



### Indigenous Education Council Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2022

Crown Isle Copper Room

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

#### Meeting attendees:

Grace Johnson, CV Aboriginal Head Start/Chair  
Kelly Shopland, North Island College/Vice Chair  
Brenda Murray, K'omoks First Nation  
Bryce Mercredi, MIKI'SIW Metis Association  
Darren Patrick, Wachiay Friendship Centre  
Paula Selby, UIWONA  
Regrets Letitia Pokiak – Parent Rep  
Regrets Alex Jules, Parent Rep  
Meagan Goudreault, Parent Rep  
Regrets Trish McPhail, Parent Rep  
Regrets Malista McIntyre, Parent Rep

Regrets Terri Hatch, Parent Rep  
Heather Royal-Brant, Parent Rep  
Regrets Tracy Richards, VP, CDTA  
Denise Bullock, CUPE439  
Kathleen Hawksby, Trustee  
Tonia Frawley, Cristi May Sacht, Trustee  
Regrets Jason Cobey, CVPVPA  
Regrets Tom Demeo, Superintendent  
Bruce Carlos, District Principal  
Sue Cambrey, Sr. Administrative Assistant

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#### 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 / Staff Updates / Guests
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 9:19 am**
  2. **Agenda additions and priorities**
  3. **Adoption of meeting minutes of April 14, 2022** **Concensus**
  4. **Verbal Reports:**
    - **Superintendent – NIA**
    - **Trustee/IEC Liaison – KHawsby, TFrawley**
      - *Attending Graduations, Bursary teas, excited to meet in person*
      - *Hold and Secure – TDemeo and CSorochan to form a new communication to parents of schools affected by these emergencies, text in real time if wanted*

- *Email went out to parents, not much response, TDemeo will be sending it out again*
- **Indigenous Education District Principal Report** (highlights of written report)
  - *Preparations for IEC capacity, 2 full days, talking about Indigenous Legislation*
  - *District Budget Meeting with TMcPhail*
  - *Signed off the agreement with KFN - transportation to schools*
  - *Plan coming together to replace the trees in the Friendship Forest at Courtenay El*
  - *Positive changes to the Nala'atsi building, outdoor classroom, interior painted and some roof maintenance*
  - *English First Peoples 11 – supporting teachers to teach, LJules lead a circle, to help teachers feel that they are not alone, this is an exciting opportunity, everyone wants a piece of InEd, importance of the person teaching comes from an Indigenous background*
  - *28 InEd Staff to Port McNeill and Alert Bay Big House, cultural experience*
  - *Elders in Residents – Ni'noxsola (7 wise ones) 4 members are on the advisory to guide the program*
  - *Finalizing 2022-23 InEd budget – in-camera discussion*
  - *IPAC up and running next school year, IPAC meeting first Tuesday with Gym Night and more cultural learnings to be offered on the following Tuesday Gym nights of the month*
  - *Most schools will be celebrating June 21st , invitations out to CP, IEC and Ni'noxsola*

**Representative Written Reports - questions arising from provided reports:**

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| 1. K'omoks First Nation                          | 8. District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC) - NIA |
| 2. MIKI'SIW Metis Association                    | 9. Comox District Teachers (CDTA) - NIA           |
| 3. UIWONA  | 10. Canadian Union Public Employees(CUPELocal439) |
| 4. North Island College                          | 11. Comox Valley Principals Vice Principals - NIA |
| 5. CV Aboriginal Head start                      |   |
| 6. Wachiy Friendship Centre                      |   |
| 7. Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (IPAC) - NIA |   |

- **K'omoks First Nation – BMurray**

- *Grad event for KFN members, cedar grad hats were created for them to be hosted at the Big House July 15<sup>th</sup> 2-4 pm*
- *Chief and Council have approved the LEA, completed after 2 years*

- **MIKI'SIW Metis Association – BMercredi**

- *June 21<sup>st</sup> InEd day at Airforce beach, games and BBQ 5-8 pm*
- *Farmers market coupon*
- *Elders lunch at the legion, meet and greet, June 10*
- *Attended the Highland Grad – 5 Metis grads*
- *Will go next year to all Secondary schools prior to Grad and to teach the meaning behind the sash*

- **UIWONA – P Selby**
  - *New office fully supplied*
  - *Early years program – Name change to “Little Village” in person in September*
  - *TGagnon new facilitator*
  - *Awarded \$250 to 7 Grade 12 students throughout sd71,*
  - *June 21 - soft launch new site, community partners invited to check out the new space*
  - *June 25 - Elders dinner*
  - *June 28 – AGM - submit bios to KHawskby or P Selby*
  
- **Comox Valley Aboriginal Head Start – GJohnson – written report**
  
- **Wachiay Friendship Centre – DPatrick**
  - *Cultural nights – Thursday’s Potluck gathering and drumming, Monday’s - cedar bracelets, Wednesday’s – Luncheon*
  - *Jordans Principal position and youth worker is open*
  - *Show and tell and cultural day, foods as well*
  - *New building name – “House of many nations, all together”*
  - *First peoples grant for language leaders*
  - *10 week workshop for suicide prevention for youth – Avis O’Brien, importance of culture and language, suicides dropped to nothing when fully immersed in their culture and language - 14 spots open to youth*
  - *June 21 – not this year at Wachiay, created silos (no disrespect) need to gather as people, all day event of all groups show that we are united, colonization divided us, June 25 weekend, BBQ*
  - *June 30 George Leach performing 7 pm Lewis Park*
  
- **NIC – KShopland**
  - *Grad is June 24 at the Sid Williams Theatre - am and pm*
  - *Registration is now open for September, digital language courses, Aboriginal leadership Certification, Administrative Government Certificate – on the Blue jeans format – Zoom - weekly class time Tues and Thurs 6 – 9pm - one a class at a time for 6 weeks at a time, dual credit for high school, grade 12’s, navigators can provide information*
  - *Opened the new gathering space in Cr, finalizing the artists for signage, opening sept 29th*
  
- **IPAC – no rep**
- **DPAC – no rep**
- **CDTA – NIA**
- **CUPE – DBullock – written report**
- **CPVPA –NIA**

5. **SPECIAL GUESTS / Staff Presentations:**

**Ramona Johnson – New KFN Representative for KFN**

- *National Indigenous Peoples day June 21st - Vendors welcome*

6. **New business**

**Indigenous course credit graduation requirement (New)**

- SD71 planning committee
- English First Peoples 11 offered across all secondary schools for 2022-23 school year
- Planning circle hosted by InEd (Lelaina Jules)
- Recommending to support connecting with EFP teachers through 2022-23 school year

**National Day for Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day) event in Niagara Falls**

- Funds raised by **Queneesh Elementary School** to send Elder and a guest (see below)
- Looking for guidance / support on choice of Elder to invite to attend
- See information on last page of agenda

**Gift from IEC for Fernanda Pare (acknowledging service on IEC)**

- Card and gift to be presented on June 23rd

**Honoring Ni'noxsola (Elders in Residence) this afternoon**

- Hosted by SD71

7. **Unfinished Business:**

**Equity In Action Orientation meeting**

- Planning committee under development – NTR

**Indigenous Education staffing**

- Expect to have all ISW positions filled by end of June for the 2022-23 school year
- Any interested potential employees can connect with myself of Chettie via our InEd District office



8. **Standing Items:**

- Upcoming Events – See Principals report
- *SD71 Strategic plan* -- [www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/strategic-plan/](http://www.comoxvalleyschools.ca/strategic-plan/)

9. **In Camera Meeting (voting members)**

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

**September 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 location to be announced**

