



- **Indigenous Education Council Meeting Minutes**

June 15, 2023

White Spot Meeting Room

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting attendees:

Regrets Kelly Shopland, North Island College/Chair
CV Aboriginal Head Start, no rep
Regrets Ramona Johnstone, K'omoks First Nation
Bryce Mercredi, MIKI'SIW Metis Association
Wachiay Friendship Centre - NIA
Trish McPhail, UIWONA
Letitia Pokiak – Parent Rep
Alex Jules, Parent Rep
Regrets Meagan Goudreault, Parent Rep
Regrets Malista McIntyre, Parent Rep (online learners)
Heather Royal-Brant, Parent Rep

Karla Neuffer, CDTA
Regrets Denise Bullock, CUPE439
Susan Leslie, Trustee
Felicity Chitty, KFN Education Coordinator
Regrets Coral McKay, KFN Counsellor
Regrets Michelle Waite, Trustee
Regrets Jason Cobey, CVPVPA
Geoff Manning, Assist 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 / 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**

FChitty 9:22 am

2. **Agenda additions and priorities**

3. **Adoption of meeting minutes of April 13, 2023**

Consensus

4. **Verbal Reports:**

• **Superintendent - Geoff Manning – Acting-Superintendent**

- Interviewed for the Secretary Treasurer
- Interviews for Manager of Finance
- Superintendent interviews next Thursday June 22
- Met with Laura Roberts new principal of Highland, interested in the history of InEd in the district, understands Highland is 2nd secondary with highest number of InEd students, officially employed Aug 1 and Aug 21 start date

- More money coming in the fall, already over our projected numbers, rapidly running out of space, modular coming to Cumberland and Puntledge - 143 previously registered, now 220 students
- Open to conversation regarding positions paid for by core funding/targeted funding
- **Trustee/IEC Liaison**
 - Focused on hiring, wonderful changes happening in district staffing, positive changes
 - 4 candidates short listed for Superintendent
 - On the hiring panel for the Highland Principal, very pleased with LRoberts
 - Ministry adds new changes, directives coming, draft budget is continually being altered, want the budget as transparent and as close as possible to the student numbers coming in September
 - Budget has been shared 3 times publicly, felt good, open conversation, all participating in dialogue
 - Targeted funding and District Principal wage - demographics are very different in every district, one solution does not fit all
- **Indigenous Education District Principal**
 - Yearly check in with InEd Staff
 - Welcomed logs to Vanier – 15 logs donated, portable mill coming to site
 - Worked with FChitty on the LEA Celebration approx. 80 in attendance
 - May VI Regional meeting invited SD71 district teachers to attend and 50 in attendance, good collaboration
 - 48 staff in the InEd department, preparing for some staff and their leave commitments
 - Warriors program for elementary students, Wachiay funded DMills for 10 weeks, struggling students are very much changed after attending
 - Re look at budget in October to update after 1701
 - Online funded for 189 students, student number is now 256
 - Nala'atsi Grad, 7pm at the KFN Big House
 - QFN kits, 20 being created for SD71

Big House discussion moved to September 2023

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 (Local439) |
| 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) | |

K'omoks First Nation – FChitty

- LEA Celebration - great turn out
- Grad Ceremony July 9th
- Core Competency course with NIC
- Early Learning programs, barrier to our community, early learning culture kit to send home

Miki'siw Metis Association - BMercredi

- Hide tanning workshop
- InEd day at Airforce beach
- Elders' lunches going strong and through out the summer
- Grad ceremonies in the district, sashes presented at the lunches

CV Aboriginal Head start Headstart

- funding in place for an occupational therapist
- Little village is the name
- Work closer with SD71 to streamline into K
- Build relationship with KFN

IPAC - BCarlos

- Last meeting for the school year
- Continuing work in the fall
- Apply for the LT gym for gym nights and monthly IPAC meetings
- Collaborating more with KFN, provide support with cultural events

5. SPECIAL GUESTS / Staff Presentations:

- October meeting -- invite District teacher to share their 2022-23 report ?

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 4th annual Jointly Convened Annual Meeting (JCAM) - May 25, 2023 in Vancouver.
The purpose of this annual meeting of Superintendents and Chairs of Indigenous Education Councils is to share information and contribute to reconciliation between school districts and First Nations
 - KShopland attended a few years ago.
 - KShopland was unable to attend, BCarlos and GManning attended
 - No big announcements
 - Assistant District Principal of the province will be attending June 26th gathering – talk to BBaker regarding accountability surveys
 - Joe Heslyp (EinAction) will also be attending
 - FNEESC and MOE full partnership sharing updates, lots happening in the works behind the scenes

- Search for new Secretary Treasurer & Superintendent of Schools
 - updated earlier, invite from BC talk to the facilitator of the superintendent search
- IEC related business/functions/conferences that Elders and parent reps attend (Letitia)
 - Discussion at the October IEC meeting
 - Clarity on IEC related business – compensation is ??
- Annual indigenous Education Recognition Ceremony (Letitia)
 - LP missed opportunity to celebrate our InEd students
 - BC Prioritizing our staff efforts, takes staff away from direct work with students to organize this big event
 - BC Keep our staff working, care for mental health not to have too many big events, what the InEd staff have the capacity to do
 - HRB – only time a small school can recognize a student
 - Consensus of IEC is to have this event
 - Move on to discuss in October – IEC more of a role in driving this event to take place
- 2023-24 staffing update – human rights exemption
 - close to fully Indigenous staff - 2 positions away
- Summer 2023 work (ISW's / Chettie) – call out to ISW's 6 staff put names forward
 - CMacdonald is a 12 month employee
 - Summer projects that cannot be done during the school year, updating handbook and protocols, strong message about their role
- Adding Local Education Agreement as 'standing item' for future IEC meetingsSD71 Annual Budget –
 - GManning and BCarlos meeting with KFN - what's happening with the LEA, creates accountability to the LEA

Open Committee of the Whole Meeting (Heather attended)

- Link to the presentation sent out to IEC members

7. Old Business

- Reflections & next steps from IEC Capacity Building May 17 / 18 hosted at KFN Hall

- Draft Motion (update if available)

That the School District 71 (Comox Valley) Board of Education directs the Superintendent to work in collaboration with the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) to establish a policy development working group before June 30, 2023 to create an Indigenous Education co-governance policy.

The development committee would include K'ómoks First Nation, MIKI'SIW Metis Association, Indigenous Education Council, School District 71 senior leaders, and Trustees.

Board chair will be in touch with the IEC chair very soon

- **student voice (opportunity to share their experience)** strategize how to make this happen
 - 7th Generation clubs (elementary)
 - Leadership groups (secondary)
 - Indigenous K/1 program
 - Nala'atsi School
- **Roaming IEC reps (school visits)** formalizing a process
 - visiting schools to check in with staff and students as well as attend events.
 - ID tags, vest / clothing, Criminal Record Check (CRC) required
 - Start with focus on schools who do not have an Elder in Residence??
- **IEC member organization reports (at IEC meetings)** importance of these to keep the meeting open for discussion
 - Remind reps to provide a written report (highlights)
 - Two items you wish to highlight and one item you'd like feedback on – Update on Equity in Action project

Idea for the Equity in Action – not dropped – reset meeting in the fall

Shift in leadership – Equity in Action IEC steering committee June 29th gathering

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

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Next Indigenous Education Council (IEC)
September 14, 2023
Hosted at the School District 71 Board Office