

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024 10:00 am until 3:00 pm**

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
Keegan Follack, A/Education Coordinator, Xats'ull First Nation (Soda Creek Band)
Ashley Rankin, Health & Educ. Mgr., Xats'ull First Nation (Soda Creek Band)
Norma Sure, Sr. Educ. Manager T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)
Agnes William, Xení Gwet'in First Nation
Mary Forbes, Trustee SD27
Joy Holte, Education Director, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Sue Sim, President IUOE
Michelle Archie, Educ. Sr. Mgr. Tsq'ésceñ First Nation
Harold Duncan, Alternate Educ. Coord. Stswecem'c/Xget'tem First Nation (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Louise Harry, Educ. Director, Stswecem'c/Xget'tem First Nation (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)

PARTICIPANTS ON-LINE:

Shirley Diablo, Education Coordinator, Tl'esqox
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association

SPECIAL GUESTS: Craig Munroe, Principal, 150 Mile Elementary School
Brenda Hooker, Secretary Treasurer, School District 27

A. Call to Order: Rosalie Montgomery, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

ii) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:

Norma Sure from Williams Lake First Nation provided a welcome to Secwepemc Territory.

ii) **Traditional Opening:**

Melanie Johnny from TI'etinqox provided a traditional opening.

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

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for April 8, 2024

Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the agenda of its meeting dated April 8, 2024, as circulated.

Moved: Melanie Johnny **Seconded:** Norma Sure

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the March 4, 2024 Meeting:

Motion – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated March 4, 2024 as circulated.

Moved: Keegan Follack **Seconded:** Melanie Johnny

C. REPORTS:

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

Power Point: [LINK](#)

Motion: Superintended Van der Mark to engage Joe Heslip, Equity in Action Project Lead to facilitate Equity Scan follow up.

Moved: Norma Sure **Seconded:** Louise Harry

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

March Report: Committee meetings were cancelled in March.

Next meeting is April 9th when the trans finder report will be coming out.
More bus drivers are required for SD27.

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

March Report: Committee meetings were cancelled in March.
April Meeting: April 10, 2024

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

March Report: Committee meetings were cancelled in March.

April Meeting: April 10, 2024

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

Staffing Forecast: See Report [Link](#)

District Principal Gustafson informed FNEC of current postings:

1. Carrier Language Teacher at Anahim Lake Elem./Jr. Sec. School.
2. Shuswap Language teacher for Dog Creek Elem./Jr. Sec. School
3. Chilcotin Language Teacher at Columneetza Jr. Sec. and Lake City Sec. Schools.
4. ISW @ Columneetza 25 Hrs./wk.
5. ISW @ Lake City Sec. 25 Hrs./wk.
6. ISW @ Skyline 10 Hrs./wk.

Budget: See Report [Link](#)

District Principal Gustafson shared that the Carry Forward was approved by province this month.

Discussion: Please send ideas for surplus spending to Grant.

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

Moved: Michelle Archie

Seconded: Keegan Follack

APPROVAL BY CONSENSUS

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

i) **11:00 am Brenda Hooker, Secretary Treasurer: District Budget Overview**

Introductions were done.

See Power point: [Link](#)

Secretary Treasurer, Brenda Hooker showed a power point presentation on the SD27 budget. She said that we are in the process of building the 2024-2025 annual budget.

District Principal Gustafson added that if anyone has any feedback to please pass along to him and he will get it to Secretary Treasurer Hooker.

ii) **11:20 Craig Munroe, Principal 150 Mile Elementary School**

Introductions were done.

Principal Munroe shared how his school been spending annual plan funding and bring cultural teachings to the student of 150 Mile Elementary. Reported Annual grant funding has been very beneficial to bringing Indigenous ways of knowing and being to the school.

[Link](#)

D. BUSINESS:

i) **CULTURAL PROPOSALS:**

FNEC will receive proposals for April & May for approval from this year's budget only. The June FNEC meeting can approve Sept. proposals, but those will come out of next year's budget.

1. **Columnetza Jr. Secondary School Proposal #1: \$2,459.20**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

2. **Columnetza Jr. Secondary School Proposal #2: \$2,025.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

ii) **Strategic Plan Update: Cheryl Lenardon**

Deputy Superintendent Lenardon said that she will bring feedback for next meeting.

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

* Deadline for the Candidate's Package and Form 2 was March 8, 2024. We have 12 females and 4 males participating.

* Role Model Selections: Following April 8th FNEC meeting and April 9th.

* Reminder: Role Model celebration date confirmed as Thursday, May 23 at 4:30 pm at Lake City Secondary School Campus.

iv) **Elder/Knowledge Keeper description: Grant Gustafson**

From last meeting, District Principal Gustafson made suggested modifications. New description was accepted to be shared with schools and communities.

v) **Staffing levels 2024-2025 input: Grant Gustafson**

District Principal Gustafson presented on the projected staffing levels and welcomed input for 2024-2025 staffing levels.

See Report: [Link](#)

FNEC would like SD27 to travel to language programs at colleges and universities to recruit teachers.

FNEC member would like to see language teachers get more time and teach language and culture.

E. STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT:

i) **Focus Area page tour: Grant Gustafson**

FNEC was toured through district website Focus Areas for Indigenous Learning and Culture.

ii) **TRU Trip Update: Grant Gustafson**

District Principal Gustafson shared the itinerary for the TRU Kamloops trip April 23-25.

[Link](#)

iii) **10 Steps to Create a Trauma Informed Resilient School: Cheryl Lenardon**

MNP, Ronda Zakia – invited to present but unable to attend.

FNEC members invited for two-day trauma informed workshop April 29th and 30th and May 2nd and 3rd.

[Link](#)

iv) **Basic Threat and Risk Assessment: Cheryl Lenardon**

FNEC Members invited to register for one day Safer Schools Training to be held April 22, 2024.

[Link](#)

F. Close of Meeting: **Adjournment:**

Recommended Motion – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated April 8, 2024 be adjourned 1:35pm.

Motion: Melanie Johnny

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt.

**Next FNEC meeting Monday, May 6, 2024
10:00 am until 3:00 pm
Lunch Provided**