

**FIRST NATIONS 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, Yunešit'in Government
Lenore Case, Tšideldel 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 Budgett, 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, ʔEsdilagh (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. Call to Order: 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.

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) **First Nations Education Department Budget Report: Jerome Beauchamp**

- 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 FNEC 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. BUSINESS:

i) **Proposals: Cultural Proposals (these were all scanned to FNEC Mar. 31, 2021)**

1. Marie Sharpe Elementary School Proposal: \$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) First Nation Role Models: 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. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: 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) Children in Care: 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) Welcome signage at schools: 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) Community and Cultural Credits: Cheryl Lenardon (already done)

vii) LEA Presentation: Jerome Beauchamp (this is to be moved to next meeting)

F. Adjournment of Meeting:

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.**