

**FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COUNCIL
VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 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'etemc First Nation
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)
Jessica Hill, (Alternate) Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Marlene Swears, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc.
Dawna Short, Cariboo Chilcotin Métis Assoc. (arrived at 11:20)
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)

NOT AVAILABLE: Norma Sure, T'exelc (Williams Lake First Nation)
Calvin Dubray, Principals/Vice Principals Association
Rosalie Montgomery, Yunešit'in Government
Audrey Sinclair, ?Esdilagh (Alexandria Band)
Sue Sim, IUOE
Lacey-Dawn Testawich, Cariboo Chilcotin Teachers Association
Heather McKenzie, Xats'ull (Soda Creek Band)
Lenore Case, Tšideldel First Nation
Agnes William, Xeni Gwet'in First Nation

A. Call to Order: Jerome Beauchamp called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

i) Welcome to Secwepemc Territory:

Jerome Beauchamp acknowledged this meeting was taking place in all 3 territories.

ii) Chair Person: Jerome offered to be Chairperson for the meeting

iii) Introductions: Introductions were done.

B. AGENDA & PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Review/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda for October 19, 2020

Recommended Motion – THAT the First Nations Education Council adopt the Agenda of its meeting dated October 19, 2020 as presented.

Moved: Lewis Budgell

Seconded: Michelle Archie

CARRIED

Review/Approval of the Minutes of the June 8, 2020 Virtual Meeting:

Recommended Motion – THAT The First Nations Education Council adopt the minutes of its meeting dated June 8, 2020 as circulated.

Moved: Michelle Archie

Seconded: Marlene Swears

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C. REPORTS:

i) Assistant Superintendent's Report: Cheryl Lenardon

- Cheryl provided an overview of the Framework for Enhancing Learning
- BC Policy for Student Success
- Presentation on Systemic Planning to Enhance Student Learning in SD27
- School Plans for Learner Success

Framework is to focus all talent and resources on student success. A shared approach is necessary. Focus will be on continuous improvements.

Results will be looked at for all, Indigenous, and students with disabilities and diverse abilities (includes special needs).

First Nations Education Council would like to see students with disabilities and diverse abilities be tracked over the years and shown.

It was noted that the Student Learning Survey will be looked at each year.

ii) Superintendent's Report: Chris van der Mark

- September 22, 2020: Local Education Agreement (LEA) signing ceremony for 4 Bands. The stories shared really resonated with all the people in the room. It was the first time ever that all three (3) Nations signed agreements together; remarkable.

- Thank you to Jerome Beauchamp for his work. Stepping up in his retirement and helping First Nations Education Department out.
- Dedicated First Nations space at Lake City Secondary School (both campus'). There was a significant amount of work done over the summer to highlight Indigenous Health and Culture and create space in both campus'.
- Welcome Cheryl Lenardon and Sean Cameron and also Cathy van der Mark from Support Services.

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

Meeting notes will be there. We were expecting a dip in enrollment. We are at about 90% of students returning. We are down and it has a financial implication. We are going to be fine. No significant staffing changes other than Support Staff in order to provide service in the right locations. We are appreciative of our staff. They have done a really good job of how to make school look normal and feel safe. People are managing this well. Thank you to all our staff for being able to make that 'do able'.

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

Three new policies. No implication to First Nations Education Council.

Policy 340 – Travel International (New Policy): There will be no international travel. School District 27 is not responsible for students who travelled with an independent travel company. Those are not District approved trips.

Policy 650 – Disposal of Surplus Assets (revisions to disposal of Surplus Assets 3271): How we get rid of School District 27 assets.

Policy 380 – Inclusion (revisions to Inclusion and Placement of Students with Special Needs 6164.1): This was a wording change to Students with disabilities and diverse abilities.

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

Jerome showed the Budget on the screen noting the following:

- We have 1362 First Nations students at \$1,500.00/student.
- We had half a million dollar carry over from 2019-2020. We could not fill positions, then Covid-19 hit. Once Covid-19 hit, some staff members took a Leave of Absence. We tried to do some other things to use funding and that did not materialize Jerome noted.
- Planning to utilize this funding in this year.
- Language Teacher Funding: We did increase some small school Language Teachers time in order to help retain them and also to increase the amount of Language and Culture in the schools.
- Transition Worker Positions:

Jerome shared that we implemented 3 Transitions Worker positions but have only 2 at this time.

There is one Transition Worker at Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School and also one Transitions Worker at Lake City Secondary School. They will help the grade 12 students to go onto post secondary.

These Workers will also help with the grade 9 transition to grade 10 at the senior campus at Lake City Secondary.

The third Transition position is the Elementary piece. This worker would assist with helping grade 7s in the south end to come to high school. Also helping the grade 6s in the north end to be ready for high school.

To help the students out west make a better transition to Lake City Secondary we are looking at hosting 4-5 trips into town during the school year.

- English First Peoples (EFP) and BC First Nations Studies to be covered by the schools now the audit said; not the First Nations Budget.
- FNEC agreed that \$1,500.00 per year from First Nations Budget will continue to go to the Orange Shirt Society to assist with these teachings.
- Carry forward: Outdoor Learning Spaces at Lake City Secondary School (Columneetza and WL Campus). This will provide an area to teach cultural skills. There will be a small structure built at each school. We have allowed \$50,000.00 for each campus from the Carry over.
- Cultural Credits and Initiatives - how to get credit? This also includes Leadership Credits. It has come to our attention that the NSTQ has kids take part in various cultural activities where Credits could be in place for them.
- Cheryl Lenardon is working on this. She plans to work with each of the First Nations and the school staffs. They will ask “how” is what the student is doing meets credit for in class.
- Cultural activities can meet some outcomes of existing courses, Independent Directed Studies can be designed for individual students, or locally developed courses (BAA – Board Authority Authorized courses) can be created.
- School Resource Review: \$11,000.00 to ensure we have appropriate resources in accordance with FNEC. To ensure schools have what they need.
- Book clubs: We are looking at some adult book clubs to help staff build a greater understanding of reconciliation.
- School Resource Review: We are doing an inventory on IT resources. There will be new computers for those who need it.
- Jerome Beauchamp noted that we also looked at Elder programs in the past. This is based on our new Indigenous spaces at the schools as well. Students could hear two (2) Elders speaking the language at the same time. Not just at the high schools; but at as many of the schools as we can.
- On Reserve Tech. Support: Cheryl Lenardon said that we are doing some work to be prepared to help students access their learning from their reserves if that happens again.
- Cheryl Lenardon said that there will be new business class laptops for all First Nations Support staff and the Language Teachers. We need to have all staff

2. Peter Skene Ogden Secondary School: \$3,846.00

There was discussion on this proposal.

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3. Lake City Sec. School (Columneetza Campus) Proposal #1 \$2,820.00

There was discussion on this proposal.

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4. Lake City Sec. School (Columneetza Campus) Proposal #2 \$7,652.33

There was discussion on this proposal.

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5. 100 Mile Elementary School Proposal \$800.00

There was discussion on this proposal.

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v) First Nation Role Models: Tracy Hubner

- Tracy shared that the First Nations Role Models were crowned in a small ceremony June 17, 2020 at Lake City Secondary (WL Campus). FNEC would have seen this in the newspaper.
- Role Model posters have been sent to all SD27 schools, all Band Schools and Sacred Heart, City of Williams Lake, The Band Councils and all First Nations Organizations.
- Keepsake Crown for Morgan McKay is being made by WLFN.
- Keepsake Crown for Wrenn Yano to be taken care of by First Nations Education Department.
- 2021 First Nations Role Model Registration: In process, coming out soon.
- Over the summer our Role Models attended the Williams Lake First Nation outdoor Graduation Ceremony.

vi) Nominal Roll for 2020-2021:

Nominal Roll was completed on October 9th. All Bands signed off. Thank you to everyone for working with us on this.

Jerome Beauchamp spoke to transportation for curricular activities and the bus agreements.

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.

There are cupboards being made to lock the language resources in. Workers are not quite done, but making good progress.

ii) Poetry Books: Tracy Hubner

Volume 4 of the Poetry Books which contains all the winning poems from 2018, 2019, 2020 has been set out to all school and Band schools and Sacred Heart for their school library.

iv) Professional Development Workshops for Teachers:

September 25, 2020 Dancing Water Sandy held a ribbon shirt workshop.

October 23, 2020 Dancing Water will facilitate a Pine needle basket weaving workshop.

v) Orange Shirt Day:

Virtual gathering this year with a 2 section video series. Lots of schools have done amazing Orange Shirt Day projects.

F. Adjournment of Meeting:

Recommended Motion – THAT the meeting of the First Nations Education Council dated October 19, 2020 be adjourned.

Motion: Marlene Swears

Meeting closed at: 12:05 pm