



Indigenous Education Council Meeting

September, 16, 2021

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

Meeting attendees:

Regrets 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

Alex Jules, Parent Rep
Regrets Heather Royal-Brant, Parent Rep
Sherry Dittrick, CDTA
Denise Bullock, CUPE439
Kathleen Hawksby, Trustee
Sheila McDonnell, Trustee
Regrets 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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- Acknowledgement of K’omoks First Nation Territory** **LPokiak** **9:08**
 - Agenda additions and priorities
 - Adoption of meeting minutes of: May 13, 2021
June 10, 2021 **no quorum**
 - Verbal Reports:
 - Superintendent – TDomeo**
 - Nice start up – came back with hype about return, protocols have not changed since June
 - No more Co-Horts for Elementary or Secondary students
 - More familiar setting of assemblies, sports, interschool sports
 - Phased in approach for parents attending
 - Reflection - letters of covid exposure caused a lot of stress, current procedure is now Initiated by VIHA, notified only if a family has to do something
 - Vaccination clinics at schools starting Friday for students at schools for grade 9-12

- Clinics are not the school districts responsibility, organized by the Health Authority, schools are just the site to set up
 - Any child over 12 can request a vaccination
 - Student Enrolment very strong, above what was projected
- **Trustee/IEC Liaison – SMCDonnell, KHawksby**
 - Students excited to be back in school, some glitches, last minute protocols
 - Hornby School soon to open and Lake Trail open to students
 - Equity in Action – taking a scan of the districts, all students receiving the same education
 - LEA with K’omoks - significant responsibility for the School District
 - Creating a policy on Inclusiveness and Racism, then moving forward into practice
- **Indigenous Education District Principal Report** (highlights of written report)
 - Guests provided Cedar Brushing at last Staff meeting in June
 - Visited Chrome Island
 - WSpeck met with TDomeo – local history lesson
 - ISW hired for the summer to work with CMacdonald
 - Picked up the lightbox from Chilliwack, deliver to Lake Trail
 - Hired 6 new staff to start in September
 - Training day with staff – Bully Harassment and Confidentiality

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

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

- **K’omoks First Nation - BMurray**
 - Aboriginal Head Start Graduation at the Big House
 - LEA
 - Transportation for students – 26 nominal role students
 - Teddy Bears, out pouring of support from the community
- **MIKI’SIW Metis Association - BMercredi**
 - Community event – changes to bylaws, food and games
 - Spirit Walk noon to 7pm on sept 30, participants asked to wear orange, 250 871 7353 more info

- **UIWONA - Liverson**
 - Aboriginal Head Start modified for in person attendance
 - Building more supports around the community
 - Zoom link for AGM Tuesday 4 pm 21st
 - Altering AGM schedule, change to fiscal year end from March to June
- **Wachiay - NIA**
- **IPAC – hesitant to start up gym nights due to vaccine passport**
- **DPAC – no update**
- **Comox Valley Aboriginal Head start – Gjohnson, report received**
 - Respect to you Bruce for taking care of your staff and elders
- **CDTA – SDitrick**
 - Rough start - tragic event
 - Calmer than last year start up, level of anxiety not as high
- **CUPE - SBullock**
 - Support staff were also effected by the staff losses
 - Sympathy card flowers sent to K'omoks - found 215 students at Kamloops Residential School site
 - Meet with ISW's – set up around their school schedule
- **AJules - parent rep**
 - Primary care network new to the valley work with 9 different clinics
 - Indigenous advocate for indigenous patients
 - Cultural safety learning journey, 11 sessions for healthcare providers concentrated on the territory we live in

6. SPECIAL GUESTS / Staff Presentations:

Chettie Macdonald, Indigenous Education Liaison Coordinator

- Focus time during summer to tackle projects
- ISW Handbook created, better and ongoing support to our staff and new staff
- ISW CGraham, helped with the creation of the handbook, hired over the summer to work on this project
- Hired new staff members – Youth and Family Program worker and 5 new ISW's
- ½ day orientation, new staff mentoring at their school site
- New website, unique InEd website, resources for community, family, students and staff
 - Grad requirements, links to post secondary opportunities
 - Continuing video series
- Continuing on the drum making projects, so all schools will have a set of 20

- Some PACs provide funds for 10 more drums so that their school has a class set

7. New Business:

Update on Indigenous student numbers and overview of Indigenous Education staffing

- Retention of staff - thanks CMacdonald
- Long term dispatch - an unqualified ISW (experience but has not completed the NIC course) will work with a fully qualified ISW, goal to get full qualifications
- 2 new staff members staff came from Alberta
- 200 OL students from across the province, 1600 students total, 1350 students in district

Distance Learning is now referred to as Online Learning Indigenous students

IEC Annual General Meeting (October 20, 2021)

- Online event most likely due to Covid protocols
- Pass the word along, parent reps need for the IEC
- Year Plan for IEC (planning Zoom for Oct, Nov, Dec meetings)
- Zoom meetings until 2021

8. Unfinished Business:

- COVID-19 Protocols (fall update)
- Equity in Action Project (Looking at November 19th for first meeting)
 - Develop a working team process deep look at data around Indigenous Students
 - internal biases, systemic racism and inequality.
 - Equity profile how to put into action and make it happen
 - Curriculum could come up,
- SD71 Policy 24 and AP170 Committee Rep (non-discrimination policy) UPDATE Representative – Gjohnson - NIA

9. Standing Items:

- Indigenous Education Cultural Grants (will remove from Standing Items moving forward)
- Upcoming Events – See below
- Indigenous Education Enhancement Agreement (IEEA) put on hold while working on the Equity in Action Project
- How are we doing document? On pause
Linked to the Equity in Action project

10. In Camera Meeting (voting members)

10:35 – meeting adjourned



Next Indigenous Education Council (IEC) meeting –

Thursday, October 14, 2021