



Aboriginal Education Council

Minutes September 14, 2017

Boardroom, SBO

9:00 am

In Attendance: Bruce Carlos, District Principal of Aboriginal Education; Sue Cambrey, Administrative Assistant; Charlene Everson, K'omoks First Nation, Bryce Mercredi, Metis Association; Kathleen Hawksby, Parent Rep; Mark Peill, Parent Rep; Sarah McGill, Parent Rep; Janice Caton, Trustee; Denise Bullock, CUPE; Sandra Ryan, Wachiay Friendship Centre; Nick Moore, CDTA;

Regrets: Dean Lindquist, Fernanda Pare, Linda Walton, Nicole Gagnon, Chettie MacDonald, Bronwyn Reimer, Lou-Ann Neel

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1. Welcome and acknowledgement of the K'omoks First Nation Territory
Charlene Everson 9:05
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2. Agenda additions and priorities – see below

3. Adoption of meeting minutes of June 8, 2017 consensus

4. Reports :

- Report from Superintendent – Not in attendance
- Report from School Trustee/AbEd Liaison -
 - student population increased by 100+ in school district, schools are full, waiting lists, 35-40 classrooms readied for school start-up, portables to be installed, full contingent of staff
 - Arden area is bursting, looking at capital plan for changing demographics
 - Vanier upgrade going well, AbEd room not quite ready
 - Suggested alternating trustees to attend AEC meetings to build the relationship and connection
- Report from CDTA -
 - 70 teachers hired, staffing will meet requirements of supreme court ruling,
 - helping staff get settled
 - Shortage of Librarians,
 - most elementary schools added a division, secondary teaching 7 blocks rather than 8 blocks, so creates a teacher position every 7 blocks
- Report from CUPE -
 - Requesting open communication between employer, PVP's and members, all information provided prior to rather than after
 - National Convention in Toronto Oct 1-7, Denise attending

- Denise Bullock elected President, an ASW was elected a Shop Steward
- Report from DPAC Representative -
 - Meeting is now 1st Monday of the month, Valley View location
 - First meeting more a social gathering
 - Kathleen Hawksby is Acting-Secretary
- Report from District Principal – Written Report and highlights

5. Old Business:

- Continue work with Marcia Dawson over 2017-18 -
 - Contact Marcia Dawson to meet in October to plan
 - Exploring plan for one day before Winter break, one day in Winter, 2 days in Spring
- Host “The Village” workshop (Trustees, Senior Management, AEC) -
 - Kathy Camilleri currently contracted by MCFD, is willing to do a presentation, ½ day session, check on dates, evening preferred
- Request dinner meeting early in 2018 –
 - Check dates for sometime in new year, focus on a dinner meeting rather than a social
- Elders in Residence Program update -
 - Challenging to have program fit cultural and District protocols.
 - Contractor hired to help get the program going and set up correctly
 - Elder’s Advisory Committee to be formed
 - Set up protocols for scheduling of elders, scheduling in schools and greeting elders at schools
 - This information will be brought back to schools through the TALC – Teachers Aboriginal Liaison Committee

6. New Business:

- Annual General Meeting – October 25th at Courtenay Elementary School -
 - Contact Education writer at the newspaper
- IPAC – Open Gym, dinner, cultural activities -
 - IPAC meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at Lake Trail
 - Open Gym are every Tuesday, first day TBA
- Update on student enrollment -
 - checking student numbers daily, important for staffing
- Update on AbEd staffing around District -
 - Gord McMahon retired
 - Gail Martindale is now a Vice Principal at Aspen Park Elementary

- Two new teachers for the AbEd Centre, CST for Secondary and a CST for Elementary
- Planning for 4th Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement -
 - Not required by the Ministry not required, would like SD71 to continue with the agreement, is a good guide for AbEd in this district
 - Present to the board for support to continue agreement, how will it be officially recognized
 - Budget for consultation for next year, sub committee to be formed by AEC, focus on the celebration of the agreement, but not forget about the meaning of the agreement,
- Year of Reconciliation -
 - Events to bring awareness;
 - walk being organized locally in the spring,
 - Orange shirt day Sept 28,
 - Umista Cultural Exhibit touring the district, travel to each school, (possibly being hosted in the school library)
 - Play to be performed Jan 24th at Mark Isfeld, theme around residential school, fee covered by fundraising, \$15 balance to our AbEd Good Samaritans fund
 - Mini grants personal reflection of reconciliation, AEC grants
 - TALC Elementary formed last year and Secondary TALC starting this year.

7. Additional Items:

- Welcome to Territory, Acknowledgement
 - Attached document, guideline or starting point
 - Sent out to PVP's, expectation is set from the SBO
- Alternating Trustees to attend AEC meetings
 - Terms of reference –
 - 1 trustee from the Board of Education for the School District 71**
 - Terms do not state that the 1 trustee is the chairperson,
 - Trustee currently attending is the Board Chairperson suggests the AEC consider having an alternating trustees attending the monthly AEC meetings, to give other trustees a chance to to connect, might lose continuity with different trustees attending
- Discussion of new wording for the Terms of Reference
 - **Representative from Senior Management to Superintendent preferred ?**
 - AEC prefers Superintendent only to attend (forward discussion to next AEC meeting)