

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL  
VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 10:00 am until noon**

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**PARTICIPANTS:** Chris van der Mark, Superintendent, SD27  
Cheryl Lenardon, Assistant Superintendent, SD27  
Jerome Beauchamp, First Nations Liaison  
Tracy Hubner, Recording Secretary  
Rosalie Montgomery, Yunešit'in Government  
Shirley Diablo, Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)  
Michelle Archie, Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake Band)  
Murray Helmer, President Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association  
Pamela Kozak, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)  
Sue Sim, President, IUOE  
Lenore Case, Tšideldel First Nation  
Mary Forbes, Trustee  
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)  
Harold Duncan, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)  
Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27  
Marnie Howell, Education Assistant, Xats'ull (Soda Creek Band)  
Frieda Belleau, Esk'etemc  
Jenessa Loewen, Alt. Esk'etemc

**NOT AVAILABLE:** Heather McKenzie, Xats'ull (Soda Creek Band)  
Calvin Dubray, Principals/Vice Principals Association  
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)  
Audrey Sinclair, ?Esdilagh (Alexandria Band)  
Linda Simon, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)  
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association  
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.  
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association  
Brittany Wasstrom, District PAC Representative  
Norma Sure, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)  
Agnes William, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation  
Lewis Budgell, Education Director Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)  
Gloria Eglin, Education Liaison Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)

**A. Call to Order:** **Rosalie Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.**

**i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:** Marnie Howell from Xats'ull provided a welcome.

**B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for February 8, 2021**

**Motion** – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the Agenda of its meeting dated February 8, 2021 as presented.

Moved: Pamela Kozak

Seconded: Angie Delainey

## **CARRIED**

### **Review/Approval of the Minutes of the November 25, 2020 Virtual Meeting:**

**Motion** – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of it's meeting dated November 25, 2020 as circulated.

Moved: Pamela Kozak

Seconded: Angie Delainey

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### **C. REPORTS:**

#### **i) Assistant Superintendent's Report: Cheryl Lenardon**

- Cheryl updated FNEC on First Nations Cultural spaces at Lake City Secondary Campus':
- Cheryl spoke about the NITEP learning experiences
- Pro D session planned for February 12, 2021 by Dancing Water Sandy.
- We are working to keep students connected to their schools.
- FNEC will be asked for feedback next meeting on the District Strategic Plan.

#### **ii) Superintendent's Report: Chris van der Mark**

- Chris thanked Education Coordinators for helping to keep their communities safe and ours as well.
- Chris thanked Jerome and Ed Coordinators for working together on keeping track of students.
- Announcement on new Covid guidelines and changes in schools was explained.

#### **iii) Finance, Facilities & Transportation Committee Report: Chris Van der Mark**

- Chris explained how the Federal Government funding was utilized to increase technology.
- Budget: We may have some things to consider for next year; if students do not come back to school by September.
- Chris explained Provincial funding was used for items including personal protective equipment, hygiene supplies and enhanced cleaning.

iv) **Education Committee: Chris van der Mark**

- Chris explained that a suggested shut down of schools was not within his powers. All communities have had different lock down times as well. We have tried to support their needs as best we can and we will continue to do that.
- Every month Jerome has been taking the Board through the LEAs and also working with the Principals. This is really valuable work.
- SD27 received higher completion rates last year for all students. First Nations were at 72.5% this is a positive step.
- Floyd to take Sr. staff through some local language.
- Federal funding used for Outdoor learning spaces received and ability to get the outdoor spaces going.
- Trying to move things forward in a complex and challenging time.

v) **Policy Committee: Chris van der Mark**

- Policy committee: key policy changes to be aware of is especially now it's cold. Buses no longer automatically cancelled at -32.

vi) **First Nations Education Department Budget Report: Jerome Beauchamp**

- Jerome shared the update of the budget. Updated budget document will be forwarded to members next week.
- Construction of Outdoor Learning Spaces at Columneetza and WL Campus' will commence in the spring.
- Our district has had a direct focus on on-reserve students to see what their needs are. We have been phoning families directly to see what students need to be able to learn from home.
- Ensuring teachers are well connected to their students.
- Helping students with the Teams connection as well.
- Working with Education Coordinators to be able to follow their students' progress.
- Our Transitions Workers have been working really hard with students; especially grade 6 and grade 12 students at the moment.

**Motion THAT the First Nations Education Council receives the reports of the Assistant Superintendent, the First Nations Liaison and the Superintendent's Report on correspondence as submitted:**

Moved: Shirley Diablo

Second: Mary Forbes

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**D. BUSINESS:**

**i) Proposals: Cultural Proposals (these were all scanned to FNEC Jan. 26, 2021)**

**1. Horse Lake Elementary School Proposal: \$200.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal.

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**2. Lake City Secondary (Columneetza Campus): \$1,440.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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**3. 150 Mile Elementary School Proposal: \$3,280.92**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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**4. Marie Sharpe Elementary School Proposal: \$1,300.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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**5. Horse Lake Elementary School Proposal #2: \$400.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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**iii) First Nation Role Models: Jerome Beauchamp**

- Tracy Hubner has sent out the Form 2 and Essay Writing Packages to all candidates.
- We have 21 candidates this year (17 Female and 4 male)

**iv) Staffing: Cheryl Lenardon, Jerome Beauchamp**

Several positions are posted on the SD27 website.

**E. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:**

**a) Language and Culture:**

**i) First Nations Cultural Room: Lake City Secondary School (WL Campus & Columneetza Campus):**

Cheryl Lenardon provided an update on the progress of these rooms to FNEC.

**ii) LEA Training for Principals and Teachers: Jerome Beauchamp**

Jerome provided an update on the LEA training he has been providing. The presentation will be presented to FNEC at our next meeting.

**iii) Annual Poetry Contest: Currently on until March 12, 2021**

Jerome noted that we received approximately 400 entries per year.

**iv) Positive letters:**

To date our department has sent out 130 positive letters. Please let us know of any students who could use a positive letter!

**v) Professional Development Workshop:**

On February 12, 2021 Dancing Water Sandy will facilitate a workshop from 9-3 on beaded emoji's and feathers

**F. Adjournment of Meeting:**

**Motion** – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated February 8, 2021 be adjourned.

**Motion to adjourn:** Rosalie Montgomery

**Meeting closed at:** 12:04 pm

**Next meeting date:** Monday, March 8, 2021 from 10:00 am until 12 noon.

**\*We will include a phone number in the calendar invitation that participants may use if they can't join us by Teams.**