

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2024 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
Rosalie Montgomery, Yunešit'in Government
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Agnes William, Xení Gwet'in First Nation
Keegan Follack, A/Education Coordinator, Xatšúll First Nation (Soda Creek Band)
Norma Sure, Sr. Educ. Manager T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)
Sue Sim, President IUOE
Dora Grínder, A/Education Coordinator, Tšideldel First Nation
Louise Harry, Educ. Director, Stswecem'c/Xget'tem First Nation (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Michelle Noskey, Cariboo Friendship Society

PARTICIPANTS ON-LINE:

Calvin Dubray, Education Director, Esk'etemc

SPECIAL GUESTS: Yvonne Davis, VP Lake City Secondary School

A. Call to Order: Rosalie Montgomery, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

ii) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:

Norma Sure from Williams Lake First Nation provided a welcome to Secwepemc Territory.

ii) Traditional Opening:

Norma Sure provided a traditional opening.

iii) Introductions: Introductions were done.

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for May 6, 2024

Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the agenda of its meeting dated May 6, 2024, as circulated.

Moved: Norma Sure **Seconded:** Melanie Johnny

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the April 8, 2024 Meeting:

Motion – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated April 8, 2024 as circulated.

Moved: Melanie Johnny **Seconded:** Norma Sure

C. REPORTS:

i) Superintendent’s Report: Chris van der Mark

[Link](#)

Cheryl Lenardon: Trauma Informed Resilient Schools Training

SD27 hosted Circle of Courage training provided by MNP. The two-day workshop “10 Steps for Creating a Trauma Informed, Resilient School” was run twice during the week of April 29-May 3. It will be offered again in the coming school year. There was participation by FNEC members.

ii) Finance, Facilities & Transportation Committee Report: Trustee Forbes

April Report: [Link](#)

iii) Education Committee: Trustee, Anne Kohut Mary Forbes

April Report: [Link](#)

iv) Policy Committee: Trustee, Mary Forbes

April Report: [Link](#)

v) Indigenous Education Department Budget & Staffing Report: Grant Gustafson

Staffing:

April Report: [Link](#)

Budget:

April Report: [Link](#)

Motion THAT the First Nations Education Council receives the reports of the Superintendent, the District Principal, Indigenous Education, Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee, as submitted.

Moved: Melanie Johnny

Seconded: Keegan Follack

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SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

i) 11:00 am Yvonne Davis, VP Lake City Secondary School:

Introductions were done.

Yvonne Davis gave a presentation that shared Indigenous learning and culture at Lake City Secondary.

[Link](#)

School District to send IDS Handbook to FNEC members.

FNEC would like to have the capstone program people come talk to FNEC. District Principal Gustafson to organize in fall.

D. BUSINESS:

i) CULTURAL PROPOSALS:

1. Alexis Creek Elementary/Jr. Secondary School Proposal #2: \$842.32

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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2. Alexis Creek Elementary/Jr. Secondary School Proposal #3: \$2,809.48

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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3. Cataline Elementary School Proposal: \$3,509.75

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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4. Nesika Elementary School Proposal #1: \$945.68

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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5. Nesika Elementary School Proposal #2: \$5,960.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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6. Naghtaneqed Elementary/Jr. Secondary School Proposal: \$2,058.97

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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7. Columnetza Jr. Secondary School Proposal: \$2,000.00

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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ii) Strategic Plan Update: Cheryl Lenardon

Deputy Superintendent Cheryl Lenardon shared a summary of the feedback received on key focus areas for the upcoming District Plan for Learner Success..

[Link](#)

iii) Indigenous Role Models: Tracy Hubner

* Role Model Celebration Thurs., May 23rd at 4:30 pm, Lake City Sec. gymnasium.

E. STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT:

i) Attendance updates: Grant Gustafson

District Principal Gustafson showed attendance data.

[Link](#)

ii) Focus Area Page Tour:

District Principal Gustafson shared focus area posts from the District Website.

[Link](#)

iii) TRU Trip Update: Grant Gustafson

District Principal Gustafson presented on the trip to TRU campus Kamloops.

Presentation: [Link](#)

iv) BCTEA Plans: Grant Gustafson

Finance and Transportation currently breaking down costing.

Reports to come as soon as possible.

1) BCTEA Joint Transportation Report.

2) Joint plans for application.

FNEC members asked to think about transportation issues getting in the way of student success.

District Principal Gustafson to follow up with phone calls.

Signed reports due May 24, 2024.

v) Elder Posters: Grant Gustafson

District Principal Gustafson gifted the appropriate set of elder posters to each band.

F. Close of Meeting:

Adjournment: 1:22 pm

Recommended Motion – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated May 6, 2024 be adjourned 2:00 pm.

Motion: Melanie Johnny

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Melanie

<p>Next FNEC meeting Monday, June 3, 2024 10:00 am until 3:00 pm Lunch Provided</p>
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