jerome Beauchamp showed the resources we use for the grade 5 and grade 10 residential school teachings. He noted that there is another resource for the grade 11 and 12. There will be two workshops on the April 23, 2021 Pro D Day – Grade 5 Residential School Resource and the other to cover Grade 10-12 Residential School Resources and the Tsilhqot'in War Unit.

**F. Adjournment of Meeting:**

**Motion** – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated March 8, 2021 be adjourned.

**Motion to adjourn:** Michelle Archie and Melanie Johnny

**Meeting closed at:** 12:05 pm. Next FNEC meeting April 12, 2021 10:00 am until noon.

