



Indigenous Education Council Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2022
School Board Office Boardroom
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting attendees:

Danielle Vandermolen, CV Aboriginal Head Start
Kelly Shopland, North Island College/Chair
Bryce Mercredi, MIKI'SIW Métis Association
Trish McPhail, UIWONA
Letitia Pokiak – Parent Rep
Meagan Goudreault, Parent Rep
Malista McIntyre, Parent Rep
Heather Royal-Brant, Parent Rep

Karla Neufer, Chair, CDTA
Denise Bullock, CUPE439
Kathleen Hawksby, Trustee
Tonia Frawley, Trustee
Bruce Carlos, District Principal
Chettie Macdonald, InEd Liaison Coordinator

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
10:00am	Break
10:15am	In Camera Meeting (voting IEC members)
12:00pm	Meeting ends.

1. Acknowledgement of K'ómoks First Nation Territory ~ Kelly Shopland

2. Guest: Craig Sorochan, SD71 Manager of Communications

- Shared some of the school events that are happening for Truth and Reconciliation Week.
- **ACTION:** Bruce to email final report to IEC members

3. Agenda additions and priorities - none

4. Adoption of meeting minutes of June 9, 2022

- Reviewed. Adopted in principle by consensus 9:31am. Requires KFN rep to formally adopt.

5. Verbal Reports:

- *Superintendent – NIA - Tom Demeo sends his regrets*
- *Trustee/IEC Liaison*

- *Student and Family Affordability Fund (SFAF) –\$980,000. Seeking input from partner groups. At this point the funds are only for this year.*
- *Trustee elections this October*
- **Indigenous Education District Principal Report** (highlights of written report attached)

Representative Written Reports - questions arising from provided reports:

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| 1. K'ómoks First Nation | 8. District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC) - NIA |
| 2. MIKI'SIW Métis Association | 9. Comox District Teachers (CDTA) - NIA |
| 3. UIWONA | 10. Canadian Union Public Employees (CUPE Local 439) |
| 4. North Island College | 11. Comox Valley Principals Vice Principals Assoc. - NIA |
| 5. CV Aboriginal Head start | |
| 6. Wachiay Friendship Centre | |
| 7. Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (IPAC) - NIA | |

- **K'ómoks First Nation - none**
- **MIKI'SIW Métis Association – Bryce Mercredi**
 - Monthly meetings at the Courtenay Legion
 - Participating in the consultation for the **Student and Family Affordability Fund**
- **UIWONA**
- **Comox Valley Aboriginal Head Start – Danielle Vandermolen**
 - *Supported many families over the summer*
 - *Many new staff starting this year*
- **Wachiay Friendship Centre – No rep**
- **NIC – Kelly Shopland**
 - *3 programs starting in September (leadership, language fluency, Kwak'waka)*
 - *Attended a conference overseas to look at Indigenous international exchange opportunities*
 - *Working on an international plan for students*
 - *Indigenous Navigator, Willow Hunt-Scott*
 - *Indigenous Registered Counsellor, Sarah Lawrence (starting in January)*
 - *Funding models changing for First Nations – updates in coming months*

IPAC – Bruce

- *Restarting on October 4th. Gym nights weekly. Meetings monthly. Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm at Lake Trail.*
- *FNESC grant to support some workshops this year.*

DPAC – no rep

CDTA – September 29th, All candidates forum for trustees at Vanier

CUPE – Invitation to the “All Candidates forum”, organized with a combined effort from DPAC, CDTA and CUPE

CPVPA – none

6. SPECIAL GUESTS / Staff Presentations:

- *Craig Sorochan, Manager of Communications (See above)*

7. New business

- Acknowledging IEC members who have left Council (cards and gifts)

Darren Patrick (Wachiay Rep) is now an ISW working in one of our schools,

Brenda Murray (Komoks First Nation) has since resigned and

Grace Johnson (Aboriginal Head start) is no longer working for Head Start.

Terri Hatch (Parent Rep) attending NIC Indigenous Leadership Course

Reflections on Capacity Building (May 2022) and steps moving forward

8. In Camera Meeting (voting members)

Next Indigenous Education Council (IEC) meeting

October 13, 2022 – SD71 Board Office

