

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 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
Agnes William, Xení Gwet'in First Nation
Keegan Follack, A/Education Coordinator, Xat'sūll First Nation (Soda Creek Band)
Norma Sure, Sr. Educ. Manager T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)
Dora Grinder, A/Education Coordinator, T'sideldel First Nation
Michelle Noskey, Cariboo Friendship Society
Mary Forbes, Trustee
Joy Holte, Ulkatcho
Marlene Swears, President, Cariboo Chilcotin Metis Assn.
Dawn Short, Alt. Cariboo Chilcotin Metis Assn.
Shirley Diablo, Toosey Band
Louise Harry, Educ. Director, Stswecem'c/Xget'tem First Nation (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)

PARTICIPANTS ON-LINE:

Calvin Dubray, Education Director, Esk'eteme
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatcho

SPECIAL GUESTS: Holly Zurak, Principal Nesika Elementary School
Tess Riley, Vice-Principal, Cataline Elementary School

A. Call to Order: Michelle Archie, Alt./Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

ii) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:

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

ii) Traditional Opening:

Norma Sure provided a traditional opening.

iii) Introductions: Introductions were done.

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for June 3, 2024

Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the agenda of its meeting dated June 3, 2024, as circulated.

Moved: Joy Holte **Seconded:** Marlene Swears

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the May 6, 2024 Meeting:

Motion – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated May 6, 2024 as circulated.

Moved: Dawna Short **Seconded:** Michelle Noskey

C. REPORTS:

i) Superintendent’s Report: Chris van der Mark

[Chris V Presentation to FNEC June2024.pptx](#)

Chris thanked FNEC for letting him be a small part of this community for the past 5 years.

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

June Report: [Link](#)

iii) Education Committee: Trustee, Anne Kohut Mary Forbes

June Report: [Link](#)

iv) Policy Committee: Trustee, Mary Forbes

June Report: [Link](#)

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

The Staffing Report was shared with FNEC. [staffing report.pdf](#)

The Budget Report was shared with FNEC. [Budget June.pdf](#)

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: Shirley Diablo **Seconded:** Dawna Short

APPROVAL BY CONSENSUS

***SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

i) 11:00 am Holly Zurak, Principal, Nesika Elementary School:

Introductions were done. Holly gave a presentation on the cultural events at Nesika Elementary School.

ii) Tess Riley, Vice-Principal, Cataline Elementary School:

Introductions were done. Tess gave a presentation on Cataline's trip to Esk'etemc. Five students shared what they liked and learned on this trip.

D. BUSINESS:

i) CULTURAL PROPOSALS:

There were no proposals submitted for June FNEC meeting.

ii) Annual Plan: Grant Gustafson

MOTION:

To allocate \$100,000 to schools for Sept. 1, 2024 to be distributed based on same student numbers as 2023-2024 in order to be available Sept. 1, 2024.

Moved: Marlene Swears Second: Norma Sure

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iii) BCTEA Transportation Plans: Grant Gustafson

District Principal Gustafson reviewed the Transportation Plans. Transportation form was emailed to all Bands.

iv) Indigenous Role Models: Tracy Hubner

Thank you to everyone who came and helped with the Role Model Celebration. The posters and bookmarks are on the table today for the Bands.

Crowns: Currently we pay the Band \$250.00 for them to have an Elder make a crown. Any costs over that are to be covered by the Band. This was in affect since June 2015.

Discussion:

There was a motion to up the amount to the Band to \$500.00.

Motion: Keegan Follack **Seconded:** Marlene Swears

**Discussion continued with another (2nd Motion) which stood:
Final Motion for Crown costs:**

Amended motion to \$750.00 for SD27 Contribution:

Chris van der Mark: What if the motion stays at \$750.00. The school district matches what the table puts in up to \$1,500.00.

Motion:

Re: Crowns cost: FNEC table gives \$750.00 per crown and District gives 750.00 per crown. Up to \$1,500.00 total to give to Elder.

Motion: Norma Sure

Seconded: Calvin Dubray

Motion from Michelle Archie:

Dawna Short: Seconded

CONSENSUS (NOTE: this is to apply to this year's artists)

E. STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT:

i) How are we Doing Report: Grant Gustafson

District Principal Gustafson shared key strategies from provincial 'How are we doing report'. Discussion occurred.

Link: [How are we doing report.pptx](#)

ii) Focus Area Page Tour:

District Principal Gustafson shared focus area posts from the District Website.

Link for Indigenous Focus Page: [Link](#)

iii) Lahal Event: Grant Gustafson

District Principal Gustafson presented on the Lahal event to take place June 14th. An interschool Lahal tournament. Anyone who wishes to be a knowledge keeper, please let Grant know.

150 Mile Elementary School, Cataline and Mountview Elementary schools are participating.

Explore possibility of a North end vs South end tournament happening in future.

iv) Year in Review Presentation: Tracy Hubner

The annual Year in Review power point was shown for 2023-2024 school year.

F. Close of Meeting:

Adjournment:

Recommended Motion – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated June 3, 2024 be adjourned 2:22 pm.

Motion: Dawna Short

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Norma Sure