



**K'ómoks First Nation &
School District 71 (Comox Valley)
Local Education Agreement (LEA)
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 28, 2024**



Attendance In Person:

Members:

Dr. Jeremy Morrow, Superintendent of Schools
Erin Higginbottom, K'ómoks First Nation
Jay Dixon, Director of Instruction
Bruce Carlos, District Principal - Indigenous Education

Regrets: Coral Mackay, Councillor, K'ómoks First Nation

Recording Secretary: Heidi Bell, Sr. Executive Assistant

1. Reviewed the Local Education Oversight Committee's Action Items

i. Student Success

- Natasha Rainkie, Indigenous Success Advisor has received access and training in the district MyEd system.
- KFN is working on a joint consent form. Bruce will forward the SD71 consent forms to Erin for review.
- The K'ómoks Peoples Assembly in March did not transpire. In lieu the LEA was reported out at the Admin Fair and will again be reported out at the end of the year.
- SD71 will update and refresh the district on the LEA.

ii. Meeting Socio & Emotional Needs

- Therapeutic Riding Program (KFN & SD71)
KFN has received a grant for this program and has secured 3 spaces starting in September. This is in addition to the 4 spaces already provided by the district. ISW's will transport students to and from the session and all formal liability paperwork has been taken care of.
- Culture Camp (KFN)
KFN has hired a Youth Coordinator who has organized a 1-week summer camp in August 2024.
- Professional Development – Land Based Learning. Discussion around using one of the Pro-D days at the end of August. We would like this to be available to all staff.

- Discussion around creating a series of Pro-D work throughout the course of next year. Looking at creating an Indigenous welcome and video content to be used in the on-boarding process. Erin will reach out to the community to see if anyone would like to participate.
- SD71 looking into having the LEA, Welcome to the Territory message and the role of KFN added to the SD71 On-Boarding process. Erin will see if anyone in the community would like to participate in recording a message.

iii. Program Development

- SD71 Careers department and KFN have started discussion and will meet again on June 10th, 2024.
- SD71 and KFN are working on customized BAA courses. There will be follow-up on how to receive credits for cultural events. SD 71 will connect KFN with Don Anderson, Trades Support Teacher, for further discussion.
- There might be potential for a language course.
- SD71 Careers department was successful in receiving a grant, which will fund a .2 Indigenous Work Experience Teacher. SD71 will work with KFN, the community and will post the position within the next couple of weeks.
- KFN will find out if there is availability for a Summer Student Work Experience position, which will receive graduation credits.
- Local language – KFN will connect with Pam Mitchell. SD71 would like to add signage etc. in schools and is seeking someone to help with the translation.

iv. Policy & Procedures

2. Meeting Adjourned – 10:10 am