



Indigenous Education Council Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2022

School Board Office Boardroom

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

**** Special Lunch following meeting****

Meeting attendees:

Kelly Shopland, North Island College/Chair
Ramona Johnson, K'ómoks First Nation
Bryce Mercredi, MIKI'SIW Métis Association
Letitia Pokiak, Parent Rep – *virtual*
Wachiay Friendship Centre – N/A
Trish McPhail, UIWONA – *attended at 10am*
Alex Jules, Parent Rep – *attended 10am*
Malista McIntyre, Parent Rep
Megan Goudreault, Parent Rep - *regrets*
Heather Royal-Brant, Parent Rep
Karla Neuffer, CDTA - *regrets*
Denise Bullock, CUPE439
Kathleen Hawksby, CVAHS

Susan Leslie, Trustee
Sarah-Jane Howe, Trustee
Jason Cobey, CVPVPA - *regrets*
Tom Demeo, Superintendent – *attended 10:09am*
Geoff Manning – Assistant Superintendent – *attended at 10:09 am*
Bruce Carlos, District Principal
Chettie Macdonald, InEd Liaison Coordinator – *minute taker*

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
10:00am	Break
10:30am	InEd District Staff Presentations
11:30am	LUNCH (at Board Office)
12:30pm	Gathering comes to an end

1. **Acknowledgement of K'ómoks First Nation Territory - 9:14am Elder Ramona Johnson**

2. **Agenda additions and priorities - None**

3. **Adoption of meeting minutes of November 9, 2022**

- **Action Items to be added as a standing item on agenda**

4. **Verbal Reports:**

- **Superintendent**

- *Geoff Manning - Student and Family Affordability Fund: Schools spending funds (stigma free) to benefit families. Examples: grab and go bags to take home, food brought on trolley into classes.*

Lush Valley Action Society is providing 300 good food boxes to families now through to end of school year. End of January is the first accountability report to the Ministry.

- *Ministry is hinting that the funds may continue past this school year. Hoping that they will permit any carryover from this year into next year. Will bring together steering committee for a mid-year update (February).*
- *Equity Scan update– identified steering committee members. First meeting scheduled for Jan 9th and second meeting Jan 24th. In CR on Jan 19th for regional meeting with other districts to share experiences. 4 pillars – areas to explore. Sub-Committees to be developed for each pillar. Purpose is to develop barriers and action plan to address them.*
- **Trustee/IEC Liaison**
 - *Susan Leslie (IEC rep) + 1 rotating trustee to attend meetings*
 - *First Meeting with new Board held on Tues, Dec 13th*
 - *Recently came back from BCSTEA conference – entire conference presented through an Indigenous lens*
- **Indigenous Education District Principal Report** (highlights of written report)

Representative Written Reports - questions arising from provided reports:

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| 1. K'ómoks First Nation – N/A | 8. District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC) – N/A |
| 2. MIKI'SIW Métis Association - verbal | 9. Comox District Teachers (CDTA) - N/A |
| 3. UIWONA - verbal | 10. Can. Union Public Employees (CUPELocal439) - verbal |
| 4. North Island College - verbal | 11. Comox Valley Principals Vice Principals – N/A |
| 5. CV Aboriginal Head start - verbal | |
| 6. Wachiay Friendship Centre – N/A | |
| 7. Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (IPAC) – N/A | |

2. MIKI'SIW – gathering this past Saturday & provided food boxes to 20 families

5. CVAHS – gather this past Saturday hosted at Courtenay EI

4. NIC – conversations regarding the housing project. Blessing ceremony Jan 6th. Expected completion in 2025. Indigenous focused building plan – including gathering places. Having conversations with Homolco to create Ayajusem language course in CR and K'ómoks. Sarah Lawrence is new Indigenous Counsellor starting in January.

7. IPAC - meetings/gym nights hopeful to restart in the New Year.

10. CUPE 439 – Cultural leave (paid days) for support staff 2 days per calendar year & acknowledgement included in meetings.

5. New business

- **Filled positions;**
 - ISW (ECE) position - Ecole Puntledge Park Elementary School (filled externally)
 - Indigenous Child Family Program Worker (position filled internally)
- **Positions still open;**
 - Indigenous Support Worker (elementary / secondary / Online)
 - Teacher for Nala'atsi and Community Co-Ordinator
- **Update on Equity in Action project**

- IEC members requested to attend scan committees
- **School District 85 (Vancouver Island North) Professional Development Day (January 3rd)**

6. **Old business**

- FNEESC Conference (Heather Royal Brant)
- Winter Feast gathering (postponed)

7. **In Camera Meeting (voting members)** *No In-camera meeting*

8. **Indigenous Education District Staff Presentations:**

InEd Support Teacher (Elem)	Lynn Swift
InEd Support Teacher (Elem)	Gail Martindale
InEd Support Teacher (Secondary)	Lelaina Jules
SD71 / KFN Success Teacher	Natasha Rainkie
Online Learners Support Teacher	Richard Turenne
InEd Program Worker – Elem	Gwen Monnet
InEd Coordinator	Chettie Macdonald

9. **Winter Lunch** (hosted in School Board Office Board room)

ACTION ITEMS for next meeting:

- i) **Action items are standing items for upcoming meetings**
- ii) **Arrange a gathering (dinner) with IEC members and SD trustees**

Next Indigenous Education Council (IEC) meeting

***January 12, 2023 hosted at
School Board Office***

