



Aboriginal Education Council

Minutes

January 11, 2018

White Spot meeting room 9:00 am

In Attendance: Bruce Carlos, District Principal of Aboriginal Education; Sue Cambrey, Administrative Assistant; Charlene Everson, K'ómoks First Nation, Fernanda Pare, K'ómoks First Nation; Bryce Mercredi, Metis Association; Kathleen Hawksby, UIWONA; Nicole Gagnon, Parent Rep; Mark Peill, Parent Rep, Chettie MacDonald, Parent Rep; Nick Moore, CDTA; Denise Bullock, CUPE; Clare Laughy, Administrative Assistant (p/t), Sandra Ryan, Friendship Centre, Dean Lindquist, Superintendent

Regrets: Barb Mitchell, Linda Walton, Aboriginal Head Start; Lisa Iverson, UIWONA, Janice Caton, Trustee, Lou-Ann Neel, NIC,

Meeting began at 9:05am

1. Welcome and acknowledgement of the K'ómoks First Nation Territory
2. Introduction of Attendees attending

3. Agenda additions and priorities

4. Change Bryce's title in future Minutes from Métis Association to Miki'siw Métis Association

5. Adoption of meeting minutes of December 14, 2017 Consensus

6. Reports from:

- **Superintendent**

- Discussed 3-year calendar. Please give comments and do survey online at the SD71 website (http://www.sd71.bc.ca/pages/newsitem.aspx?ItemID=45&ListID=aac9f3d2-babd-4bac-ac12-230bc4a9cffc&TemplateID=Announcement_Item)
- Goals to increase transparency re: Board business
- Need to develop an RFP (request for proposal) to find a consultant to support 4th Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement

- **Trustee/AEC Liaison – Not in attendance. Email sent to Bruce on Jan 10/18 –**

"...the district is conducting a survey to determine the school calendar for the next three years, and I would encourage everyone to please go to the district website and fill out the survey and have your say. This is the first time we have looked at doing a three year calendar, and once the results are in, the calendar committee will bring forth a recommendation to the board for consideration. The two options being presented will be do we have a one week spring break or a two week break".

- **CDTA Representative**

- Nick is signing off on 2013 – 2019 Teachers Collective Agreement
- 'Props' to AbEd Liaison Committees – these are seen as an excellent way to share resources and get the word out to support new curriculum
- Bruce sent 3 copies of new Monique Gray Smith's book *Speaking Our Truth: A Journey of Reconciliation* to CDTA (re: Residential schools) to CDTA – excellent books
- CDTA talking a lot about violence in the workplace – how does kids hurting kids, or kids hurting adults affect teachers, CUPE, other kids, etc. People do not know what to report, a lot of stigma out there, etc.

- **CUPE Representative – No written report**
 - CUPE has been invited to meeting on Jan 18th for Secondary Program Review (Bruce mentioned that 2 ASW's were invited to attend meetings)
 - Hopes to work collectively with CDTA re: violence, PTSD
- **DPAC Representative – No written report**
 - Met at Vanier to look at renovations. AbEd room looking phenomenal. Also looked at new Super Lab – excellent set up. It should be completed in March (approx.)
 - Last DPAC mtg – elections. Kathleen will be Vice Chair
- **District Principal Report - report provided and highlights shared**

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Nick suggested writing an article for BCTF magazine to showcase success of Umista exhibit

7. Old Business:

- **Subcommittee for AEC Cultural Grants – KHawksby, SMcGill, NGagnon, FPare, CMacDonald**
 - They will email at a later date:
 - Bruce will be putting out a call for new grants after audit
- **VI Parents Conference**
 - Excellent conference!
 - Nicole and Mark would like to attend next time as well as some ASW's
- **Indigenous Parents Advocacy Club (IPAC) Update:**
 - Received 2 grants (one from FNEESC and one from ISPARC)
 - Very positive feedback on Family Gym Nights
 - IPAC will also receive \$\$ from the 'Home' play towards the Good Samaritans Fund
- **AEC Capacity Building/Strategic Planning Update**
 - Bruce and Charlene met with Marcia to discuss next steps
 - Will move next Capacity meeting to Feb 15th and make it an entire day.
 - Consensus was that this would work for everyone
 - Dean said that AEC representative should attend to keep Aboriginal interests in forefront of decisions made

