

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING
MONDAY, June 7, 2021 10:00 am until noon**

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
Lenore Case, Tšideldel First Nation
Pamela Kozak, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Mary Forbes, Trustee
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)
Marnie Howell, Education Assistant, Xats'ull First Nation (Soda Creek Band)
Linda Simon, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Michelle Archie, Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake Band)
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Lewis Budgell, Education Director Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Sue Sim, President, IUOE
Jenessa Loewen, Alt. Esk'etemc
Frieda Belleau, Esk'etemc
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
Agnes William, Xení Gwet'in First Nation
Shirley Diablo, Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)
Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27

SPECIAL GUESTS: Diane Wright & Jan Fichtner from CID Consulting Services
Dave Corbett
Grant Gustafson

NOT AVAILABLE: Murray Helmer, President Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Audrey Sinclair, ʔEsdilagh (Alexandria Band)
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Brittany Wasstrom, District PAC Representative
Norma Sure, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Michelle Archie, Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake Band)
Harold Duncan, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)

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

i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory: Marnie Howell provided a welcome to the territory and a special opening prayer.

***Chris Van der Mark addressed FNEC:**

Chris acknowledged the tragic findings and events of the past few weeks. Reemphasized our condolences and support for our communities and all those impacted.

*** Special Presentation by CID Consulting: Diane Wright & Jan Fichtner 10:10-10:20**

Diane and Jan shared their work to date on the Independent Directed Studies (connecting outside learning with regular studies). Community Field Experience students will be contacting Education Coordinators.

***Special Presentation by David Corbett, Coordinator of Career Programs:**

David Corbett explained the WEX program and the application process. Tracy will email info.

***Special Presentation by Grant Gustafson, new District Principal, First Nations Education:**

Grant shared a presentation with FNEC that covered his understanding, vision and commitments to listen and work with communities.

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for June 7, 2021

Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the Agenda of its meeting dated June 7, 2021 as circulated.

Moved: Lewis Budgell

Seconded: Michelle Archie

CARRIED

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the May 10, 2021 Virtual Meeting:

Motion – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated May 10 2021 as circulated.

Moved: Michelle Archie

Seconded: Frieda Belleau

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C. REPORTS:

i) Superintendent's Report: Chris van der Mark

- Chris continuing to do the work about teaching of Indigenous culture.

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- September 7, 2021 District Planning Day: Non instructional day. In the morning Kevin Lamoureux will speak. The key focus will be on reconciliation. All SD27 staff will be taking part. Bus drivers, people who only work 1 hour a day. Everyone.
- Cheryl has ordered ‘Speaking our Truth’ books for everyone.
- Kevin Lamoureux will be at 3 Professional Development days throughout the year.

ii) **Finance, Facilities & Transportation Committee Report: Chris Van der Mark & Angie Delainey**

- May 18, 2021 was the budget presentation.
- May 27, 2021 the budget was passed.
- Anahim Lake School breach in lagoon system: Remediation work is going on.
- Horse Lake Elementary: Septic saturation due to a water leak being repaired.
- Teacherage Costs: There will be no increase at this time.
- Massive update of latest technology. Out of general funding. It is a commitment for everyone.
- One member asked for an update on the Puntzi Mtn. site.
Chris Van der Mark apologized that he did not have an update on the Puntzi Mtn. site. He will see what information he can find.

iii) **Education Committee: Mary Forbes**

- Nothing new to add.

iv) **Policy Committee: Mary Forbes, Chair of Policy Committee**

Policies Receiving Final Approval:

- Policy 500 – Anaphylaxis (revisions to current policy) AP500
- Policy 210 – Communications (revisions to previous new policy with content moved in t AP210)

Policies Repealed:

- Policy 3513 – Community Use of Facilities (replaced by Policy 730)
- Policy 3110 – Operating Budget (replaced by Policy 660)
- Policy 3280 – Donations-Equipment and Facilities (replaced by Policy 641)
- Policy 249 – Authority-Protection of Pupils and Maintenance of Order (contravenes Ministry guidelines, some content included in Policy 5145, Draft Policy 510 and AP510)

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

- Jerome shared the Budget and Technology update for First Nations Education. This was emailed to FNEC June 7, 2021.
- Jerome showed budget on the screen and received questions from FNEC.
- One member asked about Teachers with years of experience at Band schools not having their seniority recognized when they take a job at a public school.

We will follow up at the next First Nations Education Council Meeting.

Motion THAT the First Nations Education Council receives the reports of the Superintendent, the First Nations Liaison and the Superintendent's Report on Finance Committee, Facilities and Transportation Committee, Education Committee and Policy Committee as submitted:

Moved: Michelle Archie

Second: Marnie Howell

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D. BUSINESS:

i) **Proposals: There were no cultural or Technology Proposals submitted.**

ii) **First Nation Role Models: Tracy Hubner**

- Role Models will be crowned Friday, June 11, 2021.
- Jackets and Sashes are ready.
- Posters have been sent to all Schools, Band offices, Band Schools and First Nations Organizations.

E. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

a) **Language and Culture:**

i) **Annual Poetry Contest: Contest closed March 12, 2021**

A total of 534 poems were received. We opened 9 Categories. All students are receiving a letter from our office. Letters and prizes are almost all sent out.

ii) **FNEC Representation for Off-Reserve students: Jerome Beauchamp**

Jerome Beauchamp gave some options to FNEC to help represent students who are off-reserve: There was discussion.

F. Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated June 7, 2021 be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn: Rosalie Montgomery

Meeting closed at: 12:09 pm

Next meeting date: TBA fall 2021