

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021 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
Pamela Kozak, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Mary Forbes, Trustee
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)
David Hall, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Michelle Archie, Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake Band)
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Sue Sim, President, IUOE
Frieda Belleau, Alt. Esk'etemc
Calvin Dubray, Education Director, Esk'etemc
Shirley Diablo, Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)
Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Rosanna McGregor, Exec. Director, Cariboo Friendship Society
Lenore Case, Tšideldel First Nation
Norma Sure, Sr. Education Mgr, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Harold Duncan, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)

Also Present: Alana Meyers, SD27 Career Programs (Elementary) 10:09-10:33 am.

NOT AVAILABLE: Marnie Howell, Education Assistant, Xatšüll First Nation (Soda Creek Band)
Lewis Budgell, Education Director Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Audrey Sinclair, ?Esdilagh (Alexandria Band)
District PAC Representative
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
Agnes William, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation

A. Call to Order: **Rosalie Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.**

i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory: Rosanna McGregor, Williams Lake First Nation

ii) Traditional Opening: Rosanna McGregor, Exec. Dir. Cariboo Friendship Centre

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for November 8, 2021

Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the Agenda of its meeting dated November 8, 2021 as circulated.

Moved: Michelle Archie

Seconded: Angie Delainey

CARRIED

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Alana Meyers from Career Programs, SD27

Alana gave a presentation for introducing the trades to elementary students (K-Grade 7) this includes the rural schools. For further information she is available alana.meyers@sd27.bc.ca

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the October 4, 2021 Virtual Meeting:

Motion – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated October 4, 2021 as circulated.

Moved: Mabelene Leon

Seconded: Michelle Archie

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C. REPORTS:

i) Superintendent's Report: Chris van der Mark

- Chris shared that Chief Sellars will speak at the BC School Superintendent's Association conference.
- Vaccine mandates: Board is discussing this at their meeting tomorrow.
- Chris thanked Grant and the Education Coordinators for their work with students/families and work/home contacts. The work with the LEA's has heightened the awareness of this.

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

Angie Delainey spoke to her report of the October 12, 2021 meeting: Please see [2021-10-26-public-board-of-education-meeting-agenda.e6352f3675.pdf \(windows.net\)](#)

iii) Education Committee: Mary Forbes

Mary spoke to her report at:

[2021-10-26-public-board-of-education-meeting-agenda.e6352f3675.pdf \(windows.net\)](#)

iv) Policy Committee: Mary Forbes

Mary spoke to her report at:

[2021-10-26-public-board-of-education-meeting-agenda.e6352f3675.pdf \(windows.net\)](#)

v) **First Nations Education Department Budget Report: Grant Gustafson**

- Grant shared the budget for Indigenous Education. He is working to align the reports FNEC receives with the format of reports from Finance. He noted that enrollment was 1,411 and is now at 1,428
- A new FNYLW position at LCS Columneetza will be posted.

vi) **Strategic Planning: Cheryl Lenardon**

Cheryl showed members how to find the Strategic Plan on the SD27 Website: Go to SD27, our district tab, Strategic Planning, scroll down. One is the district plans, one is score cards, under Indigenous Culture and Learning the schools are sharing photos and projects that they are doing. We are encouraging schools to share with us all they are doing.

Motion THAT the First Nations Education Council receives the reports of the Superintendent, the First Nations District Principal, Finance Committee, Facilities and Transportation Committee, Education Committee and Policy Committee as submitted:

Moved: Pamela Kozak

Second: Shirley Diablo

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D. BUSINESS:

i) **Proposals:**

Grant went over the revised Proposal Form. He read thankyou's to FNEC that he will forward on electronically.

1. **Mental Health and Covid Recovery Funds (for input) Cheryl Lenardon**

There was discussion on this Grant. The Ministry said that we are receiving a grant for this. We have a proposal put together on how we are going to use this money. Cheryl asked FNEC for their input here.

2. **Skyline Alternate School Proposal: \$1,612.80**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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3. **150 Mile Elementary School Proposal: \$685.24**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

ON HOLD, PENDING FURTHER INFORMATION. Grant to request additional information from schools including us of proper protocols re this project from another Nation.

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

- Role Model Registrations were sent out in October for students Grade 8-11
- The 2021 Role Model Ceremony will be put back on the LCS (WL) Website.
- Difficult to get registration booths set up in schools due to Covid. Will monitor this.

iii) **Staffing: Grant Gustafson**

There was discussion re the inability to fill the position of Shuswap Language teacher at Lake City Secondary School and what arrangements have been made for the students.

iv) **Local Artists list: Grant Gustafson**

Grant has started gathering information (local artists list). He has updated the old list.

v) **Welcome Signage: Grant Gustafson**

Grant showed a draft spreadsheet of how it is looking to date.

Welcome signage at every SD27 school incorporating traditional language of the territory. He has question marks for FNEC input, so we ensure we do this respectfully.

Grant has also included some options. FNEC will be emailed this for further consideration.

vi) **Acknowledgement Protocol: Grant Gustafson**

Some information is from the BC Govt. Grant has this in draft form as well.

It is important to do this in accordance with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. We can personalize this. We are looking for feedback.

vii) **Honorarium Structure: Grant Gustafson**

Grant sent SD27 Indigenous Education, Honoraria Structure out to FNEC and will ensure schools use this.

E. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

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

Grant shared that Sean Cameron, Director of Learning and Innovation is creating a report system to match up to the LEA progress reports. As soon as this is done, he will be sending it out to the Bands.

There was discussion about the possibility of having a one-time Waiver Form that went with the student file from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

F. Adjournment of Meeting:

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

Motion to adjourn: Pamela Kozak and Mary Forbes

Meeting closed at: 12:38 pm

Traditional Closing: Shirley Diablo

Next meeting date: Monday, December 6, 2021