



Indigenous Education Council Meeting

May 13, 2021

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

Meeting attendees:

Kelly Shopland, North Island College / Chair
Regrets 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, Wachiyai Friendship Centre
Regrets Tracey Shepherd, CV Aboriginal Head-Start
Grace Johnson, UIWONA
Regrets Jessica Lanqvist, Parent Rep

Alex Jules, Parent Rep
Heather Royal-Brant, Parent Rep
Regrets Sherry Ditrack, CDTA and Karla Neufer
Denise Bullock, CUPE439
Regrets Kathleen Hawksby, Trustee
Sheila McDonnell, Trustee
Jason Cobey, CVPVPA
Tom Demeo, Superintendent
Bruce Carlos, District Principal
Sue Cambrey, Sr. Administrative 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 Camera Meeting (voting IEC members)
12:00pm	Meeting ends.

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1. **Acknowledgement of K'omoks First Nation Territory** **KShopland** **9:05**
 2. Agenda additions and priorities
 3. Adoption of meeting minutes of April 15, 2021 **Consensus**
 4. Verbal Reports:
 - **Superintendent**
 - Critical time, budget forecasting for next school
 - Challenged with what enrolment will be, students in DL or attending schools.
 - What will be the cleaning protocols for the next school year?
 - Staffing, interviewing for the Administrative positions, announcement next week.
 - Hiring practices altered due to Covid.
 - Graduation's ceremonies similar to last year, drive by

- **Trustee/IEC Liaison**
 - Looking forward to the Grad ceremonies
 - IEC - thank you for the thoughtful submission to the budget committee
 - Inclusion policy, good process, draft out soon.

- **Indigenous Education District Principal Report** (highlights of written report)
 - Pleased Ni'noxwala were able to speak as part of the welcome to CVAG Terri-Lynn Williams-Davidson welcome event
 - BCarlos and family attended UIOWNA story hour with Richard Van Camp
 - Completed brief teams meetings with InEd Staff
 - Positions open for the next school year

5. Representative Written Reports (questions arising from provided reports:

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| 1. K'omoks First Nation – NTR | 7. Comox District Teachers (CDTA) - NTR |
| 2. MIKI'SIW Metis Association | 8. Comox Valley Principals Vice Principals - NTR |
| 3. UIWONA – NTR | 9. Canadian Union Public |
| 4. Wachiay Friendship Centre – NIA | 10. Employees (CUPE Local 439) - NTR |
| 5. Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (IPAC) no rep | |
| 6. District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC) no rep | |

- **North Island College - KShopland**

- New NIC President started on April 12
- New strategic plan in the engagement process
- First indigenised plan coming soon – June 21st
- Return to campus primer for post secondary, basically back to normal in September
- Program list on the website, Covid has shown value in DL courses

- **Comox Valley Aboriginal Headstart - GJohnson**

- Covid protocols with grad
- Lovely to hear students speak Kwak'wala, drumming and singing
- Learning about cree nation
- Challenging year hoping for a normal September start up

6. SPECIAL GUESTS / Staff Presentations:

Trish McPhail, Indigenous Education Distance Learning Coordinator

- Providing update on supports provided for our 284 Indigenous students across the Province.
- Feedback, program huge success, much deeper connections
- Some students have been DL for years, a lot of parents have not been able to work from home until this year and are staying home, thankful for the support
- NIDES teachers reaching out for resources
- Monthly mailout package, build more capacity and trust, safe place to connect
- A lot of residential school backgrounds

- Students and families learning about their own backgrounds
- Life changing for them wider network for education

Chettie Macdonald, Indigenous Education Liaison Coordinator

- Providing updates on projects and initiatives
- Proud of our team at InEd in supporting our students this past school year
- Young cooks' program with LUSH, food literacy, healthy eating, develop 4 seasons model with students, kits educational tools - example jam or fruit leather from fresh fruit
- Light box from CVAG, returning from Chilliwack to be displayed at Lake Trail
Carpenter Chris to build a box to keep it safe and story will be shared with all students, is a picture of the project of heart canoe
- Honoring all InEd students this year, gifted a small wood canoe, printed with a message
- Working through videos with our knowledge keepers, really honored to keep this connection with our knowledge keepers, some videos on YouTube, highlighted on our new website
- New website coming, more wholesome.
- Resources for our teachers but especially to a wider community, parents and families of Comox Valley will learn so much from the new platform of the website
- Highlight how we support our students, knowledge keeper
- Black Strat Media

7. New Business:

- No new business items.

8. Unfinished Business:

- Reflection on Annual IEC Capacity Building (2 partial day Capacity Building)
 - Notes from both days attached. Questions, next steps, comments.
 - Appreciated looking at the HWAD document, need more time in the future to view
 - Set time aside to review the purpose of the IEC
 - Sub committee to look at other terms of reference from around the Province
 - Potential changes coming from the ministry, could change the Terms of Reference

- SD71 Policy 24 and AP170 Committee Rep (non-discrimination policy) **UPDATE**
 - **Representative** - GJohnson
 - Draft policy created, good work, brings hope
- SD71 Budget Committee Rep (attend w/ Bruce) **UPDATE**
 - **Representative** – KShopland, LPokiak (alternate)
 - District doing their best to work with what they know, no surprises, And no big changes, no major cuts

9. Standing Items:

- Indigenous Education Cultural Grants
 - Focus to finish grants approved, reporting reminders to be sent out
 - Grant money left, maybe due to Covid restrictions
 - Good for smaller schools, smaller projects

- Upcoming Events – See below
- Indigenous Education Enhancement Agreement (IEEA)
Discussed at the Capacity Days April 27th and 28th

10:35 – break and sign off of regular meeting

10. In Camera meeting (voting members)

Upcoming events:

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

Next Indigenous Education Council (IEC) meeting –

Thursday, June 10, 2021

