FIRST NAT[`]IONS EDUCATION COUNCIL VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 10:00 am UNTIL NOON

PARTICIPANTS:	Chris van der Mark, Superintendent, SD27 Cheryl Lenardon, Assistant Superintendent, SD27
	Jerome Beauchamp, First Nations Liaison
	Tracy Hubner, Recording Secretary
	Rosalie Montgomery, Yuneŝit'in Government
	Lenore Case, Tŝideldel First Nation
	Pamela Kozak, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
	Mary Forbes, Trustee
	Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27
	Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
	Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)
	Lewis Budgell, Education Director Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
	Gloria Eglin, Education Liaison Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
	Sue Sim, President, IUOE
	Marnie Howell, Education Assistant, Xats'ull First Nation (Soda Creek
	Band)
	Jenessa Loewen, Alt. Esk'etemc
	Murray Helmer, President Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
NOT AVAILABLE:	Shirley Diablo, Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)
	Audrey Sinclair, ?Esdilagh (Alexandria Band)
	Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
	Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.
	Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Association
	Brittany Wasstrom, District PAC Representative
	Norma Sure, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
	Michelle Archie, Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake Band)
	Harold Duncan, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
	Frieda Belleau, Esk'etemc
	Linda Simon, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
	Agnes William, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation

A. <u>Call to Order:</u> Rosalie Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

- i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory: Pamela Kozak provided a welcome to the territory.
- **ii**) **Traditional Opening:** Gloria Eglin from Ulkatcho Band provided a Traditional Welcome.

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for April 12, 2021

Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the Agenda of its meeting dated April 12, 2021 as circulated.

Moved: Lewis Budgell Seconded: Pamela Kozak

CARRIED

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the March 8, 2021 Virtual Meeting:

Motion – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated March 8, 2021 as circulated.

Moved: Mary Forbes Seconded: Pamela Kozak

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C. <u>REPORTS:</u>

i) <u>Superintendent's Report: Chris van der Mark</u>

- Chris updated FNEC on the outdoor spaces and the use of the Federal Covid Funding. He said that we identified a few key priorities. Two areas we did identify were outdoor classrooms and technology - two things we could improve with this one time money. Technology needed to be updated for now and into the future. He showed a power point of the outdoor classrooms being built and utilized at all our schools.
- Posting for new District Principal, First Nations Education position was discussed. FNEC will have representation in the process.
- Sue Sim and Taryn Aumond are working closely together to combine the FNCSW and FNYLW positions into one. FNEC expressed support for this at the meeting.

ii) <u>Finance, Facilities & Transportation Committee Report: Chris Van der Mark</u>

• Chris Van der Mark said that as we do our work for our budget plan for the overall staffing we do need to pay attention to student enrollment which has been made less predictable due to Covid.

iii) Education Committee: Chris van der Mark

- Jerome Beauchamp shared the LEA presentation with this committee. He hopes to show it to FNEC this meeting or next.
- Cheryl Lenardon provided an update to our Strategic Plan and encouraged FNEC members to attend and make community members aware of our upcoming public session on Strategic Planning.

iv) Policy Committee: Chris van der Mark

- Updates to a few policies made shorter and more readable.
- New website to be launched for SD27 soon and policies will be easy to find.
- Policy changes and updates include:
 - Naming of schools and facilities
 - School closures
 - Catchment areas
 - Alcohol on school property
 - Physical restraint and seclusion
 - Anaphylaxis

We need to take a look at why we are not getting a feed back on these policies.

v) <u>First Nations Education Department Budget Report: Jerome Beauchamp</u>

- Jerome shared the Budget and Technology update for First Nations Education. This was emailed to FNEC on April 9, 2021.
- Cheryl Lenardon: We have engaged Diane Wright and Jan Fichtner to work with Education Coordinators to find out what the First Nations youth (grade 10-12) are doing in their communities that they could be earning school credit for. These two ladies are putting together a framework for Independent Directed Studies that students can work with school staff to plan. The framework will be ready by the end of this school year. We will look at more options including Board/Authority Authorized courses in the future.
- School Resource Review: April 28th all Teacher Librarians will connect virtually with Dancing Water Sandy and Jennifer Clark to review FNESC guidelines for Authentic First Peoples Resources.
- The Elder Program: we are planning on this for next year.
- Future LEA meetings may have school Principal meeting also with the Band and District Principal of First Nations Education.

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

Moved: Lewis Budgell Second: Mabelene Leon

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D. <u>BUSINESS</u>:

i) <u>Proposals: Cultural Proposals (these were all scanned to FNEC Mar. 31, 2021)</u>

1. <u>Marie Sharpe Elementary School Proposal</u>: \$3,393.68

There was discussion on this cultural proposal.

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2. Ecole Nesika Elementary School Proposal #1: \$888.78

There was discussion on this cultural proposal.

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3. Ecole Nesika Elementary School Proposal #2: \$2,484.20

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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4. Horse Lake Elementary School Proposal: \$5,000.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal.

DENIED

ii) <u>First Nation Role Models</u>: Tracy Hubner

- Form 2 process closed Friday, March 12, 2021. We have 3 males and 9 females.
- Role Model Selections: Need to be done by the end of April. I will get voting package ready this week. FNEC will be sent a link with voting information.
- Jackets: Vendor requires one full month to have these made. They will be ordered right after the voting selections are completed.

iii) Staffing: Cheryl Lenardon, Jerome Beauchamp

Chris Van der Mark covered this earlier.

E. <u>STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT</u>: Cheryl Lenardon

a) Language and Culture:

i) Annual Poetry Contest: Contest closed March 12, 2021

A total of 534 poems were received. They are currently being sorted into their categories and entered on spreadsheets prior to going to the judges.

ii) FNEC Representation for Off-Reserve students: Jerome Beauchamp

Jerome Beauchamp is working with the Cariboo Friendship Centre, Denisiqi and Three Corners Health and will have something to present at next meeting re the off-reserve student representation.

iii) Lateral Violence Workshop: May Pro D day. Info coming out in two weeks.

iv) <u>Children in Care</u>: Sean Cameron, Director of Learning & Innovation

We have developed an Admin procedure for monitoring and supporting Children in Care. This includes a dedicated staff member who will check in regularly and liaise with agencies.

There was discussion and Sean took note of FNEC's comments.

v) <u>Welcome signage at schools</u>: Cheryl Lenardon

Cheryl asked FNEC for their feedback on this. Does FNEC want all three languages or just the one for the territory the school is in? Education Coordinators will discuss with their Elders and report back.

vi) <u>Community and Cultural Credits</u>: Cheryl Lenardon (already done)

vii) <u>LEA Presentation</u>: Jerome Beauchamp (this is to be moved to next meeting)

F. <u>Adjournment of Meeting</u>:

Motion – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated April 12, 2021 be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn: Trustee, Mary Forbes

Meeting closed at: 12:10 pm

Next meeting date: May 10, 2021

*We will include a phone number in the calendar invitation that participants may use if they can't join us by Teams.