

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING
MONDAY, May 2, 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
Pamela Kozak, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Sue Sim, President, IUOE
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Mary Forbes, Trustee SD27
Loni Solomon, Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.
Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27
Lenore Case, T'sideldel First Nation
Cindy Charleyboy, Ulkatcho
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Lewis Budgell, Education Director Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Frieda Belleau, Alt. Esk'etemc
Calvin Dubray, Education Director, Esk'etemc
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)

NOT AVAILABLE: Rosalie Montgomery, Yunešit'in Government
Michelle Archie, Ed. Admin. Tsq'escen'
Audrey Sinclair, ?Esdilagh (Alexandria Band)
Murray Helmer, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Latisha Kirechuk, Chair, District PAC SD27
Sheena Rogers, Cariboo Friendship Society
Melissa Cahoose, Education K-12, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Harold Duncan, Alt. Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Representative: Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Avo Menakian, Education Assistant, Xats'ull First Nation (Soda Creek Band)
Agnes William, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation

A. Call to Order: Grant Gustafson called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

- i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:** Pamela Kozak, Williams Lake First Nation
- ii) Traditional Opening:** Lenore Case from T'sideldel provided an opening prayer.

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for May 2, 2022

Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the agenda of its meeting dated May 2, 2022 as circulated.

Moved: Lew Budgell

Seconded: Pamela Kozak

CARRIED

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the April 4, 2022 Virtual Meeting:

Motion – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated April 4, 2022, as amended. Last page, meeting Dated April 4, 2022.

Moved: Angie Delainey

Seconded: Pamela Kozak

CONSENSUS

C. REPORTS:

i) Superintendent’s Report: Chris van der Mark

- Chris shared some highlights from the Superintendent’s Association meeting. FSA results were discussed. FSA’s and Reading Results and Learning Series give us a good picture of where our students are at. We are striving to improve connection between schools and communities. Monique Gray Smith presented as did FNEC.
- Final Professional Development Day was Friday, April 29, 2022. We are fortunate to have a robust group of presenters and teaching professionals to provide workshops. Many staff at schools were able to take part.

Cheryl Lenardon added that we are fortunate to have a great system with the student information system called ‘Power BI’. Staff can filter it to meet their needs. These tools are unique to our district.

Administrators do not have to go look for information, it is right there. We have better data in a more-timely fashion. It is meant to be a meeting tool; to answer questions for people in meetings.

Cheryl added that the signed waivers for FNEC Education Coordinators are important.

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

Angie Delainey spoke to her reports of the April 2022 meeting.

Please click [link](#) to open meeting minutes.

iii) **Education Committee: Trustee, Angie Delaine**

Angie Delaine spoke to the April report for the Education Committee.

Please click [link](#) to open meeting minutes.

iv) **Policy Committee: Trustee, Mary Forbes**

Mary Forbes spoke to the April 12, 2022, report for the Policy Committee.

Please click [link](#) to open meeting minutes.

v) **Indigenous Education Department Budget Report: Grant Gustafson**

- Grant to present budget in email to FNEC as the information was not yet available.
- Resource kits based on traditional calendar being created for use by every school: Dancing Water Sandy at the Indigenous Resource Centre is working on this.
- High School Graduation for Lake City Secondary. We will use graduation supply money for more Indigenous stoles.
- Orange shirt signage for all school fences complete.
- Orange Shirt Order for all SD27 students and staff complete.
- Graphic displays for each school will be a large purchase.

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 and budget to come out later.

Moved: Lou Budgell

Second: Mabelene Leon

CONSENSUS

D. BUSINESS:

i) **Proposals:**

1. **Lake City Secondary School (Columneetza) Proposal #1:** **\$2,500.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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2. **Lake City Secondary School (Columneetza) Proposal #2:** **\$3,030.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal: **CONSENSUS**

3. **Marie Sharpe Elementary School Proposal #1:** **\$6,011.46**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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4. Marie Sharpe Elementary School Proposal #2: \$672.36

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

CONSENSUS for revised amount of \$922.36 to include an additional Elder.

Grant to include on proposal form in future this territorial elder part.

5. Cataline Elementary School: Grant Gustafson

*** Shared “Thank you” to FNEC from Cataline Elementary School.**

iii) First Nation Role Models: Tracy Hubner

- Role Model Selections took place April 21, 2022 with 7 in attendance.
- We have the keepsake crowns, and the jackets and sashes have all been ordered.
- Role Model Celebration: Discussion for 2022

Consensus: Catered event on Wednesday, June 8th 4:30 pm

E. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

Language and Culture:

i) TRU Transition Trip for Indigenous Students Update: Grant Gustafson

11 out of 25 students took part in the Kamloops TRU site trip on April 13 & 14, 2022. It was a chaperoned road trip for Grades 10-12.

Day 1 welcomed at TRU. Tours of the campus. Individual tours for what students wanted to enroll in. All supports available were made aware of to the students. There was a movie and dinner put on at the t’kemplups Residential School. A motivational talk was also provided.

ii) Outdoor Spaces: Update by Grant Gustafson

Grant has had one meeting with Tino Seidler and Calvin Williams on the learning Centre site quote.

We do not have a picture to share of what is proposed. Tino constructed the one at Churn Creek and will provide more information to Grant.

Concern is that the down-town area, there could be vandalism.

Waiting on a quote from Tino and the rock work guy. Must wait for rock suppliers to open back up.

iii) Graduation Requirements Update: Grant Gustafson

Grant showed the Indigenous Focused Graduation Requirements presentation.

All students to take part in this process starting with students currently in Grade 10: One of these courses, or a language course, or a local Indigenous course. This is an early presentation. It is for the 2023-2024 graduates.

Grant said that we will send this power point out to FNEC members.

Please submit feedback to Grant.

iv) **Indigenous Support Worker Posting: Grant Gustafson**

This will provide more support to the students. All support workers received a pay raise. It was a lot of work to make this happen.

This position is paid for out of Indigenous Targeted Funds.

Difference is that there were 2 positions. They did different things from each other. Both were paid from target funds. Now they both have the same options.

Pay raise: in the past it was not equal to the other similar support positions. Now it is the same.

NOTE: HR to tidy language up: First Nation, Aboriginal, OR Indigenous?

v) **June 6, 2022 FNEC Meeting: Grant Gustafson**

In person. Tracy has booked SD27 Boardroom for June 6. Lunch will be provided.

vi) **Indigenous Peoples Day Poetry Contest: Tracy Hubner**

vii) **Boarding Allowance Update: Cheryl Lenardon**

Cheryl went over the amended Boarding Allowance Administrative Procedure.

There is an emphasis on monitoring and supporting students who are boarding.

Cheryl Lenardon said that the students still must do a School of Choice if their school has grade 10 in it. The Administrative Procedure supports choice of where students do their graduation program.

The process is that people must apply on an annual basis for Boarding Allowance.

Our rates are in comparison to other school districts. It is \$500.00/month per student – even if more than one student in family.

We are also looking at ways to support students who may wish to stay in their community for their full graduation program. Possible Independent Directed Study, or Distributed Learning. We can look at these options.

We will continue to explore options for some classes to be live on-line so out of town students can still take part.

F. Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated **May 2, 2022** be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn: Lou Budgell

Meeting closed at: 12:20

<p>Next meeting date: Monday, June 6, 2022 At SBO Boardroom 10:00 am until noon Lunch will follow</p>
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