

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES

A TEAMS meeting of the Aboriginal Education Council was called to order at 11:30 am on Tuesday, May 12, 2020.

Present: Laurie Larsen (Board of Education Chairperson, SD #36), Jordan Tinney (Superintendent, SD #36), Lyn Daniels (Director of Instruction, Aboriginal Learning, SD #36 - Chair), Chief Harley Chappell (Semiahmoo First Nation), David Kenworthy (Katzie First Nation), Jacquie King (STA), Denton Muir (SPVPA), Debra Merrier (CUPE) and Vanessa Hickman (FRAFCA)

Absent: Métis Nation BC designate, Kekinow Native Housing Society designate

Guests: Neder Dhillon (Acting Assistant Superintendent, SD #36), Gordon Powell (District Principal, Aboriginal Learning, SD #36), Deneen Reiter (SPVPA – elementary) and Shelley Saje Ricci

1. Welcome and Acknowledgment

2. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2020 Meeting:

Moved: Chairperson Laurie Larsen
Seconded: Vanessa Hickman
Carried

3. Approval of Agenda:

Moved: Chairperson Laurie Larsen
Seconded: Debra Merrier
Carried

4. Community Updates

No community updates were provided

5. How we are supporting Aboriginal Learners and their families - update

Gordon provided an update on how Aboriginal Child Youth Care Workers, Indigenous Graduation Advocates, Transition Team, Helping Teachers and District Cultural Presenters are supporting Aboriginal Learners and their families through the suspension of in-class instruction.

6. Equity Lab - update

Gordon advised that:

- the guide group sessions are being rebooked into online format;
- the single moderator for discussion is Skookum Labs;
- there will be a virtual concluding “Campfire”;
- the final report will be pushed into next year.

7. Technology Needs

Gordon advised that Aboriginal Learning has been investigating the technology needs of Aboriginal Learners. The preliminary numbers show that 60 families need devices and/or have connectivity issues.

8. Tah-tul-ut Education Assistant Diploma

Gordon advised that Aboriginal Learning is building a list of current Grade 11s that are interested in registering for the program. If there is room, it will be open to Grade 12s and maybe some seats to Delta and Langley students. The SFU portion is projected to be online and the Surrey College (February start) may be online.

9. Adult Graduation

Gordon said that Aboriginal Learning is exploring ways to assist parents in completing adult graduation at Old Yale Road and Beaver Creek.

10. Honouring Ceremony

The Honouring Ceremony will be a TEAMS event held on June 16th at 3:00 pm.

Jordan Tinney informed the Council that the Board of Education will be voting on the name of the new school (Ta ta lew) on May 13, 2020.

11. Adjournment:

Moved: Chairperson Laurie Larsen
Seconded: Debra Merrier
Carried

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm.