

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 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
Kyla Fayter, K-12 Liaison Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Michelle Archie, Ed. Admin. Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake Band)
Agnes William, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation
Sue Sim, President, IUOE
Rosalie Montgomery, Yunešit'in Government
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Ken MacGillivray, Educ. Director, Stswecem'c/Xget'tem First Nation
(Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Mary Forbes, Trustee SD27

PARTICIPANTS ON-LINE:

Michelle Noskey, Cariboo Friendship Society
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)
Pamela Kozak, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Avo Menakian, Education Assistant, Xatšúll First Nation (Soda Creek
Band)

NOT AVAILABLE:

Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27
Latisha Kirechuk, Chair, District PAC SD27
Audrey Sinclair, Educ. Assist. ?Esdilagh First Nation
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
Calvin Dubray, Education Director, Esk'eteme
Wendy Norris, Educ. Coordinator Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)
Lenore Case, Tšideldel First Nation

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

i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:

Michelle Archie 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 April 3, 2023

Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the agenda of its meeting dated April 3, 2023, as circulated:

Moved: Michelle Archie

Seconded: Lacey-Dawn Testawich

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the February 6, 2023 Meeting:

Motion – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated February 6, 2023.

Moved: Michelle Archie

Seconded: Mary Forbes

C. REPORTS:

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

Superintendent Report to FNEC

- Budget and staffing prep work for 2023 2024 year are underway. We will be up in funding based on increased Ministry per pupil allocations and support for contractual salary increases. No cuts to district programs and services are forecasted. The invitation is extended for interested FNEC members to attend the upcoming Finance and Facilities Meeting.
- Mr. van der Mark highlighted a few points about staffing including some administration movement being anticipated and an intentional strategy to post teaching positions earlier.
- The daycare project will be moving soon to the construction stage with completion anticipated at end of January.
- There will be a SD 27 team attending BC Superintendents Association (BCSSA) Spring conference featuring Jo Chrona. Jo is going to work with the school district next year beginning with the start of year District Day.
- There will be a SD 27 team going to Network of Innovation and Indigenous Education (NOIIE) event.
- A highlight is increased engagement of secondary schools with communities around course selection and other topics. This is a new effort that we hope to see continue.

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

Trustee Forbes spoke on behalf of Angie Delainey to her reports:

Link for February Report:

[2023-02-14-finance_facilities-committee-report.955a1d5953.pdf](#)

Link for March Draft report:

[Finance and Facilities Committee Report](#)

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

Mary Forbes spoke to the following meetings:

Link for February Report:

[Committee Report \(windows.net\)](#)

Link for March Draft Report:

[Education Committee Report](#)

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

Link for February Report:

[2023-02-14-policy-committee-report.2ce72b5952.pdf](#)

*There was no Policy meeting in March.

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

Grant shared current Indigenous Education Department budget.

vi) **Affordability Funds: Cheryl Lenardon, Deputy Superintendent**

There is an attachment from Cheryl for this section:

Affordability Funds Update - see attached.

[AFFORDABILITY FUND UPDATE for FNEC.docx](#)

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.

Moved: Mabelene Leon

Seconded: Lacey-Dawn Testawich

D. BUSINESS:

i) Proposals:

1. Chilcotin Road Elementary School Proposal: \$2,897.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal that FNEC requested further information on in December:

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

2. Lake City Secondary School (WL) Proposal: \$3,000.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal that FNEC tabled for further information from February 3 meeting:

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FNEC to receive more info following graduation ceremony that shows the total costs including hotels and travel.

The school will have to pre-set the drummers: Only the number of drummers asked for will be paid and receive an invitation. Any other drummers who show up with a drum will not receive an honorarium but will be welcome to participate.

3. Forest Grove Elementary School Proposal: \$384.70

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

4. Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School Proposal #1: \$861.44

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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5. Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School Proposal #2: 2020.68

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

APPROVAL BY CONSENSUS

ii) Indigenous Role Models: Tracy Hubner

- All role model candidates were invited to the Board office February 8, 2023, for an Essay Writing Workshop facilitated by Teacher, Robert Fahoum.
- All role model candidates were invited to attend a Public Speaking Workshop in the Board office March 31, 2023. This was facilitated by Alexis Walsh.

- Final step in Role Model application process (their package) was due March 9, 2023.
- Selections were decided by FNEC: Thursday, April 6 from 1:00-4:30 pm
And Tuesday, April 11 from 1:00-4:30 pm.

E. STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT:

i) Targeted Funding Ideas – what to pursue with surplus: Grant Gustafson

***These funds need to be spent on paper by end of June 2023 It can be for Sept.**

Surplus carried forward from last year \$439 608.00 (will have some carry forward this year from unfilled staffing positions as well)

Projects/spending that has already happened

Landscaping projects at three HS sites = \$69 011. 80

Orange Shirts for new students and K's= \$10 139.85

Elder Poster series = Professional Photographer sitting fees + poster production costs

Amount will depend on how many posters we want in each site

Still have numerous sites working on their front entry signage (\$30 000)

New ideas given by feedback to Grant Gustafson:

- 1) District Lahal tournament (South End) -has own agenda item
- 2) District pow wow- (South End) – unable to book.
(North End) – George Fraser to book for fall of 2023.

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- 3) PSO Indigenous Education space: From discussion, **APPROVAL BY CONSENSUS.**
- 4) Outdoor Classroom at WL (pit house, sweat, smokehouse, greenhouse, hide pole) (\$141,000). (Will pursue, subtracting the green house through Esk'eteme sawmill).
Re: The green house: Mary Forbes said we should partner up with the green house in the community garden.
There are concerns how we will protect the structure.
- 5) Orange Shirt Society 4-day event for 10th anniversary:
Grant Gustafson presented outline provided by Orange Shirt Society.
Orange Shirt Society figure they need over \$100,000. Sept 27, 28, 29 and 30th.
Whatever we contribute as a donation is a one-time event.
The witness blanket etc. should be seen by all students and all schools. Cheryl Lenardon said that we need a good budget for busing here.
Michelle Archie said we could have something for the schools on the 27, 28, 29 Sept.
Michelle would like to see an agenda on how our students are going to be involved before she would give money to support this Orange Shirt Day set of events.

ON HOLD FOR NOW: Grant Gustafson to request agenda and description of events for school.

- 6) Bring in Presenters to multiple schools i.e.- motivational speakers (will pursue), author tours.
- 7) Orange Shirts for next year new K's and students (have on hand)
 - Will pursue through official retailer Kit and Kaboodle

Other responses given but may not meet criteria or be sustainable

- 8) Extra support staff (not sustainable but could look at temp) – Not to be pursued.
- 9) Certifications for Indigenous students (pay for first aid, babysitting, food safe, etc.) - Schools can do for all. Schools should already be doing.
- 10) Extra curricular coverage for parents not covered by the BCTEA-(not sustainable, setting precedence, other conversations to be had using BCTEA) – Not to be pursued.
- 11) Climbing structure at CSS (not specific to targeted dollars): Not to be pursued.
- 12) Workshop @Anahim Lake around Project based Learning and Land Based Education. Not to be pursued.

Tech Funding ideas (\$22,791.08)

- 1) Laptops to be purchased for bands to sign out/manage for student to have access to technology at home (would be a 1-time purchase). An email will be sent out to gain levels of requests.
- 2) Reading pens for students to sign out, run the pen over text and it reads to the student. Not to be pursued.

FNEC TO LET GRANT GUSTAFSON KNOW WHAT THEY REQUIRE (Laptops)

District Lahal Tournament: Grant Gustafson

There was discussion on a District Lahal Tournament:

It would be for all students. We would include bussing.

This is hosted at the south end at Eliza Archie Memorial School.

If this is about teaching time; Michelle Archie said, we can put a time limit on it.

One day event. Could turn out to be an annual event.

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Grant Gustafson and Michelle Archie to work together to coordinate

F. CLOSE OF MEETING:

Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated
April 3, 2023 be adjourned.

Moved: Michelle Archie

Meeting closed at: 12:52 pm

NEXT FNEC MEETING MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023