

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023 10:00 am until noon**

PARTICIPANTS IN PERSON:

Chris van der Mark, Superintendent, SD27
Cheryl Lenardon, Deputy Superintendent, SD27
Grant Gustafson, District Principal Indigenous Education
Tracy Hubner, Recording Secretary
Rosalie Montgomery, Yunešit'in Government
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Pamela Kozak, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Sue Sim, President, IUOE
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)
Michelle Noskey, Cariboo Friendship Society
Lewis Budgell, A/Education Director, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Agnes William, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation

PARTICIPANTS ON-LINE:

Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27
Mary Forbes, Trustee SD27
Calvin Dubray, Education Director, Esk'eteme
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association

NOT AVAILABLE:

Latisha Kirechuk, Chair, District PAC SD27
Audrey Sinclair, Educ. Assist. ?Esdilagh First Nation
Michelle Archie, Ed. Admin. Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake Band)
Lenore Case, Tšideldel First Nation
Kyla Fayter, K-12 Liaison Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Avo Menakian, Education Assistant, Xats'ull First Nation (Soda Creek Band)
Ken MacGillivray, Educ. Director, Stswecem'c/Xget'tem First Nation (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Wendy Norris, Educ. Coordinator Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)

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

ii) **Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:**

Pamela Kozak provided a welcome to Secwepemc Territory.

ii) **Traditional Opening:**

Melanie Johnny from Tl'etinqox Govt. provided a traditional opening.

iii) **Introductions:** Introductions were done.

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for June 5, 2023

Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the agenda of its meeting dated June 5, 2023, as circulated.

Moved: Lewis Budgell **Seconded:** Pamela Kozak

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the May 1, 2023 Meeting:

Motion – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated May 1, 2023 as circulated.

Moved: Pamela Kozak **Seconded:** Melanie Johnny

C. REPORTS:

i) **Superintendent's Report: Chris van der Mark**

Chris spoke to his reports:

[Superintendent's Report](#)

[FNEC May Meeting – Superintendent Presentation](#)

[2023-2024 Budget Presentation](#)

[Strat Plan Reflection – May 2023](#)

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

[Link for Report](#)

iii) **Education Committee: Trustee, Mary Forbes**

[Link for Report](#)

iv) **Policy Committee: Trustee, Mary Forbes**

[Link for Report](#)

v) **Indigenous Education Department Budget Report: Grant Gustafson**

Budget:

Grant shared current Indigenous Education Department budget.

Skyline would like an outdoor area with Indigenous focus to do smudging on Monday mornings. We will use some surplus on that.

FNEC agreed to fund project similar to other highschools.

Grant will send out the budget.

Staffing:

School staffing allocations were displayed for input.

Looking at transitions from Elem to Jr. high school.

Suggestion made to explore K Transitions.

Support Workers job descriptions. Sue Sim

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

Moved: Pam Kozak Seconded: Lewis Budgell

APPROVAL BY CONSENSUS

D. BUSINESS:

i) **Proposals:**

1. **Anahim Lake Elementary/Jr. Sec. School Proposal: \$1,375.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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ii) **Indigenous Role Models: Tracy Hubner**

- Annual Role Model Celebration June 1, 2023 at Lake City Secondary gymnasium was a success. Our new role models are Sky Johnson & Tyson Michel.
- Posters are on the table for the Band offices. Those not in attendance will be mailed theirs.

- Paige and Angus attended the TRU Wellness Fair and Marie Sharpe Pow Wow in May.
- 1st outing for new role models will be Indigenous Peoples Day: June 21, 2023

E. STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT:

i) Indigenous Education Department Handbook Draft: Grant Gustafson

Grant showed the draft of the Handbook he has already done.

One member wants to see community protocols for each nation added. Provide a link.

Add Role Model and Poetry contest.

ii) Feeding Futures input from FNEC: Cheryl Lenardon

\$600,000 for food to be provided this next school year. The needs are so different from school to school. We have asked the schools for their feed back on this. Does FNEC have any suggestions?

FNEC asked about addition of Traditional Foods. We did take that into consideration. All schools will be proposing. Some schools do breakfasts, some lunch. Some provide snacks.

This is food for only the kids who need it. Not a full school. It needs to be stigma free. (e.g. could be a punch card).

iii) How are we doing Report: Grant Gustafson

Grant showed this report on the screen. This is a comprehensive annual report from the Ministry. There is a link or you can google “how are we doing report. Schools are being asked to look at their data and let that drive their decisions.

iv) Graduation 2023: Grant Gustafson

Questions were asked about Adult Dog Woods.

We are significantly reducing the number of students who receive an Adult Dogwood instead of a regular Dogwood.

v) Year in Review Presentation: Tracy Hubner

Tracy showed the year in review presentation for 2022-2023.

F. Close of Meeting:

Adjournment: 12:35 Lunch was served.

Recommended Motion – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated June 5, 2023 be adjourned.

Motion: Pamela Kozak

MEETINGS TO RESUME IN OCTOBER 2023 TBA