



Indigenous Education Council Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2023
School Board Office Boardroom
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting attendees:

Kelly Shopland, North Island College/Chair	Denise Anderson, CDTA
Kathleen Hawksby, CV Aboriginal Head Start	Denise Bullock, CUPE439
Regrets Ramona Johnstone, K'omoks First Nation	Susan Leslie, Trustee
Bryce Mercredi, MIKI'SIW Metis Association	9:30 am Michelle Waite, Trustee
NIA Wachiay Friendship Centre	Regrets Jason Cobey, CVPVPA
Trish McPhail, UIWONA	Regrets Tom Demeo, Superintendent
On-line Letitia Pokiak – Parent Rep	Bruce Carlos, District Principal
Regrets Alex Jules, Parent Rep	Sue Cambrey, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Meagan Goudreault, Parent Rep	
On line Malista McIntyre, Parent Rep	
On line Heather Royal-Brant, Parent Rep	

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'omoks First Nation Territory** **KShopland 9:09**
2. **Agenda additions and priorities**
3. **Adoption of meeting minutes of December 15, 2022** **no quorum**
4. **Verbal Reports:**
 - **Superintendent – NIA**
 - Kindergarten registration programs of choice – expression of interest – 10 min process
Registration for French Immersion 72 Robb Road, 40 Puntledge, Montessori 20 Queneesh,
7 Courtenay El, Indigenous K/1 Puntledge 6 (only 8 spots available)
 - Regular kindergarten registration in neighbour hood catchments next week
 - Student number Projections to the Ministry deadline in Feb
 - Affordability fund – IEC \$5000 to be coming from CHilton– funds to IEC next week

- Allocated \$4000 to KFN, via the KFN Success Advisor - NRainkie
 - Thursday – Equity Scan regional meeting in CR equity – sharing successes and challenges around Equity can in our regions School Districts.
 - 4 sub committees, under the chair, who is going to represent, not a checklist item, actionable items, will happen in the district, on going, never finished
- **Trustee/IEC Liaison –**
 - January 10th was the first committee of whole meeting
 - All trustees attend, and all committees that support the structure, gives trustees a chance for discussion
 - First equity scan meeting, steering committee. SLeslie worked on a scan in her previous district, know of the changes that transpire
 - Trustee orientation 20th and 21st, learning about governance and our role, create a sense of team
 - New board, building a team, focus on creating a strong trusted team
 - Equity in action, to help with alleviating pockets of amazing things, structures built in place so amazing things happen all over
 - CUPE - Other achievements need to be recognized, the whole student
 - **Indigenous Education District Principal Report** (highlights of written report)
 - 3 new staff → KFN success teacher, InEd program worker Elementary (2nd position) full time EA in the Puntledge K/1class
 - Attended the NIC housing site blessing ceremony, Indigenous presence in the design, family units available
 - Professional Development Day preparation
 - FEB 16th DPAC evening with Pro D guest speakers
 - March 16th IEC meeting change date, room booking?

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 (CUPELocal439) |
| 4. North Island College | 11. Comox Valley Principals Vice Principals - |
| 5. CV Aboriginal Head start | |
| 6. Wachiay Friendship Centre | |
| 7. Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (IPAC) - | |

- **CV Aboriginal Head Start** – back into routine, openings for students (3 or 4 years) in the am and pm, BC – a reach out to Strong Start might be beneficial
- **IPAC** – emailed a callout to members, looking to parents to take leadership role with IPAC, \$4000 funding from FNEESC, Parents Pro d in Feb
- **NIC** – student housing ground blessing with KFN, building designed with KFN, Urban1 and HDR Designers, 7% inclusions of InEd, figuring out the details, priority admission for indigenous students, short- and long-term rentals, open fall 2025, working on policies, priority for admission for nursing, health care. ECE, all trades and technical programs new!
- **MIKI'SIW** – Elder luncheons are well attended. Metis nation assembly meeting in Vancouver
- **CUPE Local 439** – a lot of mental exhaustion, not many feeling like that they have had a vacation
- **CDTA** – upcoming Pro D Day February 17, huge amount of work has been done to create relationships with community and guests

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

- *None today*

6. **New business**

- Update on Komoks First Nation elections - Ken Price, Coral Mackay, Susan Savoie, Candace Newman
- KPrice has been a counselor in the past, SSavoie has worked with KFN, all have familiarity
- Looking forward to a meet and greet with the new council
- Invitation to attend Professional Development Day (February 17th) is coming out
- 19-20 workshops - **Sharing Cultural Perspectives: Where Paths Meet hosted at GP Vanier Secondary** - Poster in package, teachers sent out and community send out soon
- SLeslie - Is everyone invited that work with students? shutting down the district so that all can learn? levelling the ground? BCarlos – yes - it is open to everyone, teachers and CUPE staff = 800 staff invited
- Isfeld hosting a live broadcast of Keynotes, for overflow of staff, CUPE – DBullock – Friday is not really a good day when attached to family day
- Link sent out to those who are working.... can view on YouTube channel - link will be sent to online learners
- Videographer being brought in to record Keynote speakers and video will be posted onto our InEd website

7. **Old Business**

- Update on **Equity in Action project** (IEC members requested to attend scan committees)

** North Island / Sunshine Coast Equity Regional Session for Equity Steering Committee members Jan 19th (**BMercredi, RJohnson, KShopland representing IEC**)

- First steering committee meeting Jan 10th, regional session led by ministry Jan 19th in CR - Nanaimo north Island school districts in attendance, information share, follow up on Jan 24, this will be a standing item on future IEC agendas

- **FNESC Conference (Heather Royal Brant)**
Much to attend, January 20th to share with the 8 of us that attended, honorable Steven Point, could have filled the 3 days, current challenges of students and families, school and authority, residential school hangover, work is there, acknowledged all the change with curriculum, 4 communities that have a law making ability, he applauded that, wonderful to see the awareness of the way Indigenous teachers teach, elders and stories, "cree way" movie, importance of plants, land and language, Bayside Middle school - paddling club, what healing looks like, dive into the district, the Superintendent went to the community to build trust, district educated in trauma

- School District 85 (**Vancouver Island North**) **Professional Development Day** (January 3rd) attended by several InEd District staff along with LPokiak and TMcPhail
lp – amazing to be in a big house, on the land learning program, open to other districts, boat trip to view past villages, knowledge keepers and teachers engaging with students,
tmcphail – powerful, welcomed into the big house, helpers worked hands-on with students, elders and ISW's stood up were given gifts and recognized, humbled, I feel shift happening, more comfortable getting connected, huge capacity building for their district, all together feed of each others energy, learn about respect, how to behave and learn.

- **InEd Staff positions** vacant (Indigenous Support Worker (elementary / secondary / Online)

8. **Action Items** for next meeting (Action items are standing items for upcoming meetings)

- **Arrange a gathering (dinner) with IEC members and SD Trustees (from December meeting)**

Meeting adjourned 10:25 am

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

Next Indigenous Education Council (IEC) meeting

***February 9, 2023 hosted at
School Board Office***