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Charlene to work on dates for booking later meetings? Bruce suggests April 26th

- **UMISTA Residential School Exhibit**
 - There are set dates for it to visit each school. Travel times still need to be set up
 - Lesson plans are being set up and designed
 - Currently at Brooklyn, but protocols still need to be put in place before students see it
 - We want teachers to present to students, not necessarily AbEd staff, so teachers need to be briefed on how to present appropriately
- **Staffing Positions – ASW's / Administrative Assistant / V-P Posting**
 - Sue provided a list of all the staff in the district – currently 33 staff and one more to hire
 - Also, a posting for a V-P position will be put out sometime in the near future
 - Budget will be tighter for next year than this year

- **Elders in Resident Update**
- Getting close. After Thursday's meeting with Elders, Bruce will be able to make sure protocols will be set up so that Elders can act as contractors
- What is an Elder? Not everyone is an Elder – must be respected in community and knowledgeable. Trying to work out definition of Elder for our schools and appropriate for our schools environment
- We have a list of 8 or 9 people who may be a good fit.
- Principals will sign off when Elders are in the schools so can get paid
- Bruce wants Elders to spend time with the school community and not spend time filling out reports
- 'Elders' may not be correct term – may come up with a K'ómoks name instead
- Charlene contributed that we may want to consider having Elders in the Board office.

8. New Business:

- **Budget Sub Committee**
 - Bryce, Mark, Chettie, Kathleen & Sandra are interested in being on Committee. Apparently, Sarah may want to be part (absent today)
 - Bruce looking to put together a budget for 2018-2019 school year – likely won't be a surplus for next year
 - Need several (3-5 AEC voting members)
 - First meeting in mid Feb, another meeting in late Feb, approval in March
- **Enrollment Audit - Bruce**
 - Follow up audit to 2014 audit
 - Bruce is feeling good about going into the audit. Policy has been followed closely for past 7 years
 - Bruce will be with auditors all week
- **Sxw?amat (Home) Play - Bruce**
 - Sue has 16 tickets remaining (\$15 each). Contact her if you want one
 - Professional play – first time being done in a school. They are bringing all the equipment and lighting. Being held at Isfeld. Starts at 7:20 pm on January 24th
 - Audience will be able to participate
 - Will be a follow up discussion – for community – approx., 2 weeks after the play
 - Bruce will be there for entire performance and will lock up afterwards
- **Aboriginal Education Program Review for the District - Charlene**
 - We need 2 people to sit in on the review committee (probably March until next Fall)
 - Charlene, Chettie and Kathleen expressed interest in being on committee
- **AEC Presence at Upcoming Events - Charlene**
 - Charlene would like to see AEC presence at upcoming events
 - Look at upcoming events and maybe keep it as an ongoing Agenda item
 - Mark suggested wearing a badge or vest at events so shows higher profile, and available for questions
 - Nick suggested putting upcoming events and meetings up on Google Docs? so can see if someone is attending
 - Charlene suggested that AEC could send out an email to district each month to remind educators to let AEC know about upcoming events
 - Charlene suggested it be brought up as part of the Capacity Building meeting

- **RFP for the AEEA (Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement) - Charlene**
 - Charlene asked for suggestions for best way to go ahead with this
 - Need to work with the District to create an RFP
 - What info is needed? What is the Ministry looking for?
 - Lynn Joseph worked on the last one. She may be available to help with some of the writing portion
 - Meeting the community, etc. takes the most time
 - May ask Marcia Dawson if she's available and how much she'd charge
 - Charlene asked do we want a sub committee to look at what the difference would be from the last one?

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Bruce suggested it be kept as a standing agenda item for now. Charlene and Bruce will work on items and bring them to the AEC meeting to be looked at**
2. **Chetty suggested the AEC should review the existing AEEA (on web) – Bruce to send everyone the link**
3. **Suggested that everyone to read the AEEA before the next AEC meeting. Here's the link:**
<http://www.sd71.bc.ca/School/abed/governance/enhancementagreement/Pages/default.aspx>

- **Confidentiality form**
 - Handed out during AEC meeting.
 - Please sign and return to Sue

Next meeting – February 15, 2018 at White Spot Restaurant