

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 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
Mary Forbes, Trustee SD27
Pamela Kozak, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Harold Duncan, Alt. Stswecem'c/Xget'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27
Calvin Dubray, Education Director, Esk'eteme
Lenore Case, Tšideldel First Nation
Michelle Archie, Ed. Admin. Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake Band)
Loni Solomon, Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)
Murray Helmer, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association

NOT AVAILABLE: Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
Frieda Belleau, Alt. Esk'eteme
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etincox Govt. (Anaham Band)
Audrey Sinclair, ?Esdilagh (Alexandria Band)
Latisha Kirechuk, Chair, District PAC SD27
Agnes William, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Sheena Rogers, Cariboo Friendship Society
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Lewis Budgetell, Education Director Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Melissa Cahoose, Education K-12, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Norma Sure, Sr. Education Mgr, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Avo Menakian, Education Assistant, Xatšúll First Nation (Soda Creek Band)
Sue Sim, President, IUOE
Representative: Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)

A. Call to Order: Rosalie Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

- i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:** Pamela Kozak, Williams Lake First Nation
- ii) Traditional Opening:** Lenore Case, Tšideldel First Nation

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

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

Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the agenda of its meeting dated March 7, 2022, as amended:

- Cheryl Lenardon added Graduation Requirements (update) section E of agenda.
- Calvin Dubray added information on District Principal positions coming out. Section E of agenda.

Moved: Mary Forbes

Seconded: Pamela Kozak

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Review/Approval of the Minutes of the February 7, 2022 Virtual Meeting:

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

Moved: Mary Forbes

Seconded: Angie Delainey

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C. REPORTS:

i) Superintendent's Report: Chris van der Mark

- Chris spoke about the Kevin Lamoureux presentation to students and staff in February. Grant added that Kevin spoke to the students on their roll in Truth and Reconciliation. Kevin asked them to determine what kind of role model they want to be. It was a powerful learning experience for the students.
- Staffing (Principal positions)
There is a new Principal required for PSO. Chris noted that Michelle Archie will sit in on this interview from FNEC.
Lake City Secondary will now have 2 principals. There is a Posting is for a Principal at the Sr. Campus.
Student Support Services have a posting for a District Principal. Rosalie Montgomery and Pamela Kozak from FNEC will take part in these WL positions.
- Chris noted that the new Secretary Treasurer, Harinder Singh has started with us.

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

Angie Delainey spoke to her reports of the February 8, 2022, meeting: Please see link to meeting minutes:

[2022-03-08-finance-and-facilities-transportation-committee-agenda.af84094415.pdf \(windows.net\)](#)

iii) Education Committee: Trustee, Mary Forbes

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

[2022-03-09-education-committee-meeting-agenda.52e8164416.pdf \(windows.net\)](#)

Cheryl Lenardon added information on the 19 UBC Teacher Candidates who will come to our school district in May and June. They will work in our schools and in community. They get to see what it is like to live and work in a rural school district; this is a recruitment strategy.

Cheryl noted that career/recruitment fairs will be going again this year.

iv) Policy Committee: Trustee, Mary Forbes

Mary spoke to her report of February 7, 2022. Please see meeting link below:

Next meeting March 8, 2022 at 5:00 pm

[2022-03-08-policy-committee-meeting-agenda.9b38c64414.pdf \(windows.net\)](#)

v) First Nations Education Department Budget Report: Grant Gustafson

- Grant shared the updated budget for Indigenous Education on screen.
- We are going to streamline the finance reports to make them more user-friendly.
- Cultural supplements have gone out. Tracy working closely with teachers on their funding.
- Poetry Contest: books
- Role Models:
- Curriculum Field trips: TRU field trip
- Video screen project with calendars etc.
- Welcome signage: letters to all chiefs went out.
- Orange shirt order: 5 schools to reply
- Every site gets a 4x8 Every Child Matters sign for the fencing.

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: Michelle Archie

Second: Lenore Case

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D. BUSINESS:

i) Proposals:

- 1. Horse Lake Elementary School Proposal: \$2,016.45**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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- 2. Marie Sharpe Elementary (includes Mt. View) School Proposal #1 \$366.48**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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- 3. Marie Sharpe Proposal #2 \$800.00 (Bussing Only)**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

Indigenous Education will cover through Cultural Trips account

- 4. Forest Grove Elementary School Proposal #1 \$1,700.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

This proposal removed from table as this project was covered for all schools.

- 5. Forest Grove Elementary School Proposal #2 \$6,332.86**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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- 6. Nesika Elementary School Proposal \$1,728.78**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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- 7. Cataline Elementary School Proposal #1: \$3,435.12**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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- 8. Cataline Elementary School Proposal #2: \$3,492.20**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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

- Role Model candidates were at 28 and are now at 25.
- Form 2 and Final Packages are due into our office Friday, March 11, 2022. After Spring Break the voting packages will be put together.
- Role Model Selections will take place in April date TBA

iv) **Welcome Signage: Grant Gustafson**

All letters of permission have gone out to Chief and council. We have not received many replies.

Ulkatcho and Nuxalk nations have got back to us.

Tracy will send the letters that went to Chiefs to the Education Coordinators.

v) **Graduation Requirements update: Grant Gustafson**

Every student will be required to have an Indigenous focused course as part of their graduation program. See link for BC Govt. Press Release:

[FNEC-EDUC-Grad-Requirement-Two-Pager-March-4.pdf \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

E. **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:**

i) **Language and Culture: Grant Gustafson**

ii) **TRU Transition Trip for Indigenous Students Update: Grant Gustafson**

A trip for 25 students to go tour Kamloops TRU site April 13 & 14, 2022. It will be a chaperoned road trip. Grades 10-12.

iii) **Local 7 Sacred Teaching Posters/Elders: Grant Gustafson**

We will be looking for respected Elders for this project. Looking at hiring a professional photographer to do these posters. Grant asked FNEC to think of elders who students respect.

iv) **Indigenous Peoples Day, Poetry Contest: Tracy Hubner**

Poems are starting to come into our office now. This contest closes on Friday, March 11, 2022. After Spring Break the poems will be categorized and sorted to be ready for judges.

v) **Orientation Video – what to include:**

Grant Gustafson would like to do a First Nations piece here to give more knowledge to staff. Examples of content could be footage related to Esk'etemc cross cultural day,

welcome songs in all 3 languages, opening prayer in all 3 languages and messages from different Chiefs, Role Models, what we do in the school district, where to find curriculum resources, strategies for dealing with trauma, important landmarks/dates throughout the year, etc.

Grant asked if anyone wants to be involved in this project, to please let him know. One member said that they would like it to also explain the proposal format and what can be applied for.

We are only brainstorming today. Send us your ideas and we can elaborate on it.

FNEC asked Grant to provide FNEC a timeline of when they must have things done by and if we are looking for a committee to do this, then ensure one person from each nation is on it.

Grant Gustafson will send out information to FNEC.

F. Adjournment of Meeting:

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

Motion to adjourn: Rosalie Montgomery Michelle Archie: Seconded.

Meeting closed at: 12:06 pm

<p>Next meeting date: Monday, April 4, 2022</p>
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