



Aboriginal Education Council Minutes

June 14, 2018

Vancouver Island Visitors Centre (Meeting Room) 9:00am – 12noon

In Attendance: Bruce Carlos, District Principal of Aboriginal Education; Sue Cambrey, Administrative Assistant; Chettie MacDonald, Vice-Chair, Kathleen Hawksby, UIWONA, Lisa Iverson, UIWONA, Linda Walton, Aboriginal Head Start; Sandra Ryan, Wachaiy Friendship Centre; Nicole Gagnon, Parent Rep; Nick Moore, CDTA; Denise Bullock, CUPE; Ian Hargreaves, Trustee; Dean Lindquist, Superintendent.

Regrets: Janice Caton, Charlene Everson, Mark Peill, Fernanda Pare, Bryce Mercredi, Barbara Mitchell

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1. Acknowledgement of the K'ómoks First Nation Territory Chettie MacDonald 9:18 am
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***We did not have quorum at this meeting so no decisions were able to be made.
These minutes reflect our discussions and all items need to be reviewed and passed by consensus
will be discussed at our September meeting.***

2. Agenda additions and priorities
3. Adoption of meeting minutes of May 17, 2018 REVIEWED
4. Reports from:
- Superintendent
 - RFP meeting - June 27th with CMacDonald, CEverson not available,
 - Evaluation of AbEd coming, ready for September
 - Secretary Treasurer position will be filled September
 - Trustee/AEC Liaison – Ian Hargreaves, Vice-Chair – written report to come
 - Little Bears performed at the Board meeting, can be seen on the sd71 website
 - Steve Knight presented from the International Student program
 - District retirements June 20th
 - Secretary Treasurer interviews next week
 - Mary Lee presented the new logo to public, chosen in house
 - Seismic upgrade for Lake Trail, 27 million approved
 - CTDA retirement at Crown Isle ,today
 - Long range facilities plan presented for next 2 years
 - Tuesday June 26th next board meeting
 - Updating the website to be more user friendly

- Vanier announcement trades training for Youth Friday 15th
 - JStewart leaving NIDEs and Jeff Taylor moveing from Isfeld to NIDES
 - IHargreaves and JCaton for re-election
 - Kathleen Hawksby running for trustee
- CDTA Representative – Nick Moore
 - 7 teachers retiring
 - Comox Valley a desirable place to live, 100 jobs posted 2000 applications received
 - Yearly Art contest
 - Helping teachers become better teachers of Indigenous education, thanks to AEC for this
 - BCTF Grant available for teaching Indigenous Education, \$500 from CDTA to get \$2000
 - CUPE Representative – Denise Bullock
 - Placement for EA's, placement for ASW's was May 1st
 - Bargaining under way at the provincial level
 - Long service and retiring, June 20th \$4000 bursaries, 22 retiring
 - DPAC Representation
 - Presentation from Bruce about AbEd
 - Wrapped up for the year
 - K'ómoks First Nation – no report
 - MIKI'SIW Metis Association – no report - Bruce shared– AGM news, BMercredi stepped down, Jeannie McDonald President, cannot represent on AEC, Bryce will still attend as a rep, Tom Adams VP
 - UIWONA –
 - No fee daycare centre coming \$650,000 offered, 1.2 million required
 - Wachiy submitted an expression of interest, space at Wachiy
 - HSBC recommended a partnership
 - Priorities to Indigenous families, by Sept 2019
 - Bursaries given out
 - Water refill station at the NAD by donation, funds towards bursaries
 - Early years room not viable to share with afterschool care
 - Early years rep – still looking for volunteer
 - Aboriginal Head Start
 - 2 staff members have to leave, and one more staff member has to leave
 - Shortage of ECE's, have to close the program on days when no one is available
 - Higher needs in children and parents, more support, struggle
 - 4 yr olds visited Puntledge, Grad June 20th at the Big House
 - Wachiy Friendship Centre
 - Celebrate the purchase of the building
 - Mary Everson blessing, Daryle Mills tipi and song
 - Ladies drum circle
 - District Principal Report – written report provided, and highlights shared

5. Old Business:

- Changing Name - Aboriginal Education to Indigenous Education (update)
 - Following board decision of the new district logo
- Capacity Day November after the AGM to continue with the Train the Trainer/Strategic Planning
 - Will the work get done if spread thin over the school year? Forwarded to September
 - May be more days to complete work with Marcia

- Attending SD71 events/graduation (RSVP)
 - Please attend if you can to make the AEC more visible
 - 3 seats on AEC are open for the upcoming AGM

- **Strategic Planning(report from MDawson)**
 - Implementation of Indigenous Curriculum
 - Review Survey report (on screen) –
 - Bruce will summarize into a power point, send to P/VP to share at staff meetings, ask them what are the next steps, an AbEd staff to be in attendance and Liaison teacher, AEC members
 - Meet with current School Board between Sept 13 – Sept 25th, dinner meeting
 - Present this power point to the board and/or a board meeting
 - Will this fit with our new AEEA, 5th goal?
 - Review recommendations
 - Contact SD72 to discuss their new policy on the mandatory Indigenous training for teachers
 - Partner, AEC, Senior Management, CDTA, CUPE to put forth Indigenous training
 - Concern about teachers not teaching the content
 - Ministry implemented the curriculum as mandatory but no training provided
 - Every school district use their budgets differently, funding is for the purpose of supporting students not necessarily to train teaching staff
 - This is about teaching style, to apply Indigenous culture in all subjects
 - Districts on the island are substantially different from each other
 - Project lead, Identify a budget, apply for grants

6. New Business:

- AEC Rep for hiring committee (Principal position) Wednesday, June 20th 8:30 am – 1 pm
 - Llverson to represent the AEC

7. Standing Items:

- AEC 0-4 Parent Rep still needed (childcare provided)
- 4th Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement – timely, expires June 2019
 - Person found to review AbEd, Bruce will oversee
 - June 27th meeting with Board and AEC
- Upcoming events – send email to Bruce and Sue – Queneesh is have an Art Show June 20-21, silent Auction \$\$ to KusKusSum \$46,000 by June 30th, performance from a Ship on the river by the Old House June 28-July 1
- Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (IPAC)
 - Year end gathering at Air Force Beach
 - Summer camp at Tipi park TBA
- Elders in Residence
 - 4 Elders set up, slow in getting started
 - BMercredi attending Queneesh as an Elder, great experiences

Meeting adjourned 11:45 am

Next Indigenous Education Council (IEC) meeting – Thursday, September 13, 2018, at the SBO