

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2020**

PARTICIPANTS: Chris van der Mark, Superintendent, SD27
Cheryl Lenardon, Assistant Superintendent, SD27
Jerome Beauchamp, First Nations Liaison
Linda Martens, Trustee, SD27
Angie Delainey, Trustee SD27
Tracy Hubner, Recording Secretary
Shirley Diablo, Tl'esqox (Toosey Band)
Frieda Belleau, Esk'eteme
Linda Simon, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Michelle Archie, Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake Band)
Marilyn Camille, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe Creek/Dog Creek Band)
Melanie Johnny, Tl'etinqox Govt. (Anaham Band)
Murray Helmer, President Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Pamela Kozak, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Lewis Budgell, Education Director Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Gloria Eglin, Education Liaison Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Mabelene Leon, Ulkatchot'en (Ulkatcho First Nation)
Sue Sim, President, IUOE
Heather McKenzie, Xats'ull (Soda Creek Band)
Marie Camille, Councilor, Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem Canoe Creek/Dog
Creek

NOT AVAILABLE: Calvin Dubray, Principals/Vice Principals Association
Rosalie Montgomery, Yunešit'in Government
Audrey Sinclair, ?Esdilagh (Alexandria Band)
Lenore Case, Tšideldel First Nation
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)
Agnes William, Xení Gwet'in First Nation

A. Call to Order: Jerome Beauchamp called the meeting to order at 10:51 a.m.

i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory: Pamela Kozak

ii) Chair Person: Jerome started to be Chairperson for the meeting until Michelle arrived.

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for November 25, 2020

Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the Agenda of its meeting dated November 25, 2020 as presented.

Moved: Pamela Kozak

Seconded: Frieda Belleau

CARRIED

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the October 19, 2020 Virtual Meeting:

Motion – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of Its meeting dated October 19, 2020 as circulated.

Moved: Michelle Archie

Seconded: Pamela Kozak

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C. REPORTS:

i) Assistant Superintendent’s Report: Cheryl Lenardon

- Cheryl updated FNEC on the District’s outdoor initiatives including outdoor learning spaces, Take Me Outside for learning challenge and upcoming Pro-D.
- Cheryl provided information about the Communities That Care ‘Prevention Needs Assessment Survey’ to be completed by Grade 7-12 students in December.
- Cheryl addressed the cultural credits and initiatives for students. This will be underway in January 2021.
- Book Clubs for staff: Trying to engage staff with teaching and Truth and Reconciliation pieces.

ii) Superintendent’s Report: Chris van der Mark

- Chris reported on his own Shuswap language learning with Shuswap from Floyd Dick. He added that senior staff will also be engaged in language learning.
- Chris provided an update on Covid-19 exposure in one of our schools and an overview of the status of Covid-19 in BC Schools.
- Chris discussed how the Covid-19 federal funding would be used in SD27.

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

- The improvement to service for First Nation Communities in the Transportation Agreements was discussed.

- Equity Scan: It illuminates some really key areas we had to improve esp. around First Nations students. We were able to work with strategic planning. We have some avenues to gain some broader input and student voice.
- Angie Delainey advised that 100 Mile Jr. has been demolished and the site is being cleaned up.

iv) **Education Committee: Chris van der Mark**

Chris van der Mark shared that starting this December, K-7 student report cards will use the proficiency scale in use in many districts in BC instead of letter grades.

iv) **Policy Committee: Chris van der Mark**

Chris reported on changes to the Transportation Policy.

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

- Jerome shared the update of the budget.
- Regular teacher budget pays for BCFN12 and EFP 10, 11, 12 staffing.
- Culture Funding is being arranged for some smaller schools.
- We have updated all workers technology to better communicate with students and families, and enable staff to attend meetings, enter AMS etc.
- Elder Program: An Elder program is being developed that will incorporate both Elder mentoring and Language program support. This could take place in the culture rooms at the high school. This is difficult to do at the moment as we need to protect the Elders.
- On reserve Technology Support: Supporting students who are not currently attending school due to Covid-19 was discussed.
- A separate staffing page is being prepared for FNEC.

Motion THAT the First Nations Education Council receives the reports of the Assistant Superintendent, the First Nations Liaison and the Superintendent's Report on correspondence as submitted:

Moved: Lewis Budgell

Second: Pamela Kozak

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D. BUSINESS:

i) **Terms of Reference:**

First Nations Education Council reviewed the membership on the Terms of Reference to potentially address lack of representation for off-reserve students. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

ii) **Selection of FNEC Chair:**

Selection of Chair was discussed at our last meeting. Rosalie Montgomery has offered to continue as Chairperson with Michelle Archie as alternate.

iv) **Proposals: Cultural Proposals (these were all scanned to FNEC to review)**

1. **Nesika Elementary School Proposal:** **\$600.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal which Jerome noted is for 3 field trips.

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2. **100 Mile Elementary School:** **\$340.13**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal.

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3. **Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School Proposal #1** **\$734.16**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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4. **Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School Proposal #2** **\$694.05**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

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5. **Lake City Secondary School (Columneetza) Proposal** **\$2,020.00**

There was discussion on this cultural proposal:

TABLED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND A BETER BREAKDOWN.

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

- Tracy Hubner reported on the progress to create the keepsake crowns and the 2021 First Nations Role Model registration process.

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

Several positions are posted on the SD27 website.

E. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

a) Language and Culture:

- i) First Nations Cultural Room at Lake City Secondary School (WL Campus & Columneetza Campus):** Update from Cheryl Lenardon.

Due to time constraint, this will take place at January meeting.

ii) Professional Development Workshops for Teachers:

October 23, 2020 Dancing Water Sandy facilitated a Pine needle basket weaving workshop.

v) Professional Development for First Nations Support Staff:

On October 23rd there was a virtual conference province wide called Classrooms to Communities (C2C) that was attended by some FNEC members.

vi) LEA Training for Principals and Teachers: Jerome Beauchamp

Due to time constraint, Jerome will provide an update on this at the January 2021 meeting.

F. Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated November 25, 2020 be adjourned.

Motion to adjourn: Lewis Budgell

Meeting closed at: 12:21 pm

Next meeting date: Monday, January 18, 2021 at 10:00 am until noon