



Aboriginal Education Council Minutes

May 17, 2018

K'ómoks First Nation (Board Room) 9:00am – 12noon

In Attendance: Bruce Carlos, District Principal of Aboriginal Education; Sue Cambrey, Administrative Assistant; Chettie MacDonald, Vice-Chair, Fernanda Pare, K'ómoks First Nation; Bryce Mercredi, MIKI'SEW Metis Association; Kathleen Hawksby, UIWONA, Lisa Iverson, UIWONA, Sandra Ryan, Wachiay Friendship Centre; Nicole Gagnon, Parent Rep; Barbara Mitchell, Parent Rep; Nick Moore, CDTA; Denise Bullock, CUPE; Ian Hargreaves, Trustee; Dean Lindquist, Superintendent.

Regrets: Janice Caton, Charlene Everson, Linda Walton, Mark Peill

1. Welcome and acknowledgement of the K'ómoks First Nation Territory Fernanda Pare 9:07 am

2. Agenda additions and priorities

3. Adoption of meeting minutes of April 12, 2018

Consensus

4. Reports from:

- Superintendent
 - Time passing quickly, follow up meeting on the RFP for AEEA to be ready for next September
 - Principal from NIDES is leaving, announcement out tomorrow
 - Acting VP's moving to VP position, competition
 - Wrapping up the school year
 - AbEd evaluation yet to come,

- Trustee/AEC Liaison – Ian Hargreaves, Vice-Chair – written report to come
 - BCSTA, 44 motions, 6 are of indigenous nature, 60 districts all agree to these motions
 - Aboriginal enrolment audit – increase flexibility to help accommodate local jurisdictions
 - see attached report

- CDTA Representative – Nick Moore
 - Staffing season, 40 CTemp short to fill positions, external postings, teachers are in the valley
 - Dinner, Re-imagine Culture in SD71
 - New AbEd Teacher rep on the CDTA Union Executive
 - Zone meeting, NI local unions, Blanket exercise, hope to bring it to SD71

- CUPE Representative – Denise Bullock
 - Staffing season – 2 lay offs due to students leaving, not ASW’s
 - ASW’s wanted postings to be separate from EA postings, review committee met to establish the change
 - ASW’s in regular positions do not have to apply yearly, already in place
 - EA postings change as well, do not need to re-apply after seniority date met
 - RE-Imagine Culture, only teachers recognized, no support staff recognized
 - Budget process in session – want to recognize Sheldon Lee for his work, he is truly missed
 - Resolution to lobby the Government for a stat day in June – June21
- DPAC Representation – no report
- District Principal Report – written report provided, and highlights shared
- K’ómoks First Nation – no report
 - Elders gathering in Duncan coming up
 - Cultural teachings, language, weaving
- MIKI’SIW Metis Association
 - 24 Metis Grads will B. Mercredi will attend 6 Grad ceremonies
 - New office - 576 England Avenue, 2nd floor
- UIWONA –
 - 3 years ago bursary started to give to an Indigenous student, 5 bursaries, including Nala’atsi
 - Additional bursary, from a new donor, now 6 bursaries
 - Wrap up of prenatal program pilot project, 6-week program, 4 women, child with indigenous heritage
 - 3 hours, health, culture, positive evaluation of prenatal program
- Aboriginal Head Start – not in attendance/no report
- Wachiy Friendship Centre
 - Ground breaking of new affordable housing project – details will be in the paper

5. Old Business:

- Changing Name - Aboriginal Education to Indigenous Education (update)
 - Board decision coming Tuesday May 22 on new SD71 Logo
- Strategic Implementation of Indigenous Curriculum (Survey now live)
 - Sub-committee formed to implement the survey
 - Survey to all Teachers and Administrators – regarding implementation of Indigenous Curriculum
 - Train the trainer to identify, barriers and apprehension, hope to create modules
 - Possible survey to Support workers requested by D. Bullock
- 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?
 - More meeting will be needed to complete the work
 - Forward to discuss at next meeting

6. New Business:

- Charlene’s accident. Card and gift – BCarlos to sign on the behalf of the AEC
- Attending SD71 events/graduation (RSVP) – CMacDonald to Highland, Nala’atsi, NIDES, Glacier View and Vanier
KHawksby to Highland, Nala’atsi, NGagnon to Nala’atsi
- AEC member to attend first assembly of the school year – could this be a possibility?

7. Standing Items:

- AEC 0-4 Parent Rep still needed (childcare provided)
- 4th Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement – timely, expires June 2019
 - Hope to meet soon for RFP to set date in September
 - New Trustees anticipated from the upcoming election in October

- Upcoming events – send email to Bruce and Sue
- Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (IPAC)
 - Upcoming BBQ and Camp-Out currently in the planning stages
- Elders in Residence
 - Meet with school principals, discuss roles of Elders in schools

Meeting adjourned 11:05 am

Next AEC meeting – Y/E meeting and Luncheon, Thursday, June 14, 2018, at the Comox Valley Tourist Information

Trustee Report – Ian Hargreaves, May 2018

1. Chair Janice Caton, Past Chair Tom Webber & Superintendent Dean Lindquist had a few words to say about the untimely passing of Acting Secretary Treasure Sheldon Lee.

Assistant Superintendent Tom Demeo was sworn in as Acting Secretary until a new Secretary • Treasure can be sworn in.

2. Presentations:

The Highland Secondary School Robotics Team Demonstration gave a demonstration and • presentation on the work the “Spooky Robotics” team.

3. Education Committee Meeting:

We had an Education Committee Meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at Royston Elementary • School. Highlighted were the Aboriginal Education Program and the U’mistá Residential Schools display.

Next Education Committee meeting will be 6:30 Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at Ecole Robb Road • Elementary.

4. Superintendent Reported: District News - Highlights:

The 3rd Annual SD71 Inquiry Fair held was held April 25th at Lake Trail Middle School.

- The 3rd Annual SD71 Poetry Contest is taking place. Contest Deadline: Friday, May 11, 2018. • For more information: www.sd71.bc.ca. Submissions can be made to www.bit.ly/S

The Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre specialized one-day or multi-day team building and • leadership programs were highlighted. For more information: <http://tribunebayoutdoored.ca/school-programs/>

Communication Plan, New School District Logo Design, Briefing Note, Mary Lee, our • Communications Consultant, spoke to this.

5. Assistant Superintendent Tom Demeo Report:

A Briefing Note on the results and a Student Round-Table Report was presented. It is hoped • that one to two more student focused sessions can be undertaken before the end of the year.

Results if the Student Round-Table to be shared at Parent Meeting Monday May 7th, 2018 • location TBA.

As Acting Secretary Treasure Assistant Superintendent Tom Demeo moved and passed Capital • Bylaw No. 2018/19-CPSD71-01 Seismic Retrofit Guidelines (SRG 3) Changes, Briefing Note, Ian Heselgrave Director of • Operations. The Ministry of Education has Ok a Seismic Retrofit/Renovation for Lake Trail Middle School.

Director of Instruction (Student Services) Esther Shatz gave an Update on Sexual Health • Program Delivery.

6. Human Resources Report:

I read out the names and years of service of those staff retiring this year.

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7. Committee Reports:

- a.) Finance Committee:

The Chair of the Finance Committee, Trustee Peter Coleman gave a brief oral report on the • minutes of the Finance Committee report.

Director of Finance Candice Hilton presented a Budget Update

- An oral School District Funding Model Update was also given