



### Indigenous Education Council Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2021

Via Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

#### Meeting attendees:

Kelly Shopland, North Island College / Chair  
Letitia Pokiak – Parent Rep / Vice Chair  
Regrets Ashley Wright, K'omoks First Nation  
Fernanda Pare, K'omoks First Nation  
Brenda Murray, K'omoks First Nation  
Bryce Mercredi, Miki'siw Metis Association  
Regrets Sandra Ryan, Wachiy Friendship Centre  
Regrets Grace Johnson, CV Aboriginal Head-Start  
Lisa Iverson, UIWONA  
Regrets Jessica Lanqvist, Parent Rep

Regrets Alex Jules, Parent Rep  
Heather Royal-Brant, Parent Rep  
Sherry Dittrick, CDTA and Karla Neuffer  
Denise Bullock, CUPE439  
Kathleen Hawksby, Trustee  
Sheila McDonnell, Trustee  
Regrets Jason Cobey, CVPVPA  
Tom Demeo, Superintendent  
Bruce Carlos, District Princip  
Sue Cambrey, Sr. Admin. Assistant

#### Proposed Meeting Schedule

9:00am	Meeting begins, acknowledgement, priorities, adoption of minutes.
9:20am	Verbal reports and questions from representative submitted written reports
9:45am	New Business / Unfinished Business
10:15am	Break
10:30am	Presentations / Discussions
11:00am	In Camea Metting (voting IEC members)
12:00pm	Meeting ends.

1. **Acknowledgement of K'omoks First Nation Territory** **FPare** 9:05 am
2. **Agenda additions and priorities**
3. **Adoption of meeting minutes of March 11, 2021** **Consensus**
4. **Verbal Reports:**
  - **Superintendent – TDemeo**
    - 3 new directors hired, Dr. Vivian Collyer, Jay Dickson and Sean Lamoureux to replace retiring Directors, Paul Berry, Allan Douglas and and Esther Shatz
    - 4 PVP's are retiring this coming year, Sean Lamoureux moved to new director position from Isfeld
    - Finance department working extremely hard on the budget, not in a deficit situation, roll over surplus
    - Consultation with public mid May, only consistent thing this past year is change

- Anxiety and fear, work through this one day at a time, thanks to CUPE and CDTA for supporting members
- Hoping for a normal September start up, enhanced cleaning, high school - more recognizable timetable, elementary - more activities will come into play
- All plans rely on what our community does in keeping COVID-19 cases down
- 3-4 Outdoor learning spaces in progress now, to be completed by spring
- Equity in Action Project – viewed on You Tube, early October for first meeting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5qQPKKdwShE>

- **Trustee/IEC Liaison – KHawksby, SMcDonnell**

- Trustees March participated in training with KFN, first nations 101
- Presentation of the early years collaborative, EDI, 36% now considered vulnerable
- ADouglas FSA questions presented to Trustees
- EDI and NBI review, readiness for school, posted on website
- Passed the school calendar 3 year draft, 2 week spring break, schools take steps to help those students who are challenged with the 2 week break

- **Indigenous Education District Principal Report (speaking to written report)**

- Nala’atsi, breakfast with District staff to support students
- effect of COVID-19 on indigenous students, relationships and connections challenged
- 288 DL InEd students, COVID-19 risk has kept the level of registration up
- Most Community Connections students attending NIDES have returned to their SD71 School sites
- Visited Hornby, toured site of new Hornby School

## 5. Representative Written Reports (questions arising from reports)

**NIA = not in attendance**

**NTR= nothing to report**

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| 1. K’ómoks First Nation                    | 8. Comox District Teachers Association (CDTA)                         |
| 2. MIKI’SIW Metis Association              | 9. Comox Valley Principals Vice Principals Association (CVPVPA) - NIA |
| 3. UIWONA                                  | 10. Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (IPAC) - no representative       |
| 4. North Island College                    | 11. Canadian Union Public Employees (CUPE Local 439)                  |
| 5. CV Aboriginal Head Start - NIA          |   |
| 6. Wachiay Friendship Centre – NIA         |   |
| 7. District Parents Advisory Council - NIA |   |

**\*\* NEW format for representative reports beginning at March 2021 IEC meeting – please provide a written report the Monday before our IEC meeting so reports can be included in agenda package to IEC members. We will provide time for questions on reports.**

**K'omoks First Nation – BMurray**

- New system in progress, registration program
- NIVIATS - 5 positions to be filled
- One more meeting for the LEA, aiming to be signed and sealed for June

**MIKI'SIW – BMercredi**

- Written Report

**UIWONA – Llverson**

- Richard van Camp – storytelling workshop

**North Island College – KShopland**

- Written Report

**CV Aboriginal Head Start – Not in attendance**

**Wachiay – Not in attendance**

**IPAC – BCarlos**

- Grant from FNEC - provided care kits to 20 IPAC families.

**DPAC – no representative**

**CDTA – Sherry Dittrick**

- Teachers are missing the ISW for Airport

**CUPE 439 – DBullock**

- Occupational health and safety meeting - impact of Covid on mental health - report next month

**CVPVPA – Not in attendance**

**6. New Business:**

- **Integrated Child and Youth Teams – SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS-LED SOLUTIONS**
  - request to consult with IEC regarding what our Council sees is a need for Indigenous children and youth in our community.

*The 2019 A Pathway to Hope: A Roadmap for making mental health and addictions care better for people in British Columbia lays out a 10-year vision for mental wellness, improved mental health care and the establishment of an effective substance use prevention, addictions treatment, harm reduction and recovery system.*

Learn more by exploring; <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/about-the-bc-government/mental-health-and-addictions-strategy>

- Vanier is one of 6 pilot projects, more supports for youth 0-19 year
- How can they best serve indigenous students?
- Mentioned IEC and Wachiay to contact for input
- 2 clinical counselors
- Two page summary coming next week, BCarlos will send out to IEC, pleased they are reaching out to consult

*See this site for more information on the Equity in Action project.*

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/indigenous-education/equity-in-action>

## 7. Unfinished Business:

- Annual IEC Capacity Building (2 partial day Capacity Building)

### **Day 1 – Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 9am -11am**

review of Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference will be sent out ahead of time for review, then our limited time will be used to update / make any changes.

### **Day 2 – Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 9am – 12noon**

review of IEAA draft & overview of Ministry of Education Data

Review the draft IEEC document and update IEC on next steps. Bruce will provide an overview of the most recent How Are We Doing document and possibly the Equity In Action database.

- SD71 Policy 24 and AP170 Committee Rep (non-discrimination policy) -

**UPDATE**

- **Representative** – GJohnson – NIA

- TDemeo – met Monday, reviewed policies around the province and reviewed SD71 policies
- Rough draft ready for beginning of May, committee will review the draft
- Circulate to a large audience, then to trustees

- SD71 Budget Committee Rep (attend w/ Bruce)

**UPDATE**

- **Representative** – KShopland, LPokiak (alternate)

- Attended SD71 meetings, presented IEC recommendations
- Response from SBO, very limited budget for any extra
- No cutbacks, very little wiggle room for additions
- Townhall meeting coming up

- Virtual conferences / workshops / Book Review related to Indigenous Education

**UPDATE**

– please share ideas for resources, workshop, or virtual event.

**8. Standing Items:**

- Indigenous Education Cultural Grant
  - \$4000 remaining in the budget for this school year
  
- Upcoming Events – See list below
  - All InEd student (including DL) to be recognized for this years Recognition Ceremony
  - 1600 Canoes made of Cedar to be presented to each student to acknowledge resiliency.
  - Presented at each school’s year end assembly
  
- Indigenous Education Enhancement Agreement (IEEA)
  - To be discussed at the Capacity day.

**9. Indigenous Staff Updates (no staff joining us today)**

**10. In Camera meeting (voting members)**

**Upcoming events:**

March 24	Victoria Day
June TBD	Graduation Ceremonies
June 29	Last day of classes before Summer Break

***Next Indigenous Education Council (IEC) meeting –***

***Thursday, May 13, 2021***

