

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 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
Rosalie Montgomery, Yunešit'in Government
Pamela Kozak, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Loni Solomon, Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)
Mary Forbes, Trustee SD27
Sheena Rogers, Cariboo Friendship Society
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Calvin Dubray, Education Director, Esk'etemc
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27
Lewis Budgell, Education Director Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
Lenore Case, Tšideldel First Nation (declined due to Tech. issues)

ALSO PRESENT: Irene Johnson, Esk'etemc Councilor/Language and Culture Coordinator

NOT AVAILABLE: Frieda Belleau, Alt. Esk'etemc
Sue Sim, President, IUOE
Audrey Sinclair, ?Esdilagh (Alexandria Band)
District PAC Representative
Melissa Cahoose, Education K-12, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Norma Sure, Sr. Education Mgr, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Agnes William, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation
Representative: Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Harold Duncan, Alt. Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Michelle Archie, Ed. Admin. Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake Band)
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etincox Govt. (Anaham Band)
Education Assistant, Xatš'ull First Nation (Soda Creek Band)

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

- i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:** Pamela Kozak, Williams Lake First Nation
- ii) Traditional Opening:** Song by Dorothy Myers, Yunešit'in Elder

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for February 7, 2022

Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the agenda of its meeting dated February 7, 2022, as circulated.

Moved: Lou Budgell

Seconded: Angie Delainey

CARRIED

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the December 6, 2021, Virtual Meeting:

Motion – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated December 6, 2021, as circulated.

Moved: Pamela Kozak

Seconded: Mabelene Leon

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C. REPORTS:

i) Superintendent's Report: Chris van der Mark

- Chris acknowledged the work of the WLFN regarding the St. Joseph's Mission announcement.
- Thank you to Grant for coordinating 11 schools that provided drumming to welcome staff and students back to school.
- Keven Lamoreaux will provide a virtual session next NIS Day. There will also be a special session for the high school students.
- Covid update: Chris noted appreciation for our staff working together to provide coverage when/where needed to enable schools to continue to function. Thank you to Transportation Dept. – not been easy to keep buses running with shortage of staff. The staff have risen to meeting the challenges of some extraordinary circumstances.
- Limited sports functions in the schools are now permitted.
- Retirements: Geoff Butcher at PSO
Mr. Munroe will be leaving his position at Lake City Secondary. There will no longer be one Principal for two campuses; but rather one Principal at each.

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

Angie Delainey spoke to her reports of the December 7, 2021, meeting and January 11, 2022, meeting: Please see link to meeting minutes:

[january-25-public-board-of-education-meeting-agenda.437e424244.pdf \(windows.net\)](#)

iii) **Education Committee: Mary Forbes**

Mary spoke to her report. Click on link below for January 12, 2022, meeting minutes:

[january-25-public-board-of-education-meeting-agenda.437e424244.pdf \(windows.net\)](#)

Strategic Plan Update: Cheryl Lenardon spoke to FNEC and showed them where to find this on the SD27 Website. Focus Areas are shown. This is where we are going to make positive changes.

iv) **Policy Committee: Mary Forbes**

Mary spoke to her report of January 11, 2022. Please see meeting link below:

[january-25-public-board-of-education-meeting-agenda.437e424244.pdf \(windows.net\)](#)

v) **First Nations Education Department Budget Report: Grant Gustafson**

- Grant shared the updated budget for Indigenous Education on screen.

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: Pamela Kozak

Second: Lou Budgell

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D. BUSINESS:

i) **St. Joseph's Mission finding: Grant Gustafson**

Please let us know any students or families who require assistance.

ii) **Proposals:**

1. **Nesika Elementary School Proposal: \$2,800.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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2. **Lake City Sec. (Columneetza Campus) Proposal #1 \$550.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal.

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3. Lake City Sec. (Columneetza Campus) Proposal #2 \$5,996.24

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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4. Horse Lake Elementary School Proposal #1 \$466.67

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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5. Horse Lake Elementary School Proposal #2 \$316.82

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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6. Horse Lake Elementary School Proposal #3 \$66.67

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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7. Skyline Alternate School Proposal \$1,927.36

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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8. Marie Sharpe Elementary Proposal \$2,938.69

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

CONSENSUS (SD27 will cover bus costs)

9. 100 Mile Elementary School Proposal #1 \$201.82

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

Grant to speak to school to ensure students wear these bandanas respectfully.

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10. 100 Mile Elementary School Proposal #2 \$372.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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11. 100 Mile Elementary School Proposal # 3 \$317.23

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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12. 100 Mile Elementary School Proposal #4 \$521.60

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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13. Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Sec. Proposal \$2,400.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

CONSENSUS (SD27 to cover cost of bus)

iii) First Nation Role Models: Tracy Hubner

- Role Model candidates were at 28 and are now at 26.
- The Essay Writing workshops were held last week at three campuses for candidates.
- Form 2 and Final Packages are due into our office Friday, March 11, 2022.

iv) Boarding Allowance AP650 (Draft Attached) Cheryl Lenardon

Cheryl Lenardon went over this draft policy and the improvements it will bring. This will go to the Board for approval to be circulated as a draft for further feedback; she asked FNEC for any feedback.

v) Welcome Signage: Grant Gustafson

All letters of permission have gone out to Chief and council. Replies are slow in coming! Maybelline said that Ulkatcho would like to see greetings in three (3) languages.

- Ulkatcho: Dahooja
- Nuxalk Nation: They are waiting to see what Ulkatcho want. No further word back.
- We will add Chilcotin welcome once we hear from them.

vi) Landscapes: Grant Gustafson

We are looking for anyone who can provide rock work or paving blocks. We are also looking for someone to do outdoor work at WL Campus. If FNEC know of anyone who can do this work, feel free to contact Grant on this.

vii) Digital Imagery Project: Grant Gustafson

These screens will be in all schools. It will show the 3 Nations calendars. The Year in Review. The Role Model posters.

E. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

i) Language and Culture: Grant Gustafson

We have a language teacher to work with students on-line at Anahim Lake, teaching Carrier language.

Valerie Johnson, a full certified teacher is our new Shuswap Language Teacher at LCS.

ii) TRU Transition Trip for Indigenous Students: Grant Gustafson

Information to come out soon. A trip for students to go tour Kamloops TRU site April 13 & 14, 2022. It will be a chaperoned road trip. Grades 10-12.

iii) Culture Course BAA: Grant Gustafson

Grant has written a course for Indigenous students to receive credits for the learning they are doing in their communities. It is currently in rough draft.

iv) Local 7 Sacred Teaching Posters/Elders: Grant Gustafson

We will be looking for respected Elders for this project.

v) Indigenous Peoples Day, Poetry Contest: Tracy Hubner

Invitations have been sent out to all schools, Band Schools, and private schools.

Volume 5 of the winning poems (all from 2021) is now completed. Cheryl Lenardon is looking at permission for us to be able to do a virtual book for each volume and have them on our website.

F. Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated February 7, 2022 be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn: Marlene Swears

Meeting closed at: 12:35 pm

Next meeting date: Monday, March 7, 2022