

## **ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Aboriginal Education Council was called to order at 11:50 am on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at the District Education Centre, 14033 92 Avenue, Surrey, BC.

**Present:** Laurae McNally (Board of Education Trustee, 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), Marcey Campbell (CUPE), Vanessa Hickman (Fraser Region Aboriginal Friendship Centre Association), Pam O’Neill (Kekinow Native Housing Society) and Kelly Tymich (Parent)

**Absent:** Métis Nation BC Designate

**Guests:** Neder Dhillon (Acting Assistant Superintendent, SD #36), Gordon Powell (Vice Principal, Aboriginal Learning, SD #36) and Annie Silver

**1. Welcome, Acknowledgment and Introductions**

**2. Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2019 Meeting:**

**Moved:** Kelly Tymich  
**Seconded:** Chief Harley Chappell  
**Carried**

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

**Moved:** Trustee Laurae McNally  
**Seconded:** Kelly Tymich  
**Carried**

**4. Terms of Reference**

There was around the table conversation about suggested revisions to the Terms of Reference, the selection of Chair, the recruitment of parent representatives, the use of Robert’s Rules of Order and voting.

Noted revisions will be made and the Terms of Reference will be discussed further at the next Council meeting.

#### 5. **Territorial Acknowledgment**

There was around the table discussion about suggested revisions to the Territorial Acknowledgment.

**Motion:** “The Council endorses the territorial acknowledgment revisions”  
**Moved:** Lyn Daniels  
**Seconded:** Chief Harley Chappell  
**Carried**

The territorial acknowledgment will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees after the revisions have been made by Gordon Powell.

#### 6. **Naming of Schools**

There was discussion about district policy in the naming of schools and facilities, the protocols and the role the Aboriginal Education Council has in such naming.

Chief Harley Chappell stated that there needs to be ceremony and documentation of the ceremony (named witnesses) when a school or facility is named.

Jordan Tinney would like to see a reference document created regarding the naming of schools. It was agreed that council will work on such a document.

#### 7. **Enhancement Agreement**

There was conversation regarding the renewal of the Enhancement Agreement.

**Motion:** “The Council recommits to the vision and goals of the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement”  
**Moved:** Lyn Daniels  
**Seconded:** Kelly Tymich  
**Carried**

Lyn stated that more details and further elaboration of how to achieve the goals will emerge with further Council meetings.

#### 8. **Equity Lab**

Lyn discussed the foundations and framework of the Surrey School’s version of the Equity Lab.

There was around the table discussion and it was agreed that the Council will need more time to continue to think about the Equity Lab.

**9. Community Updates**

Time ran short so no community updates were provided.

**10. Adjournment:**

**Moved:** Trustee Laurae McNally  
**Seconded:** Chief Harley Chappell  
**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.