

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL  
VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING  
MONDAY, May 10, 2021 10:00 am until noon**

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**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  
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)  
Marnie Howell, Education Manager, Xats'ull First Nation (Soda Creek Band)  
Linda Simon, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)  
Jennifer Bonnell, Educ. Assist. Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake Band)  
Lewis Budgell, Education Director Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)  
Sue Sim, President, IUOE  
Frieda Belleau, Education Coord.  
Murray Helmer, President Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association  
Frieda Belleau, Esk'etemc  
Shirley Diablo, Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)  
Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** Diane Wright & Jan Fichtner from CID Consulting Services

**NOT AVAILABLE:** 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)  
Agnes William, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation  
Vacant, Education Liaison Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)  
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)  
Jenessa Loewen, Alt. Esk'etemc

**A. Call to Order: Rosalie Montgomery called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.**

**i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:** Pamela Kozak from Williams Lake First Nation provided a welcome to the territory.

ii) **Traditional Opening:** Frieda Belleau from Esk'etemic provided a Traditional opening. Welcome.

**\* Special Presentation by CID Consulting: Diane Wright & Jan Fichtner 10:10-10:45**

Diane Wright and Jan Fichtner updated FNEC on the Independent Directive Studies (connecting outside learning with regular studies). They explained how it will work and be monitored.

FNEC members were asked to send Tracy Hubner a list of activities their grade 10, 11, 12 students will be involved in this summer. Tracy will track this for Diane and Jan.

**B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for May 10, 2021**

**Motion** – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the Agenda of its meeting dated May 10, 2021 as circulated.

Moved: Michelle Archie

Seconded: Frieda Belleau

**CARRIED**

**Review/Approval of the Minutes of the April 12, 2021 Virtual Meeting: Sent May 5, 2021**

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

Moved: Pamela Kozak

Seconded: Marnie Howell

**CONSENSUS**

**C. REPORTS:**

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

- Chris thanked Jan Fichtner and Diane Wright for their presentation.
- Outdoor classrooms still going up at various schools.
- Cheryl Lenardon said that the "Speaking our Truth" book by Monique Gray Smith will be distributed to all staff District day.
- District will focus on Reconciliation and feature speaker Kevin Lamoureux from University of Winnipeg.
- Postings closed for District Principal for First Nations Education.

ii) **Finance, Facilities & Transportation Committee Report: Chris Van der Mark**

- We had a virtual meeting of the Strategic Plan publicly and received some feedback. Indigenous learning and culture is a priority.
- Cheryl Lenardon added that people can review the link at anytime.
- Angie Delainey shared that we are in the process of trying to get some properties for sale. Popular Glade and two in 100 Mile area are for sale currently.

iii) **Education Committee: Mary Forbes**

- Floyd Dick spoke about engaging in language in work spaces.
- Worked on pronunciation of communities. TRU has a website for local community pronunciations. This was really engaging and challenging.

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

- Click on link to view Policy notes from Mary Forbes

[Go to the item](#)

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 May 6, 2021.
- Cultural spaces at Columneetza and WL Campus are almost complete. The grand opening will be the fall.
- A process for enabling students to acquire cultural credits was discussed.
- Schools worked through a process to evaluate school based resources and given funds to add to their collections.
- Elder program: We are in the process of developing an Elder program for next year.

**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: Pam Kozak

Second: Marnie Howell

**CONSENSUS**

**D. BUSINESS:**

i) **Proposals: Cultural Proposals (these were all scanned to FNEC May 5, 2021)**

1. **Forest Grove Elementary School Proposal:** **\$1,237.74**

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

**2. Horse Lake Elementary School Proposal #1: \$600.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal.

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**3. Horse Lake Elementary School Proposal #2: \$800.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

**CONSENSUS**

**4. Nesika Elementary School Proposal #1: \$664.46**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal.

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**5. Nesika Elementary School Proposal #2: \$385.00**

There was discussion on this proposal.

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

- Role Model Selections: Three Bands and the Métis voted for Role Model this year.
- New 2021 Role Models are: Kaden Craig from the Saulto First Nation at Moberly Lake. Seth Cahoose from the Anaham Band and Ulkatcho Band.
- Jackets and Sashes: Have been ordered.
- Accounting is processing their Bursaries.
- Posters and bookmarks are being made this week.

**iii) Welcome Signage in district: FNEC recommendations**

Cheryl Lenardon raised this at last FNEC meeting to have this signage visible.

Options: All three languages used, or only language applicable to the territory the school is in. FNEC to report back on what their communities want.

There was discussion. The consensus was that we would approach this on a community to community basis. Proposed signage will come to FNEC in advance.

**iv) Staffing: Cheryl Lenardon, Jerome Beauchamp**

Chris covered.

**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. There are letters being sent to all students for participating. Student winners receive a letter with a cheque. Teachers who have class winners will receive Aboriginal themed books for their classroom.

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

Jerome Beauchamp will have a report for FNEC next meeting.

**iii) LEA Presentation: Jerome Beauchamp**

Jerome covered his LEA presentation with FNEC. He will provide FNEC with a link to view this.

Jerome Beauchamp added that he is making another power point for next year that will explain the LEAs and will dig deeper into people's responsibilities.

**F. Adjournment of Meeting:**

**Motion** – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated May 10, 2021 be adjourned.

**Motion to adjourn:** Michelle Archie      **Meeting closed at:** 12:17 pm

**Next meeting date:** June 7, 2021 10:00 am to noon