

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL  
MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023 10:00 am until noon**

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**PARTICIPANTS IN PERSON:**

Chris van der Mark, Superintendent, SD27  
Cheryl Lenardon, Deputy Superintendent, SD27  
Grant Gustafson, District Principal Indigenous Education  
Tracy Hubner, Recording Secretary  
Rosalie Montgomery, Yunešit'in Government  
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association  
Pamela Kozak, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)  
Sue Sim, President, IUOE  
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)  
Catherine Groundwater, Education Coordinator Esk'etemc  
Michelle Noskey, Cariboo Friendship Society  
Mary Forbes, Trustee SD27  
Shirley Diablo, A/Education Coordinator Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)  
Agnes William, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation  
Calvin Dubray, Education Director, Esk'etemc

**PARTICIPANTS ON-LINE:**

Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.  
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association  
Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27  
Mirium Schilling, Education Coordinator, Xats'ull First Nation (Soda Creek Band)

**NOT AVAILABLE:**

Latisha Kirechuk, Chair, District PAC SD27  
Audrey Sinclair, Educ. Assist. ?Esdilagh First Nation  
Michelle Archie, Educ. Sr. Manager, Tsq'ésceñ First Nation  
Lewis Budgell, A/Education Director, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)  
Lenore Case, Tšideldel First Nation  
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)  
Ashley Camille, A/Educ. Director, Stswecem'c/Xget'tem First Nation (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)

**A. Call to Order: Rosalie Montgomery, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.**

ii) **Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:**

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

ii) **Traditional Opening:**

Melanie Johnny from Tl'etinqox Govt. provided a traditional opening.

iii) **Introductions:** Introductions were done.

**B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for October 3, 2023**

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

**Moved:** Pamela Kozak                      **Seconded:** Shirley Diablo

**Review/Approval of the Minutes of the June 5, 2023 Meeting:**

**Motion** – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated June 5, 2023 as circulated.

**Moved:** Pamela Kozak                      **Seconded:** Mary Forbes

**C. REPORTS:**

i) **Superintendent's Report: Chris van der Mark**

[Superintendent's Report](#)

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

[Link for Report](#)

iii) **Education Committee: Trustee, Anne Kohut**

[Link for Report](#)

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

[Link for Report](#)

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

**Budget:**

Grant shared the proposed Indigenous Education Department budget on the screen. He sent out two budget sheets following the meeting.

Enrollment at 1,385 Indigenous students in the preliminary snapshot. Not finalized.

**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: Calvin Dubray**

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**D. BUSINESS:**

i) **Proposals:**

**1. Outback Storefront School Proposal: \$1,513.30**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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**2. Alexis Creek Elementary/Jr. Sec. Proposal #1: \$125.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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**3. Alexis Creek Elementary/Jr. Sec. Proposal #2: \$300.00**

There was discussion on this Cultural Proposal:

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**4. Chilcotin Road Elementary School Proposal: \$175.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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**5. Mile 108 Elementary School Proposal #1: \$1,120.64**

There was discussion on this Cultural Proposal:

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**6. Mile 108 Elementary School Proposal #2: \$200.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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**7. Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School Proposal: \$4,771.94**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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**ii) Indigenous Role Models: Tracy Hubner**

- Role models Sky Johnson & Tyson Michel took part in the Indigenous People's Day Parade as their first public appearance for SD27.
- The Role Models took part in the Stampede Parade as special guests of TI'tinnox Govt.
- The Role Models have both enjoyed Pow Wow's at WLFN
- SD27 sent the Role Models and their families to the Kamloops Pow Wow August long weekend. They participated in the Grand March all three days!
- Williams Lake Tribune wrote a touching article on Sky Johnson and her Aunt Edna.

**E. STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT:**

**1. Terms of Reference: Grant Gustafson**

Grant showed the Terms of Reference on the screen. The Terms of Reference need review and updating. We can discuss this on the next agenda. Grant will send out.

FNEC meeting hours were discussed. Consensus for new meeting time of 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Lunch will be provided 12:00-12:30

**2. Provincial audit findings and path forward. Grant Gustafson**

Grant shared the Indigenous Education Department Audit procedure, findings, and district responses from audit feedback.

**3. Annual plans and \$ amounts: Grant Gustafson**

Grant Gustafson requested FNEC consider allocating money out to the schools for their annual plans.

FNEC wish to refer this to the November meeting. Add to Nov. agenda.

**4. Orange Shirt events: Grant Gustafson**

Presentation provided around what schools did to recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Grant Gustafson thanked the Orange Shirt Society for all the work they did.

**5. Feeding Futures: Cheryl Lenardon**

Overview given of provincial grant for enhancing food programs at schools.

FNEC is welcome to attend, Gibraltar room November 8 from 10-2. Poster will be forwarded to FNEC.

**F. Close of Meeting:**

**Adjournment:** 12:28 Lunch was served.

**Recommended Motion** – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated October 3, 2023 be adjourned.

**Motion:** Mary Forbes and Pamela Kozak seconded 12:28

<p><b>Next FNEC meeting Monday, November 6, 2023</b> <b>*New time of 10:00 am until 3:00 pm</b> <b>Lunch Provided</b></p>
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