

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023 10:00 am until 3:00 pm**

PARTICIPANTS IN PERSON:

Chris van der Mark, Superintendent, SD27
Cheryl Lenardon, Deputy Superintendent, SD27
Grant Gustafson, District Principal Indigenous Education
Tracy Hubner, Recording Secretary
Miriam Schilling, Education Coordinator, Xatsùll First Nation (Soda Creek Band)
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)
Pamela Kozak, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
Sue Sim, President, IUOE
Mary Forbes, Trustee SD27
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Harold Duncan, Alternate Educ. Coord. Stswecem'c/Xget'tem First Nation (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)

PARTICIPANTS ON-LINE:

Rosalie Montgomery, Yunešit'in Government
Michelle Archie, Educ. Sr. Mgr. Tsq'ésceñ First Nation
Calvin Dubray, Education Director, Esk'etemc

NOT AVAILABLE:

Michelle Noskey, Cariboo Friendship Society
Shirley Diablo, A/Education Coordinator Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)
Agnes William, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation
Lenore Case, Tsideldel First Nation
Ashley Camille, Educ. Coordinator, Stswecem'c/Xget'tem First Nation
Latisha Kirechuk, Chair, District PAC SD27
Audrey Sinclair, Educ. Assist. ?Esdilagh First Nation
Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27
Lewis Budgell, A/Education Director, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Catherine Groundwater, Education Coordinator Esk'etemc

A. Call to Order: Rosalie Montgomery, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

ii) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:

Pamela Kozak from Williams Lake First Nation provided a welcome to Secwepemc Territory.

ii) Traditional Opening:

Rosalie Montgomery provided a traditional opening.

iii) Introductions: Introductions were done.

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for November 6, 2023

Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the agenda of its meeting dated November 6, 2023, as circulated.

Moved: Pamela Kozak

Seconded: Michelle Archie

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the October 3, 2023 Meeting:

Motion – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated October 3, 2023 as circulated.

Moved: Marlene Swears

Seconded: Pamela Kozak

C. REPORTS:

i) Superintendent's Report: Chris van der Mark

[Superintendent's Report](#) Chris van der Mark (Full Board of Education Agenda is posted online.)

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

Angie Delainey was not available. Mary Forbes spoke on the highlights.

[Link for Report](#)

iii) Education Committee: Trustee, Anne Kohut (Presented by Angie Delainey)

[Link for Report](#)

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

[Link for Report](#)

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

Budget:

Grant shared the Indigenous Education Department budget on the screen.

Staffing: Action item requested by Cheryl Lenardon

Include on the Feb. Agenda (staffing discussion) for FNEC to have input re: staffing levels prior to the March staffing allocations.

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 as submitted.

Moved: Pamela Kozak

Seconded: Marlene Swears

APPROVAL BY CONSENSUS

D. BUSINESS:

i. **CULTURAL PROPOSALS:** (Electronic Forms are in process – to be used soon!)

1. **Lake City Secondary & Columneetza Jr. Sec. School:** \$1,200.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

CONSENSUS

(FNEC want Nara Riplinger to give presentation on this trip at the Dec. FNEC meeting).

2. **Lake City Secondary School Proposal #1:** \$1,250.00

There was discussion on this proposal:

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3. **100 Mile Elementary School Proposal #1:** \$572.88

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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| 4. <u>100 Mile Elementary School Proposal #2:</u> | \$629.24 |
| There was discussion on this cultural proposal: | |
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| 5. <u>Lake City Secondary School Proposal #2:</u> | \$3,000.00 |
| There was discussion on this cultural proposal: | |
| CONSENSUS | |
| 6. <u>Columnetza Jr. Secondary School Proposal #1:</u> | \$920.00 |
| There was discussion on this cultural proposal: | |
| CONSENSUS | |
| 7. <u>Forest Grove Elementary School Proposal:</u> | \$800.00 |
| There was discussion on this cultural proposal: | |
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| 8. <u>Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School Proposal:</u> | \$139.11 |
| There was discussion on this cultural proposal: | |
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| 9. <u>100 Mile Elementary School Proposal #3:</u> | \$121.70 |
| There was discussion on this cultural proposal: | |
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| 10. <u>Chilcotin Road Elementary School proposal:</u> | \$425.00 |
| There was discussion on this cultural proposal: | |
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11. Columneetza Jr. Secondary School Proposal #2 \$2,380.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

CONSENSUS

12. Lake City Secondary School Proposal #3 \$2,201.05

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

CONSENSUS

13. Lake City Secondary School Proposal #4 \$4,850.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

FNEC felt there was not enough information attached to this proposal.

FNEC: TABLED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

ii) Indigenous Role Models: Tracy Hubner

- Role models Sky Johnson & Tyson Michel took part in the Orange Shirt Day event at the stampede grounds with their classes.
- 2024 Role Model Registration is on the website and in the schools.
- The Role Models helped with registration table at Lake City Secondary on Oct. 24th and Columneetza Jr. Secondary on October 25th encouraging their peers. There was a role model registration booth at PSO on October 26 as well.

iii) Calendar Development: Marlene Swears

Concerns of some families were shared re: the placement of the Christmas Break. The consultation and decision process was explained. FNEC will review the proposed calendar prior to adoption in March.

E. STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT:

1. Annual plans and \$ amounts: Grant Gustafson

Grant Gustafson asked if FNEC want to allocate money to support school annual plans. Proposal was \$100,000.00 from surplus. Each school gets base amount of \$2,500.00 and remaining allocation based on FTE. Allocation chart displayed.

There was discussion on this:

CONSENSUS FOR DISCUSSION ON THIS AT DEC. FNEC MEETING. Show some of the annual plans that are ready at that time.

Suggested a committee be formed to review school plans and fund based on approval by committee.

2. Feeding Futures: Cheryl Lenardon

Reminder of this event:

FNEC is welcome to attend. Gibraltar room November 8 from 10-2. Poster was forwarded to FNEC twice in October.

3. Indigenous Education Council Policy from the Ministry:

This is difference from our FNEC policy.

FNEC is no longer a committee of the board.

Grant Gustafson said that he sent this out to everyone.

Further information to come as new legislation is implemented.

4. Local Education Agreement Policy from the Ministry

This will not impact current LEA's. It can be looked at prior to renewals or before putting an LEA together.

Further information to be shared as template comes out.

5. First Nations School of Choice (SoC) Policy from the Ministry:

Communities get to chose which school they want to be their catchment school.

If parents do not want the school their band chooses, they need to complete a school of choice form.

These decisions need to be made by third week of January when registration for the coming year commences. Communities need to be ready for this.

6. Annual Indigenous People's Day Poetry Contest 2024 Tracy Hubner

Our annual Poetry contest is soon to be out in all the schools and on our SD27 website.

7. Elections for FNEC Chair and Vice-Chair:

Nomination for Rosalie Montgomery and Michelle Archie to remain Chair and Vice-Chair for First Nations Education Council.

Unanimous decision to keep status quo.

Moved: Sue Sim

Seconded: Melanie Johnny

F. Close of Meeting:

Adjournment:

Recommended Motion – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated November 6, 2023 be adjourned 3:04 pm.

Motion: Michelle Archie

<p>Next FNEC meeting Monday, December 4, 2023 10:00 am until 3:00 pm Lunch Provided</p>
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