

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING
MONDAY, October 4, 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)
Marnie Howell, Education Assistant, Xats'ull First Nation (Soda Creek 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)
Lewis Budgell, Education Director Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Sue Sim, President, IUOE
Frieda Belleau, Alt. Esk'eteme
Calvin Dubray, Education Director, Esk'eteme
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
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association

NOT AVAILABLE: Lenore Case, Tšideldel First Nation
Murray Helmer, President Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Audrey Sinclair, ʔEsdilagh (Alexandria Band)
District PAC Representative

A. Call to Order: Rosalie Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

- i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:** Pamela Kozak from Williams Lake First Nation welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- ii) Traditional Opening:** Provided by Shirley Diablo, Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for October 4, 2021

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

Moved: Mary Forbes

Seconded: Michelle Archie

CARRIED

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the June 7, 2021 Virtual Meeting:

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

Moved: Angie Delainey

Seconded: Mary Forbes

CONSENSUS

C. REPORTS:

i) Superintendent's Report: Chris van der Mark

- Chris asked FNEC what their thoughts were on the Kevin Lamoureux presentation in September. He felt Kevin did a good job of discussing an uncomfortable topic.
- All outdoor structures at the schools are now completed.
- Full masks for Kindergarten to Grade 12 are in effect now. It is a requirement; but there are exemptions. It is a challenging time for everyone.
- The District has an extended Learning series from Kevin Lamoureux who will be back in November. We are happy with the positive feedback from our teachers and staff.
- Cheryl Lenardon added that we also had a video from Monique Gray Smith on the first day. Cheryl will send the link to FNEC to the chat box for anyone interested.
- Chris thanked Cheryl for providing the Monique Gray Smith Book.
- Grant added that Dancing Water has put together her Professional Development workshop schedule for 2021-2022. The first workshop was held on Sept. 22.

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

Trustee Delainey spoke to report. See: [Board of Education Meetings \(sd27.bc.ca\)](https://www.sd27.bc.ca/Board-of-Education-Meetings)

iii) Education Committee: Mary Forbes, Trustee

Trustee Forbes spoke to report. See: [Board of Education Meetings \(sd27.bc.ca\)](https://www.sd27.bc.ca/Board-of-Education-Meetings)

Cheryl Lenardon shared that the Strategic Plan is on the School District website and showed FNEC members how to navigate it.

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

Trustee Forbes spoke to report. See: [Board of Education Meetings \(sd27.bc.ca\)](https://www.sd27.bc.ca/Board-of-Education-Meetings)

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

- Grant Gustafson shared the Preliminary Budget for Indigenous Education.
- Resources and study groups are new.
- He will show a more detailed budget summary to FNEC in the future.
- Grant will send out the budget summary sheet to FNEC that he just showed on the screen.
- Cheryl Lenardon explained the Independent learning study:

This is where students can receive credits for community and cultural learning. You need to let Grant know in advance of the activity so we can plan with the student. Examples include beading and language. 30 hours equals one credit. 140 hrs. for a full course. Students demonstrate their learning to be assigned a mark. It is for grades 10, 11, 12. Let's look at their events and plan ahead so they can receive credit.

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

Moved: Marnie Howell

Second: Michelle Archie

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D. BUSINESS:

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

1. **Lake City Secondary School (WL Campus): \$2,150.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

This Proposal: ON HOLD FOR MORE INFORMATION

2. **Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School Proposal: \$300.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

CONSENSUS

3. **Forest Grove Elementary School Proposal: \$1,542.15**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

CONSENSUS

4. **Nesika Elementary School Proposal: \$538.64**

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

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

- The 2021 Role Models were crowned Friday, June 11, 2021. There is a link on Lake City Secondary (WL Campus) website to watch the ceremony. The Tribune was on hand to cover this once again.
- Role Model Crowns: Reminder to Tl'etinqox Govt. that they are to provide the keepsake Crown for Seth. It needs to be completed and handed in to us by the end of February 2022.
- Role Model Registrations will be coming out in October for students in Grade 8-11.

iii) **Staffing: Grant Gustafson**

Grant shared where we are with posted and vacant positions. He is still working on staffing for Indigenous Education Department

iv) **Enrollment: Grant Gustafson**

Grant Gustafson shared that the Indigenous student enrolled is at 1,411

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

Grant said that he will be sending an email out to FNEC to provide us with people who are best to do local art at some of our schools. Looking at a list of artists available that FNEC would approve.

vi) **Welcome Signage: Grant Gustafson**

We are looking for approval from the Bands on spelling and what they want in signage at various schools.

It could be different at different sites. We have schools with students of all Nations or only one. We need to get approval for the traditional territory for each school

What are the protocols we need to observe to erect these signs?

Grant said that he will draw up a list for this and present to FNEC.

vii) **Acknowledgement Protocol:**

Grant wants to ensure if that is what FNEC still wants to see? Acknowledgement is done respectfully and under the wishes of FNEC.

Grants wants one protocol in place to put out to all staff. It needs to be the same.

It was noted that this protocol could be different for addressing children in elementary schools. There will be further discussion with FNEC.

viii) **Nominal Roll:**

Grant thanked everyone for taking part in the Nominal Roll.

ix) **Representation from Cariboo Friendship Society:**

Grant shared that a representative from Cariboo Friendship Society will represent students who are off reserve. We will have them included in future FNEC meetings.

E. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

a) **Language and Culture:**

- i) Career Programs: David Corbett will speak to FNEC at our November meeting.
- ii) Orange Shirt Day September 30, 2021:
Virtual gathering was held on September 29, 2021
- iii) Positive letters: It was noted that in the 2020-2021 school year, the First Nations Education Department sent out 661 positive letters.
- iv) Indigenous Education Department Proudly Presents: Year in Review 2020-2021 Power point.

F. Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated October 4, 2021 be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn: Michelle Archie Second: Melanie Johnny

Meeting closed at: 12:10 pm

Next meeting date: Monday, November 8, 2021