



Indigenous Education Council Minutes

November 22, 2018

School District 71 Offices (Board Room) 9:00am – 12noon

In Attendance: Bruce Carlos, District Principal of Indigenous Education; Sue Cambrey, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Charlene Everson, Chair; Kelly Shopland, NIC; Bryce Mercredi, MIKI'SIW Metis Association; Sandra Ryan, Wachiay Friendship Centre; Tracey Shepherd, CV Aboriginal Headstart; Nicole Gagnon, Parent Rep; Jessica Lanqvist, Parent Rep; Brenda Beatson, Parent Rep; Nick Moore, CDTA; Denise Bullock, CUPE; Janice Caton, Trustee; Kathleen Hawksby, Trustee

Regrets: Chettie Macdonald, Lisa Iverson, Barbara Mitchell, Linda Walton, Fernanda Pare, Miranda Asfar, Dean Lindquist

1. Acknowledgement of the K'ómoks First Nation Territory Charlene Everson 9:10

2. Agenda additions and priorities

3. Adoption of meeting minutes of October 11, 2018 Consensus

4. Reports from:

- Superintendent – not in attendance
- Trustee/AEC Liaison – JCaton - Chair
 - 4 new Trustees, trustees will alternate in attending the IEC meetings
 - MOE review of the funding for public education, results from the prior to the new year, funding formula will change, no loss of funding, evaluation of the recommendations from this funding review will be put forward to look for any red flags and how the board can advocate for funds
 - K-3 no extra funding for students with special needs
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- CDTA Representative – NMoore
 - Teachers concerned about the funding review, moving to prevalence model, not based on need
 - More issues this year with violence in the classroom, students are not regulating themselves in their behavior, dangerous worksite for teachers, how to support these students and teachers
 - Pro D day in Feb
 - Bargaining, contract ends June 30th, class composition is a concern no longer have to designate students with the prevalence model
 - Designations (A,B,C,D etc) if a student has a designation they have an IEP and special funding, some low incidence designations, will have an IEP but no funding, a legal document must be provided if a student has a designation, our district has a learning plan as well for those students that are too young to test, not legally required but good teaching practice. A school-based team (SBT) makes a list of students that they feel needs assessments. Level C assessment given by 3 district psychologists

- CUPE Representative – DBullock
 - Collaborations with NMoore on violence in the schools, committee meeting for the protocols
 - Volume of violent issues noticed due to asking member to report all incidents
- DPAC Representation/IPAC – no DPAC rep at this time, IPAC report from BBeatson
 - Asked for a volunteer to attend DPAC
 - IPAC – applied for a grant to Health and Wellness for funding to go to Mt. Washington
 - A planned family Christmas event – to the Aquatic Centre
 - Clothing swap, scheduled end of Nov, successful last year, will do seasonally
 - Conversation about how to get IEP's for students
 - Creating an on-line application process to request funds from the Good Samaritans account, must exhaust other financial opportunities first
 - FNEESC grant application – grant will help with activities, swimming, skating, cultural crafts
- District Principal Report – written report provided, and highlights shared

Break 10:25 am

- K'ómoks First Nation – CEverson
 - Just attended the regional session for FNEESC
 - Elections coming up, nominations accepted
- UIWONA – not in attendance
- Aboriginal Head Start – TShepherd
 - Shortage of ECE's, came close to closing the program
 - Morning, staggered entry, afternoon fulltime but then moved to ½ class to 2 days a week
 - Cultural event at the Filberg Centre, 25 RSVP received, usually 200 in attendance
 - Looking for Indigenous ECE with special needs training
- MIKI'SIW Metis Association – BMercredi
 - Annual Louis Riel dinner
 - Office improvements underway
- Wachiay Friendship Centre – SRyan – nothing to report

5. New Business:

- Feedback for November 21st Capacity Day
 - Very informative. Importance of roles and responsibilities will help with the relationship with SD71 Trustees
 - Viewed the work of the IEC from another perspective, as a trustee
 - Well organized and well run, appreciated the history
 - Positive experience
 - Liked the focus and the progress of the strategic plan
 - Continue with this journey, what is the next steps?

- Program Review
 - Enjoyed the meeting with ISW's
 - Impressed with Julia McCrea as a facilitator of the Review
 - Curious to see the what the School District sees Indigenous Education as
 - Management has been using the program reviews for decision making
 - Ask Superintendent if IEC can attend the Board meeting upon presentation of the review
- Song Release
 - Feb 15th for Teachers and CUPE, BCarlos is on the Teachers PRO D committee
 - Key note speaker Monique Grey Smith
 - Additional Key note speaker – Wedledi Speck
 - Jackie Anderson Pro D chair – Asked if song could be released on the Pro D Day, witnessing ceremony, students performing
 - Location – GP Vanier Gym
 - MOE sending delegates to attend

6. Elections:

- Chair – nominee, Charlene Everson, acclaimed, 2 years
- Vice-Chair – nominee, Kelly Shopland, acclaimed, 1 year
- 2nd Vice-Chair – nominee, Nicole Gagnon, acclaimed, 1 year

7. Unfinished Business;

- Meeting dates – calendar invites
- IEC AG – good turnout

8. Standing Items:

- Upcoming Events – See below
- Strategic Action Plan – Sue will email out plan to members, members please read

Upcoming events:

- **IPAC Family Gym Night** → Tuesday nights @ Lake Trail Middle School (6-7:30pm)
- ***Honouring: Project of Hearts and Speaking to Memory*** exhibit on now until early December at CVAG
- **Umista Project of Hearts Exhibit** travelling to Secondary schools until March 2019
- November 22-24th **FNESC Annual Conference** in Vancouver.
- December 5th **IPAC Christmas Party** (hosted at Aquatic Centre)
- December 10th Indigenous Education **Christmas Gathering** (Bruce's home)
- December 13th **December IEC meeting** and Annual Christmas Luncheon
- December 22- January 6 **Winter Break (no school)**
- February 15th **District Professional Development Day**
 - Welcoming Keynote speaker / author, **Monique Gray Smith**
 - Hereditary Chief, **Wedlidi Speck** to provide keynote to share local knowledge

- Release new song commissioned by InEd for SD71 (**William Wasden Junior**)

Bulletin Board Contest – All winners

Meeting adjourned 12.15

Next Indigenous Education Council (IEC) meeting – Thursday, December 13, at the VI Visitors Centre