

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING
MONDAY, June 6, 2022 10:00 am until noon**

PARTICIPANTS: Chris van der Mark, Superintendent, SD27
Cheryl Lenardon, Assistant Superintendent, SD27
Grant Gustafson, District Principal Indigenous Education
Tracy Hubner, Recording Secretary
Pamela Kozak, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Sue Sim, President, IUOE
Rosalie Montgomery, Yunešit'in Government
Michelle Archie, Ed. Admin. Tsq'escen' (via teams)
Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27
Cindy Charleyboy, Ulkatcho
Lewis Budgell, Education Director Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Agnes William, Xení Gwet'in First Nation
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.
Lenore Case, Tšideldel First Nation
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Audrey Sinclair, ʔEsdilagh (Alexandria Band)
Cindy Charleyboy, Education K-12, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Frieda Belleau, Alt. Esk'eteme
Calvin Dubray, Education Director, Esk'eteme
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinnox Govt. (Anaham Band) (via teams)
Murray Helmer, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association (via teams)

NOT AVAILABLE: Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Mary Forbes, Trustee SD27
Latisha Kirechuk, Chair, District PAC SD27
Sheena Rogers, Cariboo Friendship Society
Harold Duncan, Alt. Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Representative: Stswecem'c/Xget'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Avo Menakian, Education Assistant, Xats'ull First Nation (Soda Creek Band)
Loni Solomon, Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)

A. Call to Order: Grant Gustafson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

- i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:** Pamela Kozak, Williams Lake First Nation
- ii) Traditional Opening:** Melanie Johnny provided an opening prayer.

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for June 6, 2022

Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the agenda of its meeting dated June 6, 2022 as circulated.

Moved: Angie Delainey

Seconded: Lewis Budgell

CARRIED

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the May 2, 2022 Virtual Meeting:

Motion – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated May 2, 2022, as circulated.

Moved: Pamela Kozak

Seconded: Angie Delainey

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C. REPORTS:

i) Superintendent's Report: Chris van der Mark

- Chris presented his SD27 Superintendent Highlights for 2021-2022. He acknowledged that there has been a lot of change. We raised expectations. We have Innovation funds; we have a Learning Series and a Leadership Series so we can grow. We to strive to have our students receive Dogwood diplomas. It has been a challenge to make changes. Teachers have had to work harder to achieve these positive outcomes. We are seeing more people showing leadership. It is so important to see these shifts.
- The Kevin Lamoureux Presentation was the most attended of our Pro-d sessions. We will continue with the Phyllis Webstad and Monique Grey Smith presentations for all staff in September.
- Principals now participate in the LEA meetings to provide updates on how their students for that community are doing. There is better communication than in the past.
- Distribution of Technology: We have made major changes here in providing equitable access to technology.
- Foundation Skills Assessment: FSA's are important to monitor student achievement. We now have consistent reading data on students across the district, no matter what school you are in. It will improve learning outcomes.
- Thank you to Lewis Budgell, Cindy Charleyboy and Rosalie Montgomery for help with Admin hirings recently.
- Daycare: The School District received a grant for 3 million dollars to reform the dorms into a 119-seat daycare as well as before and after school care. Timeline could be 2 years; but this is very needed.

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

Angie Delainey spoke to her reports of the May 2022 meeting.

Please highlight and click [May 24, 2002 \(windows.net\)](#) to open meeting minutes.

iii) **Education Committee: Trustee, Angie Delainey**

Angie Delainey spoke to the May report for the Education Committee.

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

Mary Forbes spoke to the May 2022, report for the Policy Committee.

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

- Elder program: A significant amount not used due to Covid.
- Welcome Signage: started.
- Orange shirts were delivered last week.
- Outdoor learning spaces are different from the medicine wheel areas we are setting up. We are meeting with the Cultural Coordinator, David Archie to ensure medicine wheel is culturally correct.
- Book Club: Dancing Water Sandy is providing monthly digital displays and traditional calendars.

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 and Policy Committee as submitted and budget.

Moved: Angie Delainey

Second: Pamela Kozak

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D. BUSINESS:

i) **Proposals:**

1. **Nesika Elementary Proposal #1:** **\$150.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal: **CONSENSUS**

2. **Nesika Elementary Proposal #2:** **\$400.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal: **CONSENSUS**

3. Mile 108 Elementary School Proposal #1: \$450.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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iii) Indigenous Role Models: Tracy Hubner

- Drummers, dancers, and Elders have all been booked.
- See everyone on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 4:30pm at Lake City Secondary School (WL Campus)

E. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

Language and Culture:

i) How are we Doing Report? Grant Gustafson

Grant read stats from the How are we Doing Report. He said that we want to close the gaps between indigenous learners on reserve and non-indigenous learners. Success rates trending upwards but are still not where we want them to be.

Grant showed data comparing graduation rates with adult graduates removed, also a statistic of concern.

Chris reminded FNEC that this is a provincial slide that Grant is showing. It is all over the province this concern.

Grant also showed the FSA Data: SD27 Grade 4 Reading was 76% over non-indigenous students at 74%.

This report is available on-line.

ii) Graduation 2022: Grant Gustafson

Grant read the 2022 Indigenous Student Graduation numbers for the high schools:

- Lake City Secondary School (WL Campus): June 11, 2022. They have 60 Indigenous Graduates (58 Dogwood & 2 Evergreen Leaving Certificates).
- Peter Skene Ogen Secondary School: June 17, 2022. 5 Dogwood & 1 Evergreen.
- Grow/Skyline: Grad is June 9th. They have 11 Indigenous Graduates all Dogwood.

iii) Indigenous Peoples Day 2022: Grant Gustafson

We hope to take both the 2021 and new 2022 Role Models in parade this year.

iv) **Year in Review PowerPoint by Tracy Hubner**

F. **Adjournment of Meeting:**

Motion – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated
June 6, 2022 be adjourned.

Meeting closed at: 12:35 pm

Next meeting date: October 2022 TBA
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