

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES

A TEAMS meeting of the Aboriginal Education Council was called to order at 11:30 am on Tuesday, October 27, 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), Debra Merrier (CUPE), David Kenworthy (Katzie First Nation), Pam O’Neill (Kekinow Native Housing Society) and Jacquie King (STA)

Absent: Métis Nation BC designate, Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association designate, Chief Harley Chappell (Semiahmoo First Nation), Denton Muir (SPVPA) and parent designates

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

1. Welcome and Acknowledgment

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved: Chairperson Laurie Larsen
Seconded: David Kenworthy
Carried

3. Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2020 Meeting:

Moved: Chairperson Laurie Larsen
Seconded: Jacquie King
Carried

4. Community Updates:

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ii. Katzie First Nation

David reported that most Katzie First Nation students are attending school at the Tetotun Wellness Centre on Barnston Island.

Lyn stated that a teacher will be hired this week for the Tetotun school.

- iii. **Kekinow Native Housing Society**
Pam shared that school is going well. It is growing and always a work in progress.
6. **School naming – What considerations are important to you in naming schools?**
Jordan discussed the naming of three schools that will be opening in the future and the possible renaming of other facilities. He stated that the Board is supportive of Indigenous names and he is asking for peoples’ collective views.
- There was open discussion and it was agreed that the creation of a bank of potential names and phrases based on the history of an area would be very helpful.
- The school naming topic will be left on the agenda for future council meetings.
- Jordan stated that he would send out the addresses of the three new schools.
7. **Equity Lab – Overview of Emerging Themes – Which theme resonates most with you?**
Lyn referred to the Equity Lab – Overview document and reviewed the five themes that emerged from the guide groups.
- She stated there is an upcoming campfire gathering to discuss the themes and creating a system wide response. Models and prototypes will be implemented, data collected and scaled to meet the needs of families and staff.
- Shelley shared a personal experience of racism that took place at one of her school’s.
- Jordan stated that the district is committed to work on racism and that Hooks Global is developing a proposal for the district.
8. **AEC meeting themes – How could themes help us organize our 3-4 AEC meetings each year?**
There were many themes suggested by the council members. This topic will be revisited after the campfire.
9. **Adjournment:**
- Moved:** Chairperson Laurie Larsen
Seconded: Debra Merrier
Carried