

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 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
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
David Arnold, Education Director (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27
Mary Forbes, Trustee SD27
Avo Menakian, Education Assistant, Xats'ull First Nation (Soda Creek Band)
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Rosalie Montgomery, Yunešit'in Government
Pamela Kozak, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Agnes William, Xení Gwet'in First Nation
Wendy Norris, Educ. Coordinator Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)
Lewis Budgell, Education Director Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Lenore Case, Tšideldel First Nation

SPECIAL GUEST: Dancing Water Sandy: Curriculum Development Teacher SD27

PARTICIPANTS ON-LINE:

(Guest) Caitlin currie, Principal, Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School
(Guest) Curt Levens, Principal, Lake City Secondary School

Ken MacGillivray, Educ. Director, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem First Nation
(Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Sue Sim, President, IUOE
Michelle Archie, Ed. Admin. Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake Band)
Calvin Dubray, Education Director, Esk'etemc
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
Frieda Belleau, Alternate, Esk'etemc
Catherine Groundwater, Educational Services Coordinator, Esk'etemc

NOT AVAILABLE:

Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)
Latisha Kirechuk, Chair, District PAC SD27
Sheena Rogers, Cariboo Friendship Society
Audrey Sinclair, Educ. Assist. ?Esdilagh First Nation
Judith Rietveld, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Cr. Band)

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

i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:

Dancing Water Sandy, Curriculum Development Teacher provided a welcome to Secwepemc Territory.

ii) Traditional Opening:

Dancing Water Sandy provided a traditional opening.

iii) Introductions: Introductions were done.

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for February 6, 2023

Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the agenda of its meeting dated February 6, 2023, as amended:

Remove the Chilcotin Road Elementary School Proposal from agenda.

Moved: Pamela Kozak

Seconded: Angie Delainey

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the December 5, 2022 Meeting:

Motion – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated December 5, 2022.

Moved: Angie Delainey

Seconded: Mabelene Leon

***SPECIAL PRESENTATION #1: Dancing Water Sandy, SD27 Curriculum Development Teacher:**

Dancing Water Sandy from SD27 Indigenous Resource Centre gave a presentation to FNEC on what resources are available to staff to sign out at the Indigenous Resource Centre, highlighting the wide selection of T̓silhqot̓'in, Secwepemc and Dakelh resources.

Dancing Water also presented on the development process used to construct the resources.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION #2: Curt Levens, Principal Lake City Secondary School & Caitlin Currie, Principal PSO Secondary School.

Both Principals spoke to the new mandatory Indigenous graduation requirement. Caitlin Currie shared what First Nations courses PSO will be making available to their students next year. The grad focus will be on English First People 12 and then building in options in subsequent years.

Curt Levens added that there is a similar plan at Lake City Secondary next year. Lake City Secondary School will be offering several indigenous courses this semester – to cover the students in trades next year, who need to meet their grad requirements this year.

C. REPORTS:

i) Superintendent’s Report: Chris van der Mark

[FNEC - February 6, 2023 - Superintendent Power Point](#)

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

Angie Delainey spoke to her report of the January 10 meeting.

[2023-01-10-finance-facilities-minutes](#)

iii) Education Committee: Trustee, Mary Forbes

Mary Forbes spoke to the January meeting.

[Committee Report](#)

iv) Policy Committee: Trustee, Mary Forbes

Mary shared highlights of the January 2023 the Policy Committee meeting.

[2023-01-10-policy-committee-report.de394d5950.pdf](#)

v) Indigenous Education Department Budget Report: Grant Gustafson

Grant shared current Indigenous Education Department budget.

vi) Technology Budget: Grant Gustafson

Grant shared where the Technology dollars were spent and the remaining balance. He will send an email for possible future spending requests.

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: Pam Kozak

Seconded: Angie Delainey

D. BUSINESS:

i) Proposals:

1. Horse Lake Elementary School Proposal #1: \$2,211.47

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

2. Marie Sharpe Elementary School Proposal: \$9,972.54

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

3. Lake City Secondary School (WL) Proposal: \$2,228.20

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

Proposal was Tabled. FNEC: want more information on this proposal to come back in March. Ulkatcho and Nuxalk need to stay overnight.

4. Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School Proposal: \$4,999.10

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

5. Horse Lake Elementary School Proposal #2: \$103.96

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

ii) Indigenous Role Models: Tracy Hubner

- Registration for the 2023 Role Models closed on December 23, 2022. We have 13 Candidates, 8 Female and 5 Male. All candidates invited to the Board office February 8, 2023, for an Essay Writing Workshop facilitated by Teacher, Robert Fahoum.
- In the process of planning the Public Speaking Workshop for role model candidates.

iii) Indigenous Poetry Contest: Tracy Hubner

Poetry Contest: Closed December 9, 2022, at 4:30 pm. We have 328 entries this year. All students have received letters of participation. Winner's cheques are being processed and all prizes will soon be out. We are hoping to combine delivery of prizes with role model visits locally.

E. STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT:

i) Extra Curricular funding opportunities: Grant Gustafson

Grant reminded FNEC of the BCTEA funding available for supporting on-reserve students taking part in extra-curricular events. He asked Education Coordinators to promote the funding opportunity.

ii) **Elder poster series update:** Grant Gustafson

Kylie Forseille was selected as the photographer. She has already done the sitting at Ulkatcho. The Elder Posters look great. Elders from every community will be in the series.

iii) **Digital Displays update:** Grant Gustafson

All sites except one have their monitors installed. The IT department is working on the connection box, so they all operate out of Wi-Fi.

All images are tied to the traditional calendar.

iv) **District Lahal Tournament:** Grant Gustafson

There was discussion on a District Lahal Tournament:

One member suggested a proposal for this project to take place at each school.

Canim Lake Band have some great teachers for Lahal and would be willing to support a Lahal tournament in the south end.

v) **Needs Assessment:**

The question was asked when was the last time we did one?

Grant Gustafson said that they are looking at regional refreshers (for the equity scan).

F. **CLOSE OF MEETING:**

Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated **February 6, 2023** be adjourned.

Moved: Angie Delainey

Meeting closed at: 1:56 pm