



**Indigenous Education Council Minutes**  
**March 14, 2019**  
**SBO Meeting Room 9:00am – 12noon**

In Attendance: Bruce Carlos, District Principal of Indigenous Education; Sue Cambrey, Sr. Administrative Assistant; Charlene Everson, Chair; Bryce Mercredi, MIKI'SIW Metis Association; Lisa Iverson, UIONA; Sandra Ryan, Wachiay Friendship Centre; Brenda Beatson, Parent Rep; Chettie MacDonald, Parent Rep; Miranda Asfar, Parent Rep; Nick Moore, CDTA; Denise Bullock, CUPE; Kathleen Hawksby, Trustee; Dean Lindquist, Superintendent

Regrets: Nicole Gagnon, Barbara Mitchell, Fernanda Pare, Tracey Shepherd, Ashley Newman, Kelly Shopland, Jessica Lanqvist,

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1. Acknowledgement of the K'ómoks First Nation Territory Charlene Everson 9:05
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2. Agenda additions and priorities
  3. Adoption of meeting minutes of February 14, 2019 Consensus
  4. Reports from:
    - Superintendent – DLindquist
      - IEC will be invited to a partners meeting on Strategic Planning Development
        - Vision, mission, values, brainstorming
      - InEd program review presented to the board, next step to the IEEA
      - Getting ready for the next school year
    - DPAC Rep – BCarlos
      - Interest in the song, commissioned drums to be made for all schools
      - Update InEd signage for IPAC meetings to go on PAC boards in schools
      - Sexual health training, teachers overwhelmed, want more training
    - Trustee/IEC Liaison – KHawksby
      - Discussed the funding review recommendations at the Board meeting
      - Board received info from the FSA testing, not a complete picture due to parents opting out of the testing
      - Hire VP's, ready to place, simplify the interview process, build capacity before placing
      - Seclusion strategy for students is not supported, seclusion is not the same as a break room
    - CDTA Representative – NMoore
      - Meeting with BCTF for 4 full days, starting the bargaining process
      - See report

- CUPE Representative – DBullock
  - Bargaining with the employer in April/May
- NIC – not in attendance
- IPAC Representation - BBeatson
  - IPAC Birthday party well attended, 50+
  - Gym night, Gym unavailable for April, change to a game night for the interim
  - Note to DPAC, too many emails being received by parents
  - FNESC grant to add cultural supplies and games
  - Free swim nights to IPAC families after Spring Break
  - April 9 and April 16 collect clothing and do a swap
  - VI Parent Conference – BBeatson and HRoyal-Brant, privilege to attend, learnt a lot,
- K'ómoks First Nation – CEverson
  - Nothing to report
- UIWONA – Lliverson
  - Daycare will not be ready for Sept 2019
  - Fiscal year end coming
  - Build up our wrap around services
    - grant applications using calls to action as a guideline when applying to make government accountable
- CV Aboriginal Head Start – not in attendance
- MIKI'SIW Metis Association – BMercredi
  - New office is too small, moved to office next door to a bigger space
  - Beading workshop in the plans
- Wachiay Friendship Centre – SRyan
  - Zoning approved for the daycare, hope to revamp our building
  - Hope for new male board member, cultural influence wanted
- District Principal Report – written report provided, and highlights shared

#### 5. New Business:

- Passing of Micah Messent (SCamp)
  - Tragic loss of a former Vanier student and a son of our Cultural Resource worker
  - Our department doing all we can to support SCamp and her family
  - Gathered staff to help support them with their grief
  - SD71 to set up a bursary
- Indigenous Education Program Review
  - Not posted to the SD71 website yet.

6. Unfinished Business:

- Recruitment and Retention Strategy
  - Several empty positions – challenge to find applicants
  - Reaching out to community to InEd hiring agencies, North Island College
  - Pamphlet and video of an ISW role coming
- Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund – Legacy Schools
  - DJ Kookum came to Vanier, 4th school in Canada, only school in Canada as a district to accept the challenge
  - off the ground after Spring Break – ready for September
  - CDTA has offered their support
- Chair update on meeting with Board Chair, Superintendent, Secretary Treasurer
  - CEverson met with DLindquist to touch base
  - BCarlos and CEverson will be meeting with JCaton tonight
- InEd Budget Sub Committee – CMacdonald, KShopland, CEverson, HRoyal-Brant
  - Committee met, budget cuts are deep
  - NMoore – CDTA can advocate for things that are important to the CDTA
  - Program Review, Enhancement Agreement, budget
- Homework Task to prepare work on development of new IEEA
  - Table to next meeting
- Review of Strategic plan in relation to IEEA
  - Table to next meeting
- Subcommittee to develop plan/recommendations for “train the trainer” initiative
  - Off the table

7. Standing Items:

- Upcoming Events – See below
- Strategic Action Plan
- Indigenous Education Enhancement Agreement (IEEA)

8. Upcoming Meetings (Tabled Items)

- How Are We Doing (HAWD)
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**Upcoming events:**

- **IPAC Family Gym Night** → Tuesday nights @ Lake Trail Middle School (6-7:30pm)  
**\*\* APRIL changed to Family Games Night!**
- March 15<sup>th</sup> last day of classes before Spring Break!
- April 1<sup>st</sup> First day back to classes

**Noteworthy News:**

- **30 Indigenous students plus staff attended VIU’s “Discovery Days” in Nanaimo**
- **All secondary schools had students attend NIC’S Open House**

- **IPAC celebrated it's 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday on March 5th**
- **SD71 is the only school district in Canada who has committed (?) to support a District wide Legacy School program!! 480 schools across Canada now taking up the challenge and we are only the 4<sup>th</sup> School District in Canada to host a visit for a Downie-Wenjack School artist!**
- **After 1 ½ years touring our schools, the U'mista Project of Hearts Exhibit completes tour of SD71**

Meeting adjourned 10:30 am

***Next Indigenous Education Council (IEC) meeting – Thursday, April 11, 2019, at the SBO***